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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 across the world to compete in Parliamentary Debate tournaments.

To encourage speech and debate activities among high school and college students, the YDA also hosts several tournaments each year. Our four annual tournaments are the Yale Parliamentary Tournament, the Yale Invitational High School Tournament, the Osterweis Tournament, and the Yale IV.

Yale Debate Association  
Thirty-First Annual Yale Invitational  
High School Tournament

July 2023

Dear Speech and Debate Coaches:

On behalf of the Yale Debate Association, we invite you and your team to the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Yale Invitational High School Tournament from Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The tournament will feature Varsity and JV Lincoln Douglas Debate, Varsity and JV Public Forum Debate, an open division in Policy Debate, an open division in Parliamentary Debate, an open division in Congressional Debate, and eight Speech events (Duo, DI, EX, HI, INF, OI, OO, and POI).

This Fall, Congressional Debate and all eight Speech events will take place In-Person in New Haven. Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, Policy, and Parliamentary Debate will be held Online. For a full explanation of our motivations in implementing this structure as well as its logistical details, please refer to the "Note On Hybrid Structure" on page 5.

Year after year, our tournament grows and gains more national recognition for its high level of competition. Quarterfinalists in Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate, octofinalists in Public Forum Debate, and semifinalists in Congressional Debate will earn bids to the 2024 Tournament of Champions. In addition, high-level competitors in **all eight Speech events** will earn a bid to the University of Kentucky TOC.

We are once again pleased to offer a team of nationally recognized and successful tab coordinators. Lincoln Douglas Debate tab will be led by Crawford Leavoy, Public Forum Debate by Jeffrey Kahn, and Policy Debate by Sheryl Kaczmarek. Parliamentary Debate will be led by Everett Rutan and Congressional Debate by Kimberly Bayan-Berlat. Speech tab will be led by Joe Vaughan. Our Tournament Chair will be Sarah Donnelly. The experience and proficiency of our tab staff will help to ensure a smooth tournament.

Contacts for specific needs are labeled throughout this Invitation, but should you require general assistance, you may reach us at [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com), beginning the Subject with "HST General: ". Best wishes for a restful and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,  
Maia Decker, Hiroko Kawase, and Ryan Gumlia  
Tournament Directors

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## Updates

*Please take the time to read the whole invitation.* This packet contains critical information for the tournament and will likely answer many potential questions.

All tournament participants are expected to be familiar with our policies as they are outlined in the following pages. Your knowledge of important details is the only way we may ensure that the tournament runs smoothly and efficiently. Please take note of all directions, guidelines, and deadlines.

Edits will be made to this document in the future, all of which will be recorded in this **Updates** section, alongside updating the relevant portions of the Invitation. As the Invitation is updated, we will replace the file available at <http://yaleinvite.tabroom.com> with the updated version.

### *Completed Updates*

**Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Bid information for Speech events updated on the cover page: from “high-level competitors in Duo, DI, EX, HI, OI, and OO” to “high-level competitors in all eight Speech events.”

### **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>:**

- P.O. Box information updated in **#4 Check** method of **Payment Instructions**.
- Added **Hire Judge Referral** section to the **Judging** section.
- Updated **International Schools** information within the **Registration** section.

### **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Precise details on our food vendors and prices have been added to the **Food** section within the **In-Person Rules and Hospitality** section.
- **Event Location** information is appended to the end of this Invitation.

### **Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

- **FAQ's** section added below.
- Further **Required Forms** information added.

### **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

- *Trophy Pickup* section added to **Logistics** under **Notes On Hybrid Structure**.
- *International Breakout* added to **Public Forum** under **Event Information**.

### **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Registration Timeline and Deadlines revised substantially. Please see the **Registration Procedures and Deadlines** section under **Registration**.

### **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

- P.O. Box information updated in **#4 Check** method of **Payment Instructions**.
- **Tentative Start Times** section renamed **Schedule** and updated to reflect the tournament schedule.

### **Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

- **Event Locations** updated. All Speech Events at Yale on Saturday.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

*When will the Required Forms become available?*

Please see the Required Forms section of this Tournament Invitation.

*Will X event be Online or In-Person?*

Per this Tournament Invitation: "This Fall, Congressional Debate and all eight Speech events will take place In-Person in New Haven. Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, Policy, and Parliamentary Debate will be held Online. For a full explanation of our motivations in implementing this structure as well as its logistical details, please refer to the 'Note On Hybrid Structure' on page 5."

*May I register as an independent entry?*

Per this Tournament Invitation: "This tournament is open only to institutions that award high school diplomas. Students must be representing the school they attend, and their entries sanctioned by that school. Therefore, we will not be allowing independent entries. All entries must be affiliated with a diploma-granting school and registered by an authorized adult from that school."

If you are an International School or Academy, please contact us to confirm your eligibility.

*Why am I unable to double-enter a speech entry in X event and Y event?*

Per this Tournament Invitation: "On Saturday, Speech Events will take place across two sites. All Platform Events will be at one site (EX, INF, and OO), and all Interpretation Events will be at a different site. Students may only double-enter across events at a particular site."

*Will my entries be admitted off the waitlist?*

Per this Tournament Invitation: "Each year, we receive many questions concerning whether teams will be able to leave the waitlist. We will NOT be able to answer these inquiries, for the answer is a variable function of our ability to promote a fair break, our ability to ensure a quality judge pool, whether other schools drop entries, and whether we can increase physical space for the tournament."

