



NYPDL 2023 January Parliamentary Debate Invitational

Dear Parliamentary Debate Leader,

On behalf of the New York Parliamentary Debate League, we invite you and your debate team to the New York Parliamentary Debate League January Invitational on **January 7th and 8th, 2023**. The tournament will be hosted **in-person** at **Stuyvesant High School** in Manhattan, New York City. Per usual, please set up a free Tabroom account at [this link](#) before registering, as this tournament will be run on Tabroom. **You can register for this tournament through [Tabroom](#).**

Please visit our [schedule page](#) for links to each tournament's Tabroom page and information regarding the in-person/online status of future tournaments.

You can access the tournament live doc [here](#), where motions, schedule updates, etc. will be posted throughout the tournament.

The New York Parliamentary Debate League was founded in 2016 as a student-run organization dedicated to fostering open and respectful discourse concerning modern day issues in the Parliamentary Debate style. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Registration

Registration will be done through [Tabroom](#). Both team and judge registration is due **January 3rd, 2023 at 4pm**. We will be charging a registration fee of **\$25 per team** solely to pay for trophies and lunch. **Please bring cash** to the tournament. We will also be accepting Venmo if necessary. The NYPDL remains profit-free.

In-Person

NYPDL January is the League's first in-person tournament post-pandemic, and we could not be more excited to be hosting it for you all!

Below you can find a few pieces of in-person tournament specific information...

- Stuyvesant's address is **345 Chambers Street**.
 - We recommend taking public transportation (red or blue subway lines to the Chambers Street stop; N, R, and 4, 5, 6 trains to the City Hall stop).
 - If you are driving, expect difficulty finding parking and allocate sufficient time for that.
- School policy states that every school who attends the tournament **must be accompanied by at least one responsible adult/chaperone**.
- For security reasons, we are trying to limit traffic into and out of the building during the tournament. **Lunch (pizza) will be provided**, with those costs included in the registration fee. We will do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions, and send out more info on this soon – if you have any questions about food, feel free to reach out to us. **If you have any dietary restrictions we should know of please reach out.**
- If the registration fees (intended to cover solely trophies and lunch) are for any reason financially infeasible for your school or for your team, reach out to us! **The NYPDL will provide financial support.**

Covid information:

In light of a recent uptick in COVID, flu, and RSV cases, the DOE and the NYPDL recommend masking indoors. Adults visiting the building are, per DOE policy, required to bring proof of vaccination (a picture of a vaccination card suffices). Kids do not need to bring proof of vaccination.

If you are feeling sick in the lead up to the tournament, please test yourself! We're relying on an honor system to ensure the health and safety of all participants.

If your debate partner or a judge from your school tests positive before the tournament, and you need help finding a replacement, feel free to reach out to us. We are happy to help!

Schedule

All times listed below are in Eastern Standard Time.

Pre-Round Schedule

- Debaters, coaches, and judges should arrive at **8am** for registration. Registration will run until **8:30am**.
- General Assembly will be held from **8:30am to 8:45am**.
- Judge training will take place from **8:45am to 9:15am**.
 - There will be an additional judge training during lunch for judges who were unable to attend the morning session or are only judging afternoon rounds.
- Round 1 pairings and motions will be released at **9am**. Debaters will then head to their assigned rooms and begin prep while judges finish judge training and navigate to their rooms.

Round Schedule

9:00am - 10:45am: Round 1
11:00am - 12:45pm: Round 2
12:45pm - 1:45pm: Lunch
1:45pm - 3:30pm: Round 3
3:45pm - 5:30pm: Round 4
5:45pm - 7:30pm: Round 5
8:00pm - 8:30pm: Award Ceremony

Sunday

10AM - 10:30: Check-In and GA
10:30 - 12:00: Varsity Octofinals/Novice Semifinals
12:00 - 12:30: Lunch
12:30 - 1:45: Varsity Quarterfinals/Novice Final
2:00 - 3:45: Varsity Semifinals
4:00 - 5:45: Varsity Finals

Rules

This tournament will be held in the format established by the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA). We will release three resolutions 15 minutes prior to the start of each round. The resolution and side will be determined by coin toss. For more information about Parli rules please visit our [Resources page](#), where you can find [informational YouTube videos](#), the [Vassar style guide](#), our [Rules FAQs](#) document, and more. If you would like to have a Zoom

meeting with a member of the NYPD board for more in-depth training or an overview of the league and our debate format, please email us at nyparli@gmail.com.

Break and Divisions

This tournament will feature **one open division**. Varsity and novice teams will debate each other in prelim rounds. Power pairing will start after Round 1. **We will break separately to varsity and novice divisions -- most likely varsity octofinals and novice semifinals**. Depending on registration size and time, we may adjust breaks.

Novice Definition

To be a novice, an individual must satisfy both of these conditions:

1. Be a freshman or a sophomore.
 2. Be in their first year of high school debate.
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Team Composition

We encourage teams to consist of two debaters from the same school. However, we allow debaters to compete alone or compete with a debater from another school.

Judging Obligations

Each team is required to bring one judge for every two teams, rounded unfavorably — if you are bringing three teams, you must bring two judges.

*Note: if you are splitting up a single judge role amongst multiple people, you need to have judges present for every round. That means if you have two teams attending a tournament, you need to have judge coverage for 10 rounds. **Given in-person logistics, we are requiring that any given judge must judge at least 2 rounds.***

Judges must be present for all preliminary rounds and the round after their last team has been eliminated from the break. While experienced judges are preferred, judge training is required regardless.

If you are unable to meet the judging requirement, we reserve the right to break up an entry into two judges and/or drop teams from your school. At this tournament, we will be dropping teams who do not supply a sufficient number of judges.

If your judges do not attend judge training, your debaters will not be able to compete.

A judge must be either a) a high school sophomore or older, or b) a high school freshman who has attended at least two high school debate tournaments.

Fees and Dropped Entries

We reserve the right to cap the entries of schools who drop entries two days before the tournament.

NYPDL Points

This tournament will count for NYPDL and NPDL (National Parliamentary Debate League) points. Please visit our [website](#) for more information about NYPDL points, the NPDL Tournament of Champions, and the NYPDL championship.

Management

The Executive Board of the NYPDL will lead this tournament. You can read more about the league's leadership [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you all there!

And if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to email molly.bordoff23@trinityschoolnyc.org or nyparli@gmail.com.