



NYPDL 2023 February 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 February Online Invitational on **February 11th and 12th**. The tournament will take place on Tabroom and Discord, so all debaters and judges must first set up a free Discord account at [this link](#) and a free Tabroom account at [this link](#). After setting up a Discord account, please join the NYPDL Discord server [here](#). **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 any given tournament. You can visit our resources document [here](#).

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](#).

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 Parliamentary 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 NYPDL board for more in-depth training or an overview of the league and our debate format, please email us at nyparli@gmail.com.

Registration

Registration will be done through [Tabroom](#). Registration is due February 9th at 4:00PM.

Schedule

Please note that tournaments may run slightly over the time given in the schedule and that debaters should plan accordingly. All times listed below are in Eastern Time.

Saturday

9:00 - 10:00: Check-in

9:30 - 10:00: Judge Training (required)

10:00 - 10:25: Equity briefing (required)

10:25 - 10:30: General assembly (required)

10:30 - 12:15: Round 1

12:15 - 2:00 PM: Round 2

2:00 - 2:45: Lunch (& judge training for those who did not judge in the morning)

2:45 - 4:30: Round 3

4:30 - 6:15: Round 4

6:15 - 6:30: Screen Break

6:30 - 8:15: Round 5

8:30 - 9:00: 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

*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.

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.

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.**

IF YOUR JUDGES DO NOT ATTEND JUDGE TRAINING YOUR TEAMS 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

There is no registration cost for this tournament. 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 nyparli@gmail.com.