



Yale Debate Association Twenty-Second Annual Invitational Tournament

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The Yale Debate Association (YDA) is an undergraduate organization of Yale University in New Haven, CT. Every year, the YDA travels throughout the United States and the world to compete in Parliamentary Debate.

To encourage speech and debate activities among high school and college students, the YDA hosts several tournaments each year.

Our five annual tournaments are the Yale Invitational Tournament, the Adam's Cup Tournament, the Osterweis Tournament, the Yale College Intervarsity Tournament, and the Yale College Pro-Am Tournament.

On behalf of the Yale Debate Association, we invite you and your team to the nineteenth annual Yale University Invitational Tournament. The tournament will consist of competition in Varsity and JV Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Congressional Debate, Parliamentary Debate, and six Speech events.

Year after year, our tournament grows and gains more national recognition for its high level of competition. Like last year, we expect quarterfinalists in Varsity Lincoln Douglas, octofinalists in Public Forum debate, and semifinalists in Congressional Debate to earn a bid to the Tournament of Champions.

Accordingly, we are planning on expanding our Congressional Debate division even further. This year, we will be able to accommodate more students and further strengthen the quality of the field of competitors. We are also expanding our shuttle system to make transportation more convenient for all competitors in the events we host off campus.

This year, tab will be directed by Mike Vigars. Student Congress tab will be led by Alexandra Sencer. Currently slated to join us are Jim Menick, Charles Sloat, and Aracelis Biel in Lincoln Douglas tab, and Sheryl Kaczmarek in Policy tab. Speech tab staff will be led by Joe Vaughan with help from Dave Yastremski and Barb Giuliano. Extemp will be led by Susan Marianelli with help from Paul Wexler. Public Forum tab will be led by Robert Sheard and Father Kevin Tidd. Parliamentary Debate will be run by Kristine Goldhawk with help from Everett Rutan. All are nationally recognized and successful tab coordinators. We are confident that we can trust in the ability of our tab staff, as well as an excellent pool of judges, to help run a smooth tournament.

The information provided within this packet and on our tournament website, <http://yale.tabroom.com>, should answer any questions that you may have about our tournament. If you need additional assistance, please email us at yale@tabroom.com.

We wish you all the best this weekend.

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New Policy: Student Advocates

This year, the Yale Debate Association will appoint one student advocate from our team to be available at each competition site. The advocates are there to be a resource for the forensics community, to answer questions about the rules and procedures of tournament, and to deal with the community's feedback and concerns at the tournament. The advocates will also serve to promote and actively encourage a safe and tolerant learning environment for all attendees.

Varsity and Junior Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate

The resolution will be the September-October National Forensic League topic. Both LD divisions will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. Debaters will have 4 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, high/low adjusted points, double- adjusted points, opponent's record, total points, judge variance, and flip of a coin, in that order. There will be six rounds in both Varsity and JV; the break will be to double-octofinals in both LD divisions. If necessary, there will be a run-off in VLD of 4-2s. JV LD is limited to students in 9th or 10th grade.

Policy Debate

There will be a single, open division of policy debate using the 2014-2015 NFL resolution. Teams will give 8-minute constructive speeches, 3-minute cross-examinations, and 5-minute rebuttals, and will have ten minutes of prep time. The break will be to quarterfinals. We will host an open room with WiFi available for collaborative tournament prep throughout the tournament. This room will stay open during Saturday rounds.

Public Forum Debate

There will be a single, open division of Public Forum Debate. We will follow all NFL rules, including giving two minutes of prep time to each team. The tournament will be using the NFL topic for September of 2014. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln Douglas Debate. The event will break to triple octofinals.

Congressional Debate

There will be a single, open division of Congressional Debate. Chambers will be comprised of no more than 20 members. Sunday's competition will again feature a semifinal round in the morning and a final round in the afternoon.