## **Note On Hybrid Structure**

### **Motivation**

As many of you know, the Yale Debate Association is a non-profit organization run entirely by undergraduate Yale students who share a passion for debate. We are sponsored by Yale University as a student organization, but we are self-sufficient in our operations and finances. This freedom allows us to host multiple tournaments for high-school and college debaters each year, but it also leaves us vulnerable when challenges strike.

As we were planning this Fall's tournament, two such challenges arose: a contract signed by a YDA Board over three years ago—unexpectedly—set us back significantly financially; and coinciding student events constricted already limited physical space on Yale's campus, decimating our access to free tournament rooms. As a result, we realized we did not have the capacity to host the Yale Invitational at the scale we had in previous years. In this difficult position, we turned to the Speech and Debate community for input.

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, we sent a survey to the schools that attended our tournament last year, soliciting feedback on three potential structures for our tournament: a limited In-Person tournament, a Hybrid tournament, or an entirely Online tournament. We also invited interested schools to participate through our Tabroom page. Over the course of the survey period, which we ended on July 21<sup>st</sup>, we received responses from over 70 schools, and we are incredibly grateful for the time every coach offered us in completing our form.

The data itself showed great support for In-Person competition, but indicated the changes required (event cap decreases, higher registration fees, multiple external sites, etc.) would make the experience untenable for many schools. At the same time, some programs ranked an Online experience first for its accessibility and efficiency. But most importantly, the nearly unanimous second choice for both of these groups—as well as the first choice for many programs—was our Hybrid structure.

In making our final decision, we worked closely with our Tournament Chair Sarah Donnelly and ultimately decided that we ought to support In-Person competition when and where we can. Since we have the resources to host some In-Person programming this year, we elected to pursue a Hybrid Structure. We recognize this choice is not without its own negative consequences: we empathize with schools who do not wish to stratify their Speech and Debate programs in travel, and those debaters who will not be able to join us in New Haven this Fall.

We strongly believe, however, that this option optimizes the amount of Speech and Debate that will be able to take place in its proper form and maximizes access to this activity - through our tournament - as much as possible. Most importantly, though, we find this all to be a single-year complication, and we are looking forward to inviting *everyone* back to New Haven again next Fall.

### **Logistics**

Congressional Debate and all eight Speech events will take place In-Person in New Haven. Lincoln Douglas, Public Forum, Policy, and Parliamentary Debate will be held Online.

Schools are able—and encouraged—to participate in both In-Person and Online events.

### *Improvements*

Despite the difficulties we have faced this summer, we remain aware of the imperfections with last year's tournament. We are highly appreciative of the efforts of last year's Tournament Directors, but we also recognize that the 2022 Yale Invitational failed to meet community expectations in a number of areas, including but not limited to hospitality, the variety and provision of food, as well as trophy quality.

We want to note here that we have heard these complaints, and we are applying ourselves full-measure to addressing their correction. With respect to food, lunch and dinner will be available for purchase on Saturday at both of our In-Person sites. In an effort to increase Judge Benefits, In-Person judges will receive these meals at no charge while also maintaining access to a Judge's Lounge stocked with water and snacks throughout the tournament.

For all competitors, we are working on acquiring higher-quality trophies, and we have appointed a team to handle the shipping of trophies after the tournament to guarantee their timely delivery.

We also received input in our survey indicating our tentative Online pricing was too expensive. We have adjusted accordingly and decreased our Online Entry Fees by a cumulative \$25. In the same vein, we have kept Entry Fees for Congressional Debate and Speech Events the same as they were last year, despite inflation's upward pressure on our food and site costs.

### *Changes*

Unfortunately, not all the changes we would have preferred to make this year are feasible. As was explained in our survey, In-Person competition will be offered at a decreased capacity this year, and thus **we will not be offering any Shuttle services**. To mitigate the impacts of this change, however, for the Saturday of the tournament, we will only be using *one external site* beyond Yale's campus. We will moreover be releasing our Event Location information on **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** so that schools can plan their transportation routes well ahead of time. All rounds on Sunday will take place on Yale's campus.

### *Trophy Pickup*

If your school is attending our tournament BOTH Online and In-person, we would like to distribute any debate awards your debate entries earn the Sunday of the tournament on Yale's Campus. The logistics of this distribution are forthcoming.

### **Contact**

We hope that with our efforts we will be able to avoid repeating the mistakes we made last year while making the best of this year's Hybrid format. We are very grateful for your patience, and we hope we can welcome you all to the Invitational this September. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please email us at [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com), beginning the Subject with "HST Improvements: ".



## **In-Person Rules and Hospitality**

*This section applies to In-Person schools and attendees traveling for Congressional Debate and/or Speech Events.*

### **COVID-19**

This is our second year welcoming you back to in-person competition in New Haven since our two-year pandemic hiatus. To ensure the safety of this effort, Yale University Visitor Policy **encourages** all visitors, (that is all tournament attendees who are not students, faculty, staff, or postdoctoral/postgraduate trainees), to be “up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before coming to campus.”

To ensure the health and safety of other students, staff, and the greater New Haven community, Yale University Visitor Policy also **encourages** visitors “to test for COVID-19 before participating in a university event and/or accessing a university location,” and notes visitors must “refrain from coming to campus if they test positive for COVID-19 or experience symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.”

Please see the following websites for more information on the definition of “up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations.” International schools should consult the second link of information on vaccines used abroad.

- [Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for People Vaccinated Outside the United States | CDC](#)

You can find more information on Yale’s Visitors Policy here: <https://covid19.yale.edu/visitors-policy>.

