

2022 University of Michigan H.S. Debate Tournament Invitation

Friday, November 4th- Sunday, November 6th, 2022

- Tournament of Champions (TOC) Octafinals Bid Tournament- Varsity Policy Division
- Tournament of Champions (TOC) Finals Bid Tournament- Varsity Public Forum Division

On behalf of the University of Michigan and Michigan Debate Program, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the 26th annual University of Michigan High School Debate Tournament.

The tournament will provide competition in the varsity, junior varsity and novice divisions of policy and varsity and novice divisions of public forum (PF). We will also offer an open policy division. The tournament has been certified as an OCTAFINALS tournament of champions qualifier for policy debate in the varsity division and public forum varsity division at the FINALS level. NO bids will be awarded for the online policy division and there is no hybrid entry for any in-person event.

We will be hosting varsity and novice policy IN PERSON on the central campus of the University of Michigan. We will also offer an online policy division subject to interest via Zoom. Varsity and novice public forum will be held ONLINE via Zoom.

When we get closer to the tournament, we will post information on recommended parking locations, maps with buildings we will be using, food recommendations, etc.

Registration and Payment to Get off Waitlist

Registration for the tournament will open on Friday, September 16th. We will accept as many entries as we can while maintaining the tournament schedule, elimination rounds, etc. This means we may have to impose entry caps on divisions.

All teams entering will initially be placed on the waitlist. In order to get off the waitlist and into the tournament, you need to pay the appropriate tournament entry fees associated with your account. Registration and Tournament Entry/Judging Fees will be frozen on Friday, September 30th. **No refunds will be provided after this date.**

Check should be made out to Michigan Debate or University of Michigan and mailed to:
Debate Program- Attention Aaron Kall
Michigan Union Building- Suite 3480
530 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

You may also pay via credit card at <https://michigandebate.com/payment-gateway/>

If you don't already have a username and password to pay via credit card, please email Aaron Kall at akall@umich.edu



Last year we reached capacity in all divisions and had to turn several entrants away, particularly those who registered informally. Please enter early to assure your teams a spot at the tournament. All registration and entries should be done at www.tabroom.com. The exact URL for our tournament registration can be found at <http://umichtournament.tabroom.com>.

The tabroom.com online registration system will be enabled the morning of Friday, November 4th.

Policy Divisions Tournament Format

Competitors will debate the 2022-2023 policy topic:

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its security cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in one or more of the following areas: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity.

The schedule is always subject to change based on entries. We plan to clear full elimination rounds provided all teams qualifying for elimination rounds have a winning record.

The varsity policy division will consist of six preliminary debates: two preset rounds on Friday, four additional preliminary rounds on Saturday. The top 32 teams will clear to a Double Octafinals starting on Sunday morning.

The junior varsity policy division will consist of six preliminary debates: two preset rounds on Friday, four additional preliminary rounds on Saturday. The top 8 teams will advance to a quarterfinal unless numbers warrant more elimination rounds. If there are not enough JV teams to make the division function, it will collapse into the varsity division.

The novice policy division will also consist of six preliminary debates: two preset rounds on Friday, four additional preliminary rounds on Saturday. The novice divisions could clear to Double Octafinals or Octafinals on Sunday morning depending on entry numbers.

This year, we will require teams to use the NDCA Novice Packet and whatever official updates have been released prior to the start of the tournament.

To maximize judge preferences, each team entered has a 3 round prelim judging obligation and a single judge can cover the commitment of two teams. All judges are obligated for the first elimination round. Judges are further obligated to judge one round after the elimination of their last team. Schools whose judges do not meet their obligations are subject to a penalty fee of \$75/missed round.

Student judges in their junior or senior year of high school may judge the novice division and MUST be marked as NOVICE ONLY. They can ONLY cover your NOVICE ENTRIES and may not cover your commitment in other divisions.

Judges must have a tabroom.com account, are required to enter their ballots online, and must have a public philosophy online by Monday, October 31st.



Public Forum Divisions Tournament Format

Competitors will debate the November/December 2022 Military Strategy Topic.

The elimination round break point will be appropriately determined by the number of teams entered, but a maximum amount of 32 teams would reach the elimination rounds if we break to Double Octafinals.

Each team entered has a 3 round prelim judging obligation and a single judge can cover the commitment of two teams. All judges are obligated for the first elimination round. Judges are further obligated to judge one round after the elimination of their last team. Schools whose judges do not meet their obligations are subject to a penalty fee of \$50/missed round.

Judges must have a tabroom.com account and are required to enter their ballots online.

Novice Eligibility

We cannot verify the experience of each individual entrant in our tournament, so it is incumbent upon individual coaches to ensure their students are entered in the right division. Entrants found to be in violation of eligibility rules may be removed from the tournament at the Tournament Directors' discretion.