Parliamentary Debate

There will be a single, open division of Parliamentary Debate. We will follow Osterweis style with the 7-8- 8-8-4-5 format. For a full style guide, please visit <http://www.yaledebate.org/osterweis/parli.html> (note that speech times are longer than stated on the website.) We will release the straight-link resolution fifteen minutes before the start of each round. There will be five rounds with a likely break to quarterfinals; the break can be expanded based on the size of the field.

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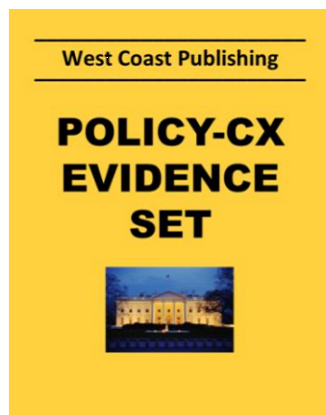
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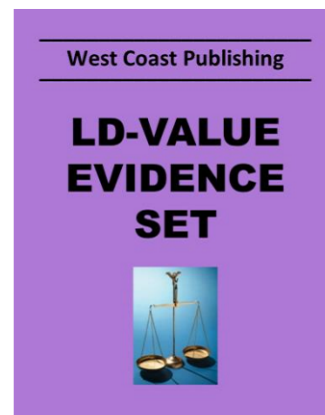
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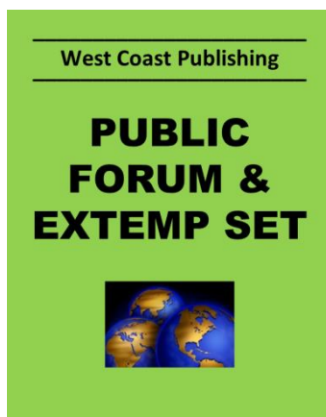
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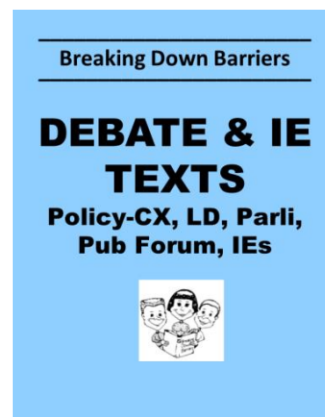
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Speech Events

Students will be limited to entering a maximum of two events. We will again be scheduling five preliminary rounds instead of four.

Students may enter each event only once. Students may use the same source material in only one event; you cannot perform the same piece as a Prose and a DI, for example. Students performing the same source material in more than one event by tab's judgment will be disqualified from **both events**. Two works from the same collection, volume, or anthology won't count as "the same material" – but two cuttings from the same work would.

Extemp, Oratory, DI, HI and Duo will follow **National Forensic League** rules and guidelines. *Oral Interpretation of Literature* will follow **National Catholic Forensic League** rules and guidelines. We will use the NCFL's guidelines for published material in interp events. The grace period will be 30 seconds for all speech events. Any IE participant who exceeds the grace may not receive a rank of 1 in the round; any further penalty will be at the discretion of the judge. A participant may only be penalized for a time violation if the judge has used a precise timing device and notes the penalty on the ballot.

Speech events will break to either octafinals, quarterfinals or semifinals based on the size of the events; an event with 60 or more competitors will break to quarterfinals, an event with 120 or more competitors will break to octafinals. Speech tabbing will be cumulative throughout the tournament, with the worst prelim score dropped. As logistics permit, we will advance as many students tied on ranks to each consecutive elimination round as we can; if there are too many tied competitors to advance all competitors with a given cumulative score, reciprocal ranks will be our next tiebreak. Students on the edge of breaking who are tied on both ranks and reciprocals will always be advanced to the next elimination round. The Extemp final round will feature cross-examination in accordance with NFL rules.