In addition, all participants are expected to follow university health and safety guidelines. These may be further communicated closer to the tournament, but any release will align with official university information that can be found here: <https://covid19.yale.edu/health-guidelines>.

Finally, should the COVID-19 situation suddenly worsen and either Yale University or the Yale Debate Association decide that hosting an in-person tournament is no longer feasible, we reserve the right to transition to an entirely online tournament. This situation is very unlikely to arise, but given its unpredictable nature, we feel as though we should note this possibility.

### **Contact**

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com), beginning the Subject with “HST In-Person: ”.

### **Hotels**

For our teams that will be coming to New Haven, we have arranged for group rates with several nearby hotels and have roughly 160 rooms reserved for the tournament. We are actively working to increase this number and will add any additional hotel blocks in further updates. Hotels in the New Haven area have continued to increase their rates, but we were still able to negotiate discounts for the tournament.

To reserve rooms, please call the relevant number and note that you are booking in association with the “**Yale Invitational Tournament**.” Our hotels do fill quickly, so please reserve your rooms as soon as possible. Hotels displaying multiple rates have different room options. Please communicate with the hotels for further information.

#### Tournament-Affiliated Hotels:

- The Fairfield Inn, Wallingford: (203) 284-0001
  - \$119/night
  - Reservation must be made by 08/28 to receive the group rate.
- Hampton In Milford: (203) 874-4400
  - \$199/night
  - Reservation must be made by 08/28 to receive the group rate.
- Best Western Plus North Haven: (203) 239-6700
  - \$170/night (king beds & doubles); \$180/night (double queens)
  - Reservation must be made by 08/31 to receive the group rate..
- New Haven Village Suites: (203) 777-5337
  - \$189/night (studio kings) or \$239/night (lofts)
  - Reservation must be made by 09/08 to receive the group rate.

Below, we have also provided a list of hotels unaffiliated with the tournament located near tournament sites:

- Marriott Courtyard in Orange, CT: (203) 799-2200
- Marriott Courtyard in Shelton, CT: (203) 929-1500
- Hampton Inn in West Haven, CT: (203) 932-0404
- Hampton Inn in Shelton, CT: (203) 925-5900
- Courtyard New Haven at Yale: (203) 777-6221

This list is not meant to be exhaustive. It is only intended to provide information on other hotels near our tournament. You are, of course, allowed to book at any hotel you would like, including those not included in this list.

#### *Contact*

If you have questions or issues finding lodging, our *Hotels Director* this year is Anouk Yeh. You may reach her by emailing [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com), beginning the Subject with “HST Hotels: ”, and CC’ing [anouk.yeh@yale.edu](mailto:anouk.yeh@yale.edu).

## **Food**

Saturday lunch and Saturday dinner will be available for purchase at both of our tournament sites.

#### *At Yale (Interp Events)*

Saturday lunch will be Yorkside Pizza, a family-operated business and traditional Yale pizza spot since 1969. Saturday lunch will be available for purchase for \$6.

Saturday dinner will be Basil Restaurant, a local Asian restaurant that serves a variety of dishes. For both meals, we will have vegetarian and gluten-free options available. Saturday dinner will be available for purchase for \$9.

#### *At Albertus Magnus (Congress)*

At Albertus Magnus, students will be able to purchase meals from the Albertus Magnus cafeteria. Brunch will be available for \$7. Dinner will be available for \$10.

NOTE: At both sites, judge meals will be compensated. For further information, please see the *Judge Benefits* section of this Invitation.

### *Contact*

We have appointed someone to handle food this year so that no issues are lost. If you have questions concerning our food distribution or options, you can reach our *Food Director* Sonam Tenzin Wangchuk by emailing [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com), beginning the Subject with “HST Food: ”, and CC’ing [sonam.wangchuk@yale.edu](mailto:sonam.wangchuk@yale.edu).

## **Adult Supervision**

All students must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian, or by a school-approved adult guardian, teacher, or coach who is empowered to deal with emergencies, medical or otherwise. The adult guardian must be a high school graduate; high school students who have passed their 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Code of Conduct and Safety**

The Yale Debate Association would like to remind all attendees of the tournament of the following rules: (1) you must follow all laws from the city of New Haven, CT as well as Connecticut state law and U.S. federal law, (2) you must follow the rules and regulations of Yale University and comply with requests made by officials of the school. We also expect all participants to hold themselves to a high standard of conduct. These requirements include but are not limited to: (a) following instructions by those running the tournament and officials at the University. Do not wander off and do not go where one has been told not to go. (b) Treat all other attendees and all other people with respect. Do not harass or bully others. (c) Avoid creating safety/security risks for others (such as by propping open doors, going through the trash, bringing anything that could potentially be dangerous, etc.). If those running the tournament find that a participant has broken these requirements, we reserve the right to ban them from the tournament.

The tab room phone number will be announced on Tabroom in August. Please make all your students and judges aware of this number so they can contact tab during the tournament. This number is for on-site issues only and will be answered only during the tournament.

The policy of the Yale Invitational concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, illegal use of controlled substances, vandalism, destruction, and other illegal or disorderly behavior is: (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, and (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 at the tournament by an adult. This adult should be authorized 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 tab at registration. The Yale Invitational takes no responsibility for the health and safety of students beyond notifying this accompanying adult of concerns or problems as we become aware of them.

Yale Invitational staff reserve the right to refuse entry to the tournament to anyone—be they a competitor, judge or observer—at its sole discretion.