Please note that in order to compete in any division labeled, "novice," a student or students must be the first year of high school debate. If a team has previously won the Novice Division of a Tournament of Champions qualifying tournament, they must enter the Varsity division.

If there are any students that may have special circumstances regarding these eligibility definitions, please email Tournament Director Aaron Kall at akall@umich.edu

Tournament and Judging Fees

Fees for the tournament are \$150.00 per team for in-person policy debate. Online policy debate fees are \$100 per team. For public forum, the fee is \$75.00 per team.

A limited number of hired judges will be available at \$75.00/round in both policy and public form. In other words, a full judge would cost \$450.00 and cover two teams. It would cost \$225.00 for a 1/2 judge.

Tabroom

Chris Palmer, of the National Speech and Debate Association, has graciously agreed to tabulate the tournament.

Contact Information

Aaron Kall, Director of Debate, akall@umich.edu



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2022 Dates and Deadlines

Friday September 16th - Tournament Registration Opens

Friday, September 30th - Registration and Tournament Entry/Judging Fees Frozen - **No refunds will be provided after this date**

Monday, October 31st - All policy judge philosophies must be posted/available on tabroom.com

Wednesday, November 2nd - Judge Preferences for applicable divisions will open on tabroom.com

Friday, November 4th - The tabroom.com online registration system will be enabled in the morning

Hotel Block Information

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 3853 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48111
Group Code UMG, Cutoff Date 10/4, \$159/night,
Phone number 844-750-7256, Laura Jackson Contact
<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/ann-arbor/arbrp/hoteldetail>

Holiday Inn & Suites, 3155 Boardwalk Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Group Code UMD, Cutoff Date 10/13, \$164/night,
Phone number 734-213-1900, Keely O'Neill Contact
<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/ann-arbor/arbep/hoteldetail>

Hampton Inn & Suites Ann Arbor West, 2910 Jackson Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Group Code NDT, Cutoff Date 10/4, \$129/night for 2 queen beds or \$149/night for 2 queen beds studio suites
Phone number 734-994-1100, Amy Peariso Contact
https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/arbwehx-hampton-suites-ann-arbor-west/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-XS-ARBWEHX&y_source=1_MzI2NDY4Mi03MTUtbG9jYXRpb24ud2Vic2l0ZQ%3D%3D

Hilton Garden Inn, 1401 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Group Code UM Debate Block, Cutoff Date 10/13, \$159/night,
Phone number 734-327-6400, Olivia Tyler Contact



<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/arbgigi-debate-1a2345a0-2a38-4709-84d4-aa3e637f72a6/>

Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest, 1275 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Group Code UM Debate Program, Cutoff Date 10/7, \$124/night,
Phone number 734-487-2000, Will Delgado Contact
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1663256548817&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Recommendations for Online Divisions

We strongly encourage debaters to operate from direct Ethernet connections, as opposed to WiFi.

We strongly encourage every debater to wear a headset with a microphone or to use similar technological equipment.

Debaters are required to have their web cameras on during the time that they are speaking. Judges are required to have their camera on at any point when students are speaking and while giving RFD/comments. If there is a technological issue that prevents this from happening, limited exceptions are permitted; otherwise, this is the expectation of the tournament.

The use of Zoom backgrounds are permitted, but must be age and content appropriate.

debatehelp@umich.edu is the email address for technological assistance/questions that arise during the tournament.



2022 In-Person Varsity, JV and Novice Policy Divisions Schedule

Friday, November 4th:

- 10:00 AM – Online registration opens on Tabroom
- 3:30 PM – Deadline for any entry changes.
- 4:30 PM – Pairings for Rds 1 and 2 will be released
- 5:00 PM – Round 1 Start Time (Decision Time 7:00 PM)
- 7:30 PM – Round 2 Start Time (Decision Time 9:30 PM)

Saturday, November 5th:

- 8:00 AM – Round 3 Pairings Released
- 8:30 AM – Round 3 Start Time (Decision Time 10:30 AM)
- 11:00 AM – Round 4 Pairings Released
- 11:30 AM – Round 4 Start Time (Decision Time 1:30 PM)
- 1:30-2:30 PM – Lunch
- 3:00 PM – Round 5 Pairings Released
- 3:30 PM – Round 5 Start Time (Decision Time 5:30 PM)
- 6:00 PM – Round 6 Pairings Released
- 6:30 PM – Round 6 Start Time (Decision Time 8:30 PM)
- 10:00 PM – Release list of teams clearing, judge list and standby judges for Sunday morning

Sunday, November 6th:

- 7:30 AM – Varsity Double-Octafinals/Novice Octafinals Pairings Released
- 8:00 AM – Varsity Double-Octafinals/Novice Octafinals Start Time (Decision Time: 10:15 AM)
- 10:30 AM – Varsity Octafinals/Novice Quarterfinals Pairings Released
- 11:00 AM – Varsity Octafinals/Novice Quarterfinals Start Time (Decision Time: 1:15 PM)
- 1:30 PM – Varsity Quarterfinals/Novice Semifinals Pairings Released
- 2:00 PM – Varsity Quarterfinals/Novice Semifinals Start Time (Decision Time: 4:15 PM)
- 4:30 PM – Varsity Semifinals/Novice Finals Pairings Released
- 5:00 PM – Varsity Semifinals/Novice Finals Start Time (Decision Time: 7:15 PM)
- 7:30 PM – Varsity Finals Pairings Released
- 8:00 PM – Varsity Finals Start Time (Decision Time: 10:15 PM)



2022 Online Policy Division Schedule

(all times in ET – we will also post a schedule with all time zones prior to the tournament)

SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ENTRIES

Friday, November 4th

10:00 AM – Online registration opens on Tabroom

3:30 PM – Deadline for any entry changes.

4:15 PM – Verify all of your participants have checked in (students AND judges)

4:30 PM – Rd 1 and 2 Pairings Released

5:00 PM – Rd 1 Start Time (Check in 5:10 PM, Report Time 5:25 PM, Decision Time 7:00 PM)

7:30 PM – Rd 2 Start Time (Check in 7:40 PM, Report Time 7:55 PM, Decision Time 9:30 PM)

Saturday, November 5th:

9:45 AM – Verify all of your participants have checked in (students AND judges)

10:00 AM – Rd 3 Pairings Released

10:30 AM – Rd 3 Start Time (Check in 10:10 AM, Report Time 10:25 AM, Decision time 12:30 PM)

12:30-1:15 PM - Lunch

1:15 PM – Rd 4 Pairing Released

1:45 PM – Rd 4 Start Time (Check in 1:25 PM, Report Time 1:40 PM, Decision time 3:45 PM)

4:00 PM – Rd 5 Pairing

4:30 PM – Rd 5 Start Time (Check in 4:05 PM, Report Time 4:25 PM, Decision time 6:30 PM)

6:30-7:00 PM - Break

7:00 PM – Rd 6 Pairing

7:30 PM – Rd 6 Start Time (Check in 7:05 PM, Report Time 7:25 PM, Decision time 9:30 PM)

10:00 PM – Release list of teams clearing, judge list and standby judges for Sunday morning

Sunday, November 6th:

10:00 AM – Verify all of your participants have checked in (students AND judges)

10:15 AM – Octafinals Pairing

10:45 AM – Octafinals (Check in ASAP, Flip 10:20 AM, Report Time 10:40 AM, Decision time 1:00 PM)

1:00-1:30 PM - Break



1:30 PM – Quarterfinals Pairing

2:00 PM – Quarterfinals (Check in ASAP, Flip 1:35 PM, Report Time 1:55 PM, Decision time 4:15 PM)

4:30 PM – Semifinals Pairing

5:00 PM – Semifinals (Check in ASAP, Flip 5:05 PM, Report Time 4:55 PM, Decision time 7:15 PM)

7:30 PM – Finals Pairing

8:00 PM – Finals (Check in ASAP, Flip 7:35 PM, Report Time 7:55 PM, Decision time 10:15 PM)

2022 Public Forum Divisions Schedule

(all times in ET – we will also post a schedule with all time zones prior to the tournament)

SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ENTRIES

Saturday, November 5th:

10:00 am – Pairings Release for Rounds 1 and 2
10:20 am – Round 1 (Room check-in at 10:10 am)
11:50 am – Round 2 (Room check-in at 11:40 am)
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm – Break
1:30 pm – Round 3 Pairing
1:50 pm – Round 3 (Room check-in at 1:40 pm)
3:10 pm – Round 4 Pairing
3:30 pm – Round 4 (Room check-in at 3:20 pm)
4:55 pm – Round 5 Pairing
5:15 pm – Round 5 (Room check-in at 5:05 pm)
6:30 pm – Round 6 Pairing
6:50 pm – Round 6 (Room check-in at 6:40 pm)
8:00 p.m.- Release list of teams clearing, judge list, and standby judges for Sunday morning

Sunday, November 6th:

10:00 am – First Elim Pairing
10:20 am – First Elim (Room check-in at 10:10 am)
11:50 am – Second Elim Pairing
12:10 pm – Second Elim (Room check-in at 12:00 pm)
1:30 pm – Third Elim Pairing
1:50 pm – Third Elim (Room check-in at 1:40 pm)
3:00 pm – Fourth Elim Pairing
3:20 pm – Fourth Elim (Room check-in at 3:10 pm)
4:30 pm – Fifth Elim Pairing (*if needed)
4:50 pm – Fifth Elim (Room check-in at 4:40 pm *if needed)