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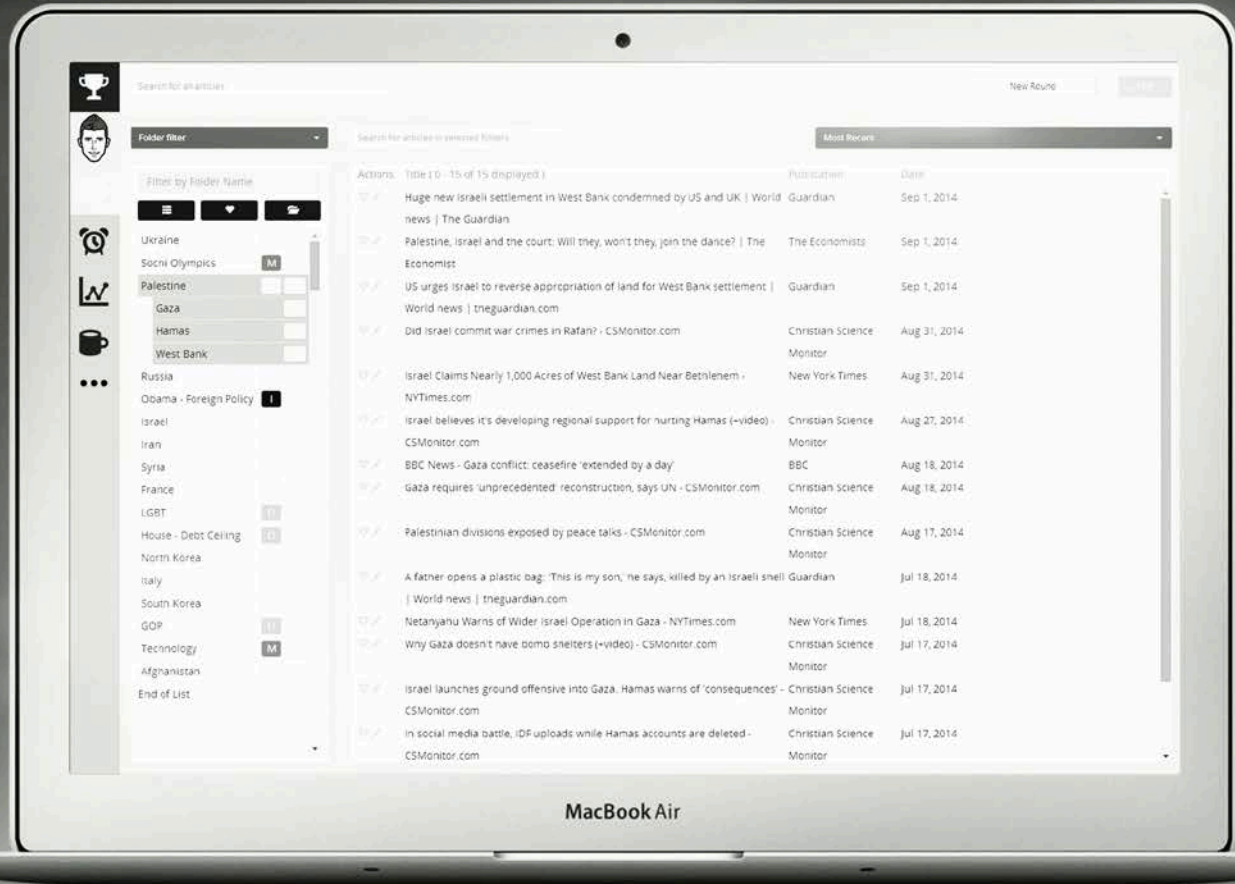


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Debaters must make said sources available to either their opponent(s) in the round, and/or their judges after the round upon request. Debate entries failing to do so or debaters who significantly misrepresent sources in the round may be disqualified at the discretion of Tab.

Speech contestants should have the full original source of all material in interpretive events available at the tournament, in addition to their cutting. Oratory and Extemp students should have the text of any material they cite in their speeches available at the tournament. Students misrepresenting sources or using sources not available may be disqualified at the discretion of Tab.

All rules are subject to change. The tournament will make you aware of any changes at registration.