## **Online Rules and Hospitality**

*This section applies to virtual schools and attendees.*

### **Adult Supervision and Virtual Chaperones**

Every student must be virtually accompanied at the tournament by an adult. This adult should be authorized 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 tab at registration. The Yale Invitational takes no responsibility for the health and safety of students beyond notifying this accompanying adult of concerns or problems as we become aware of them.

### **Safety**

The tab room phone number will be announced on Tabroom in August. Please make all of your students and judges aware of this number, so they can contact our tab staff. This number is for tournament use only and will be answered only during the tournament.

The Yale Invitational staff reserves the right to refuse entry to the tournament to anyone—be they a competitor, judge, coach, or observer—at its sole discretion.

### **Virtual Programming**

For our virtual competitors, we are working on crafting an engaging program of events to bring students virtually to Yale's campus both before and after competition. Some potential programming may include: a keynote speaker, a Yale admissions office info session, a Yale Debate Association demo debate, a Q&A with Yale students, and more. Additional information on this programming is forthcoming.

### *Contact*

We welcome any suggestions for hospitality programming. Please email us at [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com), beginning the subject with "HST Virtual Programming: "

## Registration

### *Contact*

If you have any questions concerning registration, please email us at [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com), beginning the Subject with “HST Registration: ”.

### **Procedure**

All registration will be conducted online at <http://yaleinvite.tabroom.com>. We cannot accept email or phone registrations, but we are happy to help you navigate the registration website.

### *Registration Open Date*

We plan to open registration at **1:00 PM ET on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

### **Registration Process**

We will begin with universal waitlist status. All entries will automatically be placed on a waitlist. Two weeks after registration opens, we will fairly and evenly take students off the waitlist. **For schools attending in-person, please do NOT make plane reservations or sign hotel contracts until your entries are verified.**

### *Initial School Limits*

To ensure regional and school diversity in our competitor pool, we impose limits on the initial amount of entries by a school that may receive approval. Importantly, this is NOT a guarantee that you will receive this many slots, but solely a maximum limit on how many may be approved initially.

Activity	Initial School Limit
Lincoln Douglas Debate	Distributed Based On Interest
Policy Debate	5 Teams
Public Forum Debate	2 In Varsity, 1 In Junior Varsity
Student Congress	18 Total
Parliamentary Debate	3 Teams
Speech Events	Distributed Based On Interest

Beginning at **7:00 PM ET on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we will evaluate registration numbers and, if available, start distributing additional entry slots.

### *Waitlist Information*

We will determine who receives additional entries with four factors of cascading importance in mind: total registration interest with respect to the event’s cap, the school diversity of the competitor pool, the date of a school’s registration, and previous attendance at our tournament.

Practically, this is to say that if we cannot approve all entries in a division without exceeding its event cap, schools wishing to enter a large number of additional entries in a particular event will not receive slots for the totality of their additional entries before other schools receive their first additional slots. Beyond that, we will look to a first-come first-serve basis, and finally, in close instances, show appreciation to teams who have supported our tournament in the past.

We will notify waitlisted entries immediately if they are moved off of the waitlist. Though we usually have had a waitlist through August, we have historically been able to accommodate almost every student that has wanted to compete in our tournament.

### *Waitlist Contact*

Each year, we receive many questions concerning whether teams will be able to leave the waitlist. We will NOT be able to answer these inquiries, for the answer is a variable function of our ability to promote a fair break, our ability to ensure a quality judge pool, whether other schools drop entries, and whether we can increase physical space for the tournament.

### *Reporting Entry Drops and Entry Drop Fees*

Please report to tab all entry drops before or during the tournament. In the past, schools have sometimes failed to report all their entry drops to the tournament. An **unreported entry drop** is defined as when an entry drops, and their school fails to inform tab they dropped before the next round of their event ends. This harms our ability to panel rounds for good competition. Schools with unreported drops will be assessed a fee of **\$50 per unreported entry drop**. Please notify tab immediately if a student withdraws from competition during the tournament.

### *Outstanding Fines*

Students from schools owing outstanding fines to our tournament will be permanently wait-listed until those fines are paid. Those schools will be registered after other schools based on available space.

### *IE Speaker Codes*

IE Speaker Codes will be reset on the Wednesday before the competition. Therefore, do not print codes until you receive an email saying it is time to print codes. Field reports in the debate events will also be posted in advance of the tournament.

## **Event Caps**

We set caps with two factors of cascading importance in mind: our capacity to logistically host the specific division and our commitment to promoting a fair break. *It is our intent* that all teams with a clearing record in their division will participate in elimination rounds.

Our event caps follow:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Event Cap</b>
Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate	180
JV Lincoln Douglas Debate	100

Varsity Public Forum Debate	340
JV Public Forum Debate	180
Policy Debate	50
Parliamentary Debate	80
Congressional Debate	270
Speech Events	Caps Based On Initial Interest

We reserve the right to alter these Event Caps in response to Registration interest.

## Varsity and Junior Varsity Status

We strongly encourage coaches to choose division with the educational purpose of debate in mind. Overqualified debaters competing in Junior Varsity divisions can compromise this purpose and damage tournament experiences. This being said, there are a few hard and fast rules.

If a student meets any single one of these benchmarks, they must enter Varsity:

- They have more than two years experience.
- They are in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- They broke at a national tournament in a Junior Varsity division last year.

Students who do not meet any of these benchmarks may enter Varsity or Junior Varsity.

### *Middle School Students*

Middle school students are not exempt from the first benchmark above. We will accept middle school students in JV, but any middle school students with more than two years of debating experience should enter Varsity.