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Judging

Judges in all divisions except for speech are obligated to stay and judge one round past any round in which their students are actively competing. In the case of VLD, this means that all judges must be available Sunday morning for the doubles round (and any further obligated rounds). Schools whose judges do not pick up ballots on Sunday will find themselves unwelcome at any tournament in the future where Mr. Menick has any control. In other words, if you're going home early from Yale, you will not be going to many other tournaments this year. We will assume judges are staying past their obligation unless we hear otherwise; let us know if you are leaving. Schools whose judges fail to appear for an assigned round will be fined \$25 for a prelim or \$50 for an elim round. Judges fined may work it off by judging rounds beyond their assignment. We don't want your money; we want judges to show up. However, schools with unpaid fines will not be given ballots or awards, and will be prevented from registering at other tournaments we run until those fines are paid.

Updates during the tournament

LD and Speech tab will be posting updates during the tournament on tabroom.com. Please make sure that your accompanying adults have access to your school's tabroom.com account to ensure that they get the necessary updates to pass on to students during the course of the tournament. You can do this by listing them as a coach on your tabroom.com account.

Note that there is no wireless access at the LD high school on Saturday, so phone access in the LD divisions is a must. We may attempt paperless ballots on both days, which means that on Saturday results by judges registered with tabroom.com will be entered via cellphone.

Results

We will publicly post the results of each round in PF, LD and Policy after each round is tabbed, to serve as a double-check. Judges in debate events are encouraged, but not required, to give feedback and critiques to the debaters and disclose their decisions, but only after ballots have been turned in to the tab room. Please be sure the tab room knows the results of the round before you give extended critiques. It is crucial that we get results in as early as possible to ensure that rounds run on time. We may use an optional text-messaging system to allow you to quickly send results into the tab room.

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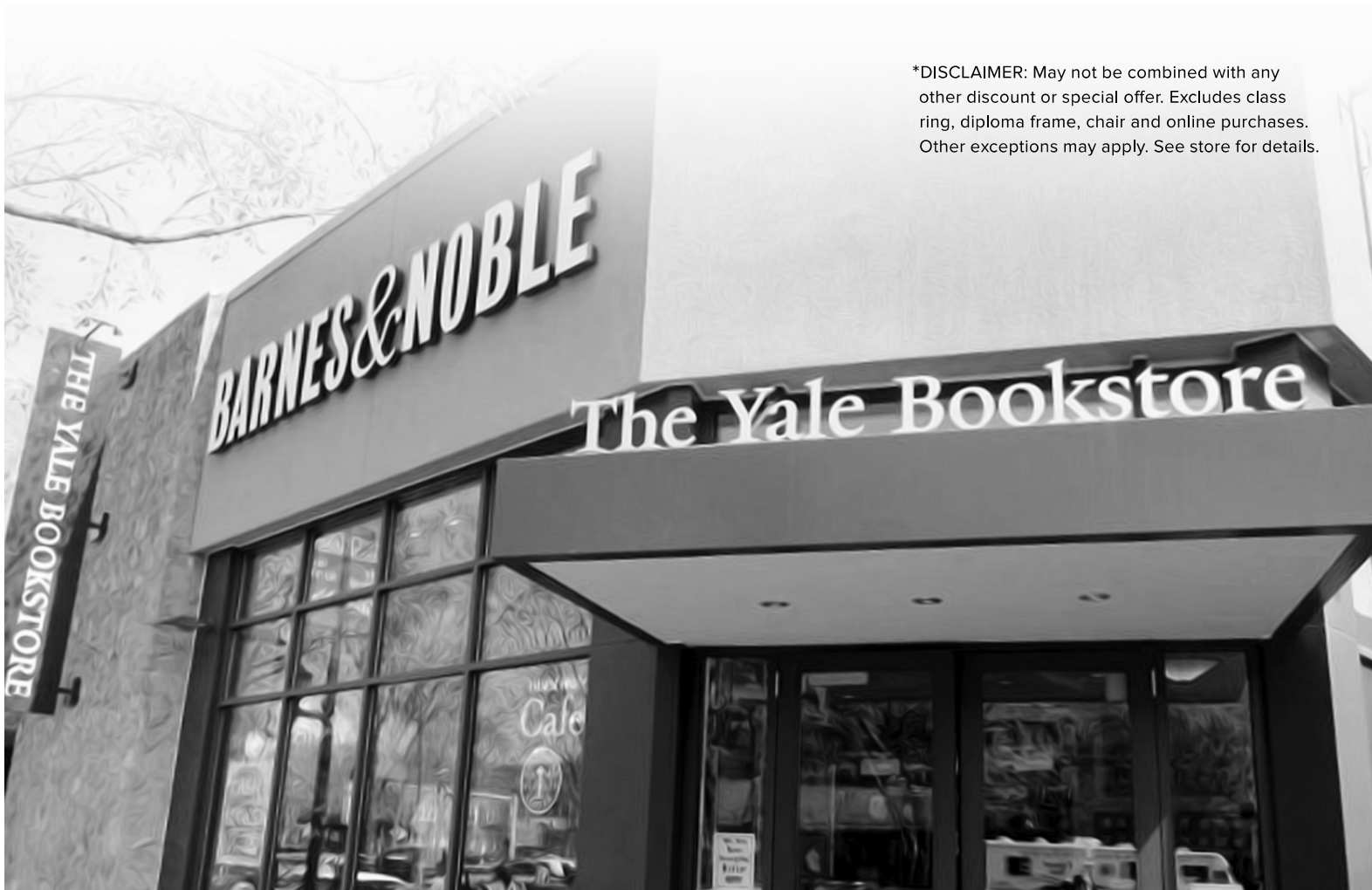
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We also do not release ballots early to teams who cleared entries into elimination rounds. Non-clearing teams can pick up ballots, but they won't be ready & sorted until Sunday morning after the first elimination round. If you anticipate leaving early, bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope of sufficient size and postage to mail your ballots, label it with your school name, and deliver it to tab. We will put your ballots into the envelope and send it after the tournament. Please don't just staple enough money to the envelope; bring actual postage; our asking for stamps is a time/hassle thing, not a money thing.

Adult Supervision

All students must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian, or a school-approved adult guardian, teacher or coach who is empowered to deal with emergencies, medical or otherwise. The adult guardian in question must be a high school graduate; high school students who have passed their 18th birthday do not count. All registrants must provide a name and phone number for an adult contact who will be present at the tournament and is responsible for the students in case of an emergency.

Safety

The tab room phone number is (203) 440-8821. Please make all your students and judges aware of this number, so they can contact Tab. This number is for on-site issues only, and will not be answered except during the tournament.

The policy of the Yale Tournament concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, illegal use of controlled substances, vandalism, and destructive, and other illegal or disorderly behavior shall be: (1) to disqualify involved contestants from further competition, (2) to communicate the offending incident to the contestants' on-site guardians and/or parents, (3) to require financial reimbursement for all damages or liabilities caused directly or indirectly by the incident, (4) to notify the local legal authorities. The precise remedy or remedies selected will remain at the discretion of the tournament staff. Every student must be accompanied to the tournament by an adult empowered by the student's school and/or parent to care for that student in the event of a medical or other emergency. The contact information for this adult must be given to the Tab Room on registration. The Yale Tournament can take no responsibility for the health and safety of students beyond notifying this accompanying adult of concerns or problems as we become aware of them. The Yale Invitational Tournament staff reserves the right to refuse entry to the tournament to anyone, be they competitor, judge or observer, at its sole discretion.

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All times and events are subject to change. In particular we will try again to accelerate LD on Sunday to have finals before awards. Any changes will not significantly affect the starting or ending times of the tournament. Coaches will be given a final schedule at registration. Please remind your competitors to be on time for their events. The rounds will begin at the scheduled time with or without them present. A 15 minute forfeit rule applies in debate.