## Required Forms

*\*UPDATE: Links to completing these forms will be available in Tab emails sent on:*

- Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Receipt of these emails does NOT correspond to your form status. This is simply a distribution and reminder mechanism as schools continue to register for the tournament.

There will be two required forms for all schools and an additional fourth form for schools competing in In-Person divisions:

- “Participant Supervision Agreement”
- “Parent and Guardian Waiver”
- “Food Interest” (In-Person Only)

The “Participant Supervision Agreement” form is required for students to compete at the tournament. Only one authorized individual **per school** needs to fill out the form.

The “Parent and Guardian” forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian **for each student** who is participating in the tournament.

The “Food Interest” form is required for students to compete in In-Person divisions at the tournament. Only one authorized individual **per school** needs to fill out the form.

### *Submission Instructions*

The primary contact for each school will receive an email with links to complete each form.

- The primary contact or authorized official of the school must complete the “Participant Supervision Agreement” form.
- The primary contact or authorized official of the school must distribute the links for the “Liability Waiver” and “Image and Recording Release” to the parents or legal guardians of each student.
- The primary contact or authorized official of schools with In-Person attendees must complete the “Food Interest” form.

Please note it is the responsibility of each school, not the Yale Invitational, to ensure that the necessary forms are completed by all individuals attending the tournament (or their parents/legal guardians).

### *Form Deadlines*

The deadline for submission of the “Food Interest” form is **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 PM ET**.

The deadline for submission of the “Participant Supervision Agreement”, “Liability Waiver”, and “Image and Recording Release” forms is **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM ET**.

### *Contact*

Questions about forms should be directed to [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com). Please begin the Subject with “HST Required Forms: ”.

## **Entry Fees and Payment Instructions**

### *Entry Fees*

Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate	\$70 per team
Junior Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate	\$50 per team
Varsity Public Forum Debate	\$75 per team
Junior Varsity Public Forum Debate	\$55 per team
Policy Debate	\$60 per team
Parliamentary Debate	\$60 per team
Congressional Debate	\$65 per entry



Duo Interpretation	\$120 per team
All Other Speech Events	\$60 per entry

The Yale Debate Association is committed to making the Yale Invitational accessible to all students from all backgrounds. Please do not hesitate to contact us by **Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** if your team is experiencing financial difficulties. We are happy to discuss financial aid and are willing to work with those students and/or teams in need. Please email us at [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com) and include in the Subject “HST Financial Aid.”.

Please note these Entry Fees are unrelated to judging obligations. Please see the **Hired Judging** section under **Judging** below for further information about fees that may be incurred from hiring out judging obligations.

### *Payment Instructions*

Fees will be due by **September 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:59 PM ET**. If your school’s payment is late, that will be between you and your school, not the tournament and your school. Payment is required *up front* to be eligible to compete.

**Payment methods are listed in order of YDA preference.** Digital methods (Paypal, Zelle) are *strongly* preferred. We do not accept credit cards or cash. Instructions continue below.

#### **#1 PayPal** (*Strongly, Strongly Preferred*)

1. Please direct payment to “yaledebatetreasurer@gmail.com”.
2. After inputting the sum due, “Add a message” and write the name of the institution for which you are making the payment (likely your school’s name). If this step is not completed, we will not be able to determine who made the payment.
3. After continuing to “Review” the payment, select “For friends and family” as the Payment Type. If you do not send your payment through the “Friends and Family” type, we will be in touch further to charge you the fee Paypal collects.
4. Complete the payment method information and send the payment.
5. Email [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com) that your school has sent payment via PayPal. Please make the Subject “HST Payment Sent: SCHOOL NAME” and CC [treasurer.yda@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.yda@gmail.com).

#### **#2 Zelle** (*Strongly Preferred*)

1. Select direct payment to “treasurer.yda@gmail.com” or “7204280362”. Both of these accounts will show that they are enrolled with Zelle as the “YALE DEBATE ASSOCIATION INC”.
2. After inputting the sum due, “Add message” and write the name of the institution for which you are making the payment (likely your school’s name). If this step is not completed, we will not be able to determine who made the payment.
3. Select “SEND” and complete the payment by selecting “OK”.
4. Email [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com) that your school has sent payment via Zelle. Please make the Subject “HST Payment Sent: SCHOOL NAME” and CC [treasurer.yda@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.yda@gmail.com).

**#3 Bank Transfer** (*Preferred*)

1. If you would like to process a bank transfer, please email us at [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com) with the Subject “SCHOOL NAME – Bank Transfer”, CC’ing [treasurer.yda@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.yda@gmail.com). We will then provide you with further instructions.

**#4 By Check** (*Not Preferred*)

1. Email [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com) with the Subject “SCHOOL NAME – Payment By Check” with a note explaining that you will not be able to use a previously outlined payment method. Please complete this step by September (Please do this in advance so we can communicate with you and note in our records to expect a check.)
2. Complete the check.
  - a. Make the check out to “Yale Debate Association”. Do not list anything else, such as a person’s name.
  - b. Make the memo “SCHOOL NAME – Yale Invitational”.
  - c. Mail the check to:
 

Yale Debate Association  
PO Box 204745  
New Haven, CT 06520
3. Email [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com) with a USPS tracking number for your mail by **Friday, September 8th at 11:59 PM ET**. Unless we receive a tracking number by that time, we will assume your payment will be made through a previously outlined payment method.
4. We will process your payment within 7 days of receipt and update your invoice on Tabroom.

**#5 By Credit Card** (*Not Preferred*)

1. Use [this link](#) to pay via credit card.
2. Email [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com) with the Subject “SCHOOL NAME – Payment by Swipe” with a note indicating that you’ve paid via Swipe. Please include a screenshot of your receipt.
3. Please complete the above steps by **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:59PM**.