Tournament Schedule: Speech

Friday

6:00-7:00 PM: Registration if you have no LD/PF debaters, or call into (203) 440-8821.
10:00 Preliminary Rounds Posted Online

Saturday – Yale Campus

Judge call will occur in LC 211, 20 minutes before the start of each round. Extemp draw is 30 minutes prior to every round.

Time Slot (TS) 1: 8:00AM - **DI, HI, OO, OI (Prose)**
9:00 AM – Extemp Presentation, **sponsored by Prepd** in LC 102
TS 2: 9:45AM – **DI, EX, OI (Poetry), DUO**
TS 3: 11:30AM – **EX, OO, OI (Prose), DUO**
TS 4: 1:30PM - **DI, HI, EX, OO**
TS 5: 3:00PM - **HI, EX, OO, OI (Poetry)**
TS 6: 4:30PM – **EX, OO, OI (Prose), DUO**
TS 7: 6:00PM – **DI, HI, DUO**
TS 8: 7:30 PM – **DI, HI, DUO, EXT octa, OO octa**
10:00 Elims Posted (Online & at LC Hall)

Sunday – Yale Campus

10:00 Extemp Draw-**Sponsored by Prepd**
10:30 Quarterfinals - **DI, HI, EX, OO, OI (Poetry)**
12:00 Extemp Draw
12:30 Semifinals - **All events (OI Prose)**
2:00 Extemp Draw-**Sponsored by Prepd**
2:30 Finals - **All events (OI Poetry)**
4:00 Awards and Ballot Distribution

Tournament Schedule: Congress

Friday

6:00-7:00 PM: Optional Registration if you have no LD/PF debaters, or call in to the (203) 868-9996.

Saturday – Yale Campus

8:00 Judges Meeting in LC 101
8:45-11:45 Session I
1:30-4:30 Session II
5:00-8:00 Session III
10:00 Breaks Posted in LC & Online

Sunday – Yale Campus

8:00 AM Judge Call
8:15 – 10:45 Semifinal Session
12:00 – 3:00 Super Session
4:00 Awards & Ballot Distribution

Tournament Schedule: Parliamentary

Friday

6:00-7:00 PM: Registration if you have no LD/PF debaters, or call in to the (203) 868-9996.

Saturday –Yale Campus (Science Hill)

8:45	Judges/Coaches Meeting	
9:00	Parliamentary	Round 1
11:00	Parliamentary	Round 2
1:00	Parliamentary	Round 3
3:00	Parliamentary	Round 4
5:00	Parliamentary	Round 5

Sunday- Yale Campus

9:00	Parliamentary	Partial Octofinals
11:00	Parliamentary	Quarterfinals
1:00	Parliamentary	Semis
2:00	Parliamentary	Finals
4:00	Awards and Ballot Distribution	

Contact Numbers During The Tournament

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Tournament Schedule: PFD

Friday- Wilbur Cross HS

Judge call will occur in WC Library, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

2:30-4:00PM: Registration at **Dwight Hall at Yale**
4:45 Opening Assembly
5:00 PF Round 1 (double-flighted)
7:30 PF Round 2 (double-flighted)

Saturday- Wilbur Cross HS

9:00 PF Round 3 (double-flighted)
11:30 PF Round 4 (double-flighted)
2:00 PF Round 5 (double-flighted)
4:30 PF Round 6 (double-flighted)
7:00 PF Triple-Octos (double-flighted)

Sunday- Yale Campus

Judge call will occur in LC 211, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

8:00 PF Double-Octos (double-flighted)
10:30 PF Octos (single-flighted)
12:00 PF Quarters (single-flighted)
1:30 PF Semis (single-flighted)
2:30 PF Finals
4:00 Awards and Ballot Distribution

Tournament Schedule: Policy

Friday- Yale Campus

2:30-4:00PM: Registration
4:00-8:00PM: Open Prep Room w/ WiFi

Saturday- Hill Regional Career HS

Judge call will occur in HRC Library, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

8:30 Policy Round 1
11:00 Policy Round 2
1:30 Policy Round 3
4:00 Policy Round 4
6:30 Policy Round 5

Sunday- Yale Campus

Judge call will occur in LC 211, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

8:30 Policy Octofinals
10:30 Policy Awards
11:00 Policy Quarterfinals
1:00 Policy Semifinals
3:00 Policy Finals

Tournament Schedule: LD

Friday- Yale Campus

Judge call will occur in LC 211, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

2:30-4:00PM: Registration at **Dwight Hall at Yale**
4:45 Opening Assembly
5:00 Varsity and JV LD Round 1
7:00 Varsity and JV LD Round 2

Saturday- Hillhouse HS

Judge call will occur in HH Library, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

8:00 Varsity LD Round 3
8:30 JV LD Round 3
10:30 Varsity LD Round 4
11:00 JV LD Round 4
1:00 Varsity LD Round 5
1:30 JV LD Round 5
3:30 Varsity LD Round 6
4:00 JV LD Round 6
6:00 Varsity LD Run-Off (all 4-2s Break)
6:30 JV LD Double Octos
~10:30 VLD advancing debaters posted online and @LC Hall

Sunday- Yale Campus

Judge call will occur in LC 211, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

All VLD judges are obligated through double octofinals and all JVLD judges are obligated through octofinals.

8:00 Varsity LD Double Octos
10:30 JVLD & VLD Octofinals
12:30 JVLD & VLD Quarterfinals
2:00 JVLD & VLD Semifinals
3:00 JVLD & VLD Finals
4:00 Awards and Ballot Distribution

General/Transportation Schedule

Friday, September 21st

2:30-4:30 PM: Debate Registration
2:30-3:30 PM Shuttles from Clarion Hotel to Yale
2:30-3:30 PM Shuttles from Hampton Hotel to Yale
3:45-4:30 PM: Shuttles from Yale to Wilbur Cross (PF)
4:45 PM: Opening Assembly
6:00-7:00 PM: Speech/Congress Registration
8:40-9:45 PM: Shuttles from Wilbur Cross to Yale
8:45-10:00 PM: Shuttles from Yale to Clarion Hotel
9:15-10:00 PM: Shuttles from Yale to Hampton Hotel

Saturday, September 22nd

6:45-7:45 AM Shuttles from Clarion Hotel to Yale
6:30-8:00 AM Shuttles from Hampton Hotel to Yale
7:00-8:00 AM Shuttles from Yale to Wilbur Cross (PF)
7:40-8:10 AM Shuttles from Yale to Hill Regional Career (CX)
8:00-8:40 AM Shuttles from Yale to Hillhouse High School (LD)
8:15-9:30 PM Shuttles from Wilbur Cross to Yale
8:20-9:40 PM Shuttles from Hillhouse High School to Yale
8:30-9:00 PM Shuttles from Hill Regional Career to Yale
9:00-9:45 PM Shuttles from Yale to Clarion Hotel
9:10-9:50 PM Shuttles from Yale to Hampton Hotel

Sunday, September 23rd

6:30-8:00 AM Shuttles from Clarion Hotel to Yale campus
6:45-7:45 AM Shuttles from Hampton Hotel to Yale
4:00 PM Awards and Ballot Distribution, Battell Chapel

Shuttles arrive and depart from Yale at Phelps Gate on Old Campus (across from LC).