*Vendor Forms*

If you have a Vendor Form to fill out, email [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com). When emailing the form, please complete the required school information (i.e., name of school, advisor name, etc). This helps expedite the process and reduces the backlog. **When you send the email, it is important that you include in the Subject “HST Vendor Request: [School Name]”.**

*Contact*

For any questions regarding the payment process, or should you need any assistance at all, please email us at [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com), beginning the Subject with “HST Payment Question:...” and CC’ing [treasurer.yda@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.yda@gmail.com).

## Independent Entries

This tournament is open only to institutions that award high school diplomas. Students must be representing the school they attend, and their entries sanctioned by that school. Therefore, we will not be allowing independent entries. All entries must be affiliated with a diploma-granting school and registered by an authorized adult from that school.

## International Schools

We welcome international schools to compete in our tournament. Unfortunately, for international attendees in online events, we will not be shipping trophies following the tournament unless the competitor/team's school contacts us to pay for international shipping. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at [yaleinvtational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvtational2023@gmail.com), beginning the Subject with "HST International: ".

## Registration Procedures and Deadlines

**All times are in ET.**

Wednesday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 1:00 PM	<i>Online registration begins at <a href="https://yaleinvite.tabroom.com">yaleinvite.tabroom.com</a>.</i>
Friday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 5:00 PM	<p><i>Congress registration due.</i> We may accept requests for late additions in Congress by email until September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Acceptance will be based on availability in chambers. No legislation from late additions will be accepted.</p> <p><i>Congress bills due on Tabroom.</i> Bills without authors or schools will be returned for revision. Do not submit legislation as a PDF. These will also be returned to the coach for revision.</p>
Monday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Docket assignment released on <a href="https://yaleinvite.tabroom.com">yaleinvite.tabroom.com</a>.</i>
Monday, September 18 <sup>th</sup> , 11:59 PM	<p><i>Entry names are due.</i></p> <p><i>Hire Judge requests are due.</i></p> <p><del><i>Last day for new entries due in all events (or as events hit their caps). Events fill quickly, so it is advised to register early.</i></del></p> <p><del><i>Registration fees are frozen.</i></del> Our rationale for this is that by this date, rooms are paid for and judges are hired. Fees will remain frozen <del><i>whether or not you come.</i></del></p> <p><del><i>Judge burdens are frozen (all events except LD) unless you are dropping all entries in an event.</i></del></p> <p><del><i>If you are not dropping all entries in an event, and you do not meet your judge obligation, or you drop a judge after this deadline, you will be charged for a hired judge and a \$100 fine. We will notify you if we are unable to fulfill any hired judge requests. Make hired judge requests early to increase your chance of us being able to meet demand.</i></del></p>

	<del><i>Last day for judge registration &amp; names due for all events besides LD. We will likely run out of hires long before this; be sure to request hired judges early.</i></del>
Wednesday, September 20 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 PM	<i>Deadline for new entries in all events. Entries MUST have names attached.</i>
Friday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1:00 PM	<i>Food Interest Form is due. Since our vendors will require time to prepare for our competitors, we ask that you respect this deadline.</i>
Monday, September 25 <sup>th</sup> 11:59 PM	<p><i>Registration fees are frozen. Fees will remain frozen whether or not you come.</i></p> <p><i>Judge burdens are frozen (all events except LD) unless you are dropping all entries in an event.</i></p> <p>If you are not dropping all entries in an event, and you do not meet your judge obligation, or you drop a judge after this deadline, you will be charged for a hired judge and a \$100 fine. We will notify you if we are unable to fulfill any hired judge requests.</p> <p><i>Last day for judge registration &amp; names due for all events besides LD.</i></p>
Wednesday, September 27 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>3:30 PM:</b> <i>Judge burdens for LD freeze. Judge registration and names due for LD due, and the judge pool will be locked. Any judge substitutions or swaps will incur a fee and are subject to other penalties (see LD MPJ section below).</i></p> <p><b>3:45 PM:</b> <i>LD MPJ ratings open. Your judging must be the judging you registered online by the judging deadline. Substitutes will not be accepted.</i></p>
Thursday, September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 1:00 PM	<i>All required permissions and school forms are due. See the “Required Forms” section of this document for more information.</i>
Friday, September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 3:45 PM	LD MPJ ratings are due. MPJ is closed at this time.

<p>Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM-1:00 PM</p>	<p><i>Check-In</i></p> <p>All schools must check in online using Tabroom tomorrow (Friday). Check-in will open at 9:00 am EDT, and you must check in by 1:00 pm EDT. We need you to check in so we can confirm that your entries and judges are correct, and that everyone on your team is ready to participate (starting either tomorrow afternoon or Saturday morning). <b>Schools that do not check in will be dropped from the tournament.</b> To check in, click the “Confirm Onsite” button on Tabroom (next to the tournament name on your account dashboard, under “Existing Tournament Registrations”). <b>There is no in-person registration.</b></p> <p>As part of the check-in process, please confirm that your school’s primary contact information is correct and up-to-date. The individual listed must be reachable at all times during the tournament, as we may contact you if there is an issue involving one of your students or judges. Please answer all calls during the tournament, even if from numbers you don’t recognize.</p>
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## Judging

### Obligations By Entry

Lincoln Douglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One qualified judge for every <b>two</b> V LD'ers</li> <li>● One qualified judge for every <b>two</b> JV LD'ers</li> <li>● Judges are obligated to judge through Octofinals OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.</li> <li>● Judges must have paradigms posted on their Tabroom accounts.</li> </ul>
Public Forum	<p><i>Please Note:</i> Varsity and Junior Varsity Public Forum will share a judge pool this year. As such, for judging obligations, Varsity and Junior Varsity will be treated together as a single division. Obligations follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One qualified judge for every <b>two</b> PF teams</li> <li>● Judges are obligated to judge through Octofinals (the second round on Sunday) OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.</li> <li>● Judges must have paradigms posted on their Tabroom accounts.</li> <li>● Judges will see rounds by both Varsity and Junior Varsity debaters, and thus must be qualified to evaluate Varsity rounds.</li> </ul>
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One qualified judge for every <b>two</b> Policy teams</li> <li>● Judges are obligated to judge through Quarters OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.</li> <li>● Judges must have paradigms posted on their Tabroom accounts.</li> </ul>
Parliamentary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One qualified judge for every <b>two</b> Parliamentary teams.</li> <li>● Schools must select at least one judge to be available for all elimination rounds on Sunday. The rest of the judges are obligated to judge through Octofinals OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.</li> </ul>
Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One qualified judge for five Congress entries; one additional qualified parliamentarian for six or more Congress entries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 1-5 entries = 1 judge</li> <li>o 6+ entries = 1 judge &amp; 1 qualified parliamentarian</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Judges are obligated to be on call for all rounds of the tournament, though they likely will not judge every round.</li> <li>● Qualified Congress judges may be asked to cover rounds in another event. Please indicate when registering which other pool a Congress judge would like to judge if we cannot use him/her in Congress.</li> <li>● Please mark judges available to act as a parliamentarian when entering info on Tabroom.</li> </ul>
Speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One qualified judge for every five Speech entries, rounded up.</li> <li>● Judges are obligated to be on call for all rounds of the tournament, though they likely will not judge every round.</li> </ul>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified Speech judges may be asked to cover rounds in another event. (We will not assign judges to other events without first speaking to them).</li> </ul> |
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Schools may not hire out their entire obligation in a division. This means that if you are a lone student for your school in a division, you must provide your own judge.

We assume judges will stay for the duration of the tournament unless we hear otherwise. You must contact us if you are leaving.

### *Judge Changes*

Please note that the judges you bring need to be the judges you registered online by the deadline. You may not substitute another judge in a rated pool. Schools that change their judges after online strikes and Mutually Preferred Judging ratings (LD) have opened will lose all of their strikes and ratings in the division(s) in which they made the offending changes.

Do not bring judges unregistered by the deadline; we cannot use them. If you have a judge who has an emergency and cannot come to the tournament, you will have to pay the **dropped judge fee** to keep your ratings because we will not be changing the judge pool at the last minute. The pool will be locked by **5:00 PM ET on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no changes possible after that time, and any judges that drop will incur a **hired judge fee**.

### **Judge Expectations**

Please appreciate the impact your judge will have on the debates they evaluate, and the educational goals of this activity. We often only notice unqualified judges after a number of competitors have been unfairly adjudicated.

A qualified judge understands the activity and is either experienced sitting in the back of the room with a ballot or flow pad, or has been carefully trained by the team they are accompanying. A qualified judge knows how to assign ranks or wins/losses, speaker points, and knows how to fill out a ballot. All judges must be older than high school age.

For Public Forum, all judges must be qualified to evaluate Varsity debate rounds.

### *Tabroom*

Your Tabroom account should be linked and ready by **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**.

All events will post updates on [yaleinvite.tabroom.com](http://yaleinvite.tabroom.com). Please make sure that you have your notifications sent to your cell phones, and that all of your team, including students and judges, are plugged in. Students and/or judges who miss rounds will not be forgiven because of “technical problems.” It has been our experience that most technical issues result from the students’ or judges’ Tabroom.com profile not being linked correctly or contact information (cell phone and email) not being provided within the profile.

We will also be asking for judge cell phone numbers at registration on the tournament website. Keep in mind that the more judge cell numbers you register, the fewer times we’ll be calling you. The more contact information that we have for your judges, the easier it will be to resolve questions or issues that may arise during the tournament.

### *Paradigms (LD/Policy/PF)*

We require all debate judges to post a paradigm under their Tabroom accounts profile. In any case, judges should be willing to indicate before a round to competitors a general sense of their vision of debate (if any) or a sense of their experience, to aid competitors in choosing how best to make their arguments.

Debate entries will not be allowed to submit preferences and strikes unless all of their judges have paradigms. This is true for Policy, PF, and LD.

### *Decision Disclosure (PF)*

We require judges relay their decision to the debaters verbally after the round has concluded, specifying both the name and side (pro/con) of the team that won. Reasons for decisions are not required to be delivered verbally, though they are expected in the written ballot. We find this measure decreases the number of mistaken ballot entries and improves debaters' tournament experiences.

### *Missing Judge Fees*

Schools whose judges fail to appear for an assigned round will be fined **\$50 for each round**. Judges fined may compensate by judging rounds beyond their assignment. We do not want your money; we want judges to show up. However, schools with unpaid fines will not be given ballots or awards, and they will be prevented from registering at other tournaments we run until those fines are paid. Our tab staff runs many, many tournaments. Don't break the rules, or else you may be prevented from competing at other tournaments.

## **Judge Benefits**

All In-Person Yale Invitational judges will receive lunch and dinner on Saturday. Judges will also have access to a Judge's Lounge stocked with water and snacks, during their event's rounds, throughout the tournament.

## **Hired Judging**

First, please note from the **Obligations By Entry** section above, we will not allow schools to hire out their whole commitments in any event category. This is to say you must bring at least one judge in every event you are competing in.

We are committed to cultivating an excellent judge pool. To aid us in that effort, the registration system will ask you to explicitly request Judge Hires. Please do so early. We will not harm the quality of our tournament by oversubscribing hired judging.

Importantly, though, Judge Hire Requests are Judge Hire *Requests*. Schools should not count on the tournament to accept all their hired judges requests. In any case, the best way to receive additional entry slots is to enter your own judges.

### *Hired Judging Fees*

We charge for hired judges by the student, not by the whole judge. Practically, this means if you have 7 IE students entered, and only 1 judge covering 5 of those students, you owe 2 hired judging fees for a sum of \$100. We find this system fair because it does not require you to hire a whole judge just to cover a fractional obligation.



Activity	Hired Judging Fee
Lincoln Douglas Debate	\$150 per entry (debater)
Public Forum Debate	\$150 per entry (team)
Policy Debate	\$150 per entry (team)
Parliamentary Debate	\$100 per entry (team)
Congressional Debate	\$50 per entry (debater); 5-entry max charge*
Speech Events	\$50 per entry

\*Congress judging carries a maximum charge of five entries. You do NOT need to hire for entries beyond your first 5 (\$250).

## Hire Judge Referrals

If you have experienced and qualified judges available beyond your judging obligation, we would be happy to consider hiring them as a part of our tournament hires. Please reach out to us at [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com) with their contact information, beginning the Subject with “HST Judge Referral: ”.

## Dropping Judges

For LD, dropping judges after registration is frozen on **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** will incur a substantial fee. Similarly, if you add a judge after September 27<sup>th</sup>, you will still have to pay for the hired judges you signed up for.

For all other events, the above rule applies to **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Dropping judges after September 18<sup>th</sup> will incur a substantial fee, and if you add a judge after September 18<sup>th</sup>, you will still have to pay for the hired judges you signed up for.

## LD Mutually Preferred Judging

We will be using Mutually Preferred Judging in LD Debate. Each debater in the Varsity division, provided their judging obligation is covered, will be able to rank all judges from 1-6 (6 being a strike). Conflicts will be handled separately, and instructions will be provided for defining conflicts both for teams and for judges; keep in mind that a conflict is a judge who likes you too much, not another chance for you to get more strikes. Students found to be misusing conflicts will face repercussions up to and including disqualification from the tournament. We wish to emphasize that we expect students participating in non-school sponsored “club programs” are expected to follow the conflict regulations set forth by both their school and their club. Debaters who are discovered to not be following any set of conflict guidelines applicable to them can lose all of their preferences.

MPJ ratings will be available on [yaleinvite.tabroom.com](http://yaleinvite.tabroom.com) on the **Wednesday** before the tournament. They will close **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM ET**. If you are not getting a ranking option when you go into your online registration, your judging obligation was not covered.

## Speech

Schools must indicate whether their judges are for Platform Events (EX, INF, OO) or Interp Events.

## Event Information

### Lincoln Douglas Debate

There will be both Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions of Lincoln Douglas Debate. The resolution will be the September-October National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) topic for 2023. Both VLD and JVLD will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. Debaters will have 5 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 coin flip, 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 4-2's.

### Public Forum Debate

There will be both Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions of Public Forum Debate. We will follow all NSDA rules. The tournament will use the NSDA September/October topic for 2023. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln Douglas Debate. **For the Varsity division**, we expect to host 6 pre-elimination rounds with a break to full or partial triple-octa finals. **For the Junior Varsity division**, we expect to host 6 pre-elimination rounds with a break to partial or full double-octofinals. We may alter these structures in response to Registration interest.

### *International Breakout*

Resources permitting, we intend to host a separate international PF breakout bracket for elimination rounds. This means the Varsity Public Forum division will have two brackets of elimination rounds. The overall top 64 seeds will break into the Varsity PF elimination rounds bracket, and the top 4 seeds out of the international teams will break into the international PF elimination round bracket. Any international teams who are among the overall top 64 seeds will not be allowed to choose to compete in the international PF bracket and must compete in the primary elimination rounds bracket.

### Policy Debate

Policy Debate will be using the NFHS resolution. Teams will give eight-minute constructive speeches, three-minute cross-examinations, and five-minute rebuttals and will have eight minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln Douglas Debate. The break will be to the appropriate elim.

### Parliamentary Debate

There will be a single, open division of Parliamentary Debate. We will follow the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA) format with its 7-8-8-8-4-5 speech times. For a full style guide, please visit the tournament website. We will release the straight-link resolution 15 minutes before the start of each round. There will be five (5) rounds with a break to quarterfinals. We may run partial/full octos depending on the size of the field.

## Student Congress

There will be a single, open division of Congressional Debate. There will be three preliminary sessions. Sessions 1 through 3 will take place on Saturday, and the Semifinal and Final Sessions will take place on Sunday.

Please mark judges available to act as a parliamentarian when entering judge info on Tabroom.

Please note that **registration for Congressional Debate is due before that of other events**, on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, so we can create docket assignments. We will add late entries as we have drops in the released chambers. We will assign dockets (for prelims and outbounds), and we will publish the dockets for pre-elimination rounds on the Yale Invitational website by **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Final chamber assignments will be published at least 1 hour prior to session 1.

This year, we will be accepting legislation for preliminary rounds, and the tournament will provide **legislation for elimination rounds**. The legislation submission process