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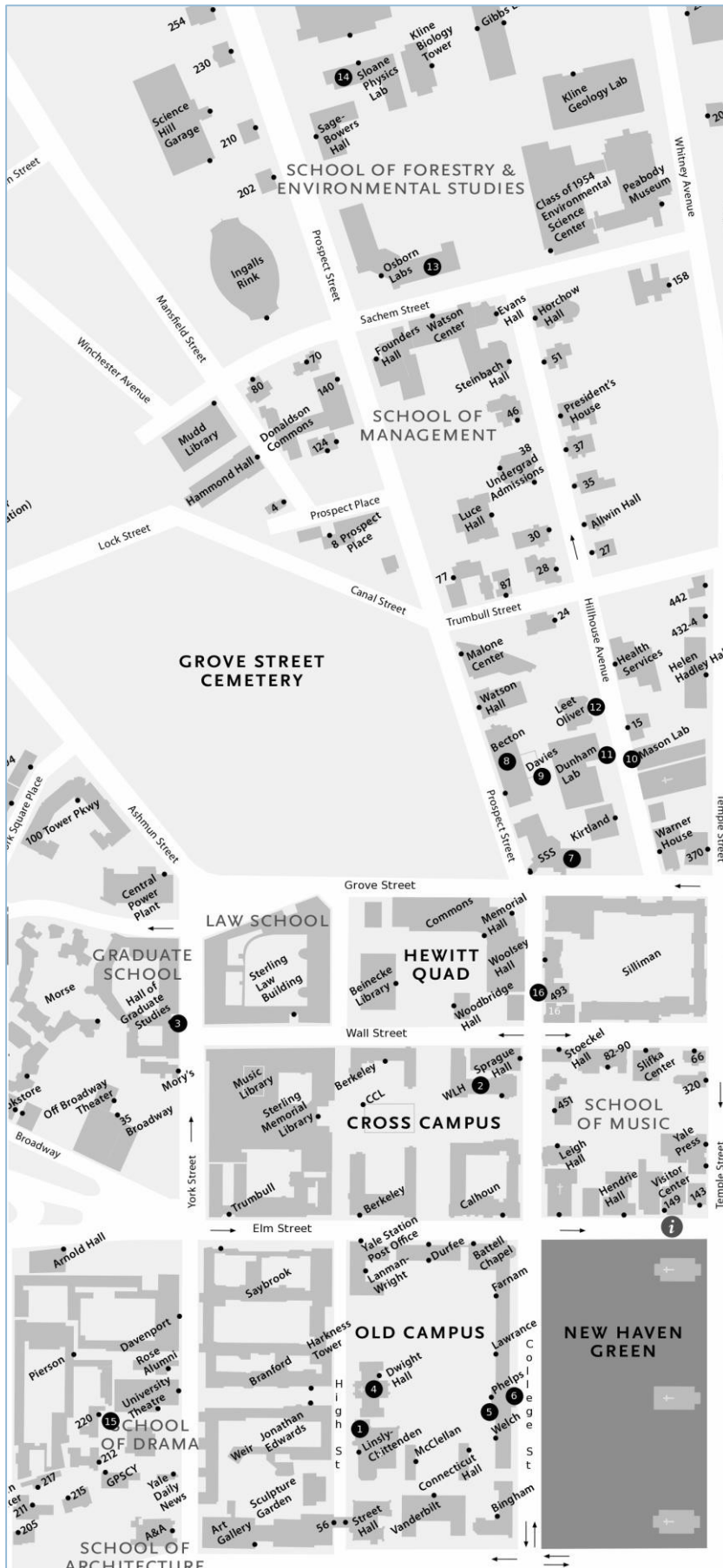
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- (5) Phelps Hall (PH)
334 College Street
- (6) Phelps Gate
334 College Street
- (7) SSS Hall (Room 114)
1 Prospect Street
- (8) Becton Center (BCT)
67 Prospect Street
- (9)) Davies Auditorium (inside
BCT) 67 Prospect Street
- (10) Mason Laboratory (ML)
9 Hillhouse Avenue
- (11) Dunham Laboratory (DL)
10 Hillhouse Avenue
- (12) Leet-Oliver Memorial (LOM)
12 Hillhouse Avenue
- (13) Osborne Memorial Labs (OML)
165 Prospect Street
- (14) Sloane Physics Labs (SPL)
217 Prospect Street
- (15) 220 York Street (220 YK)
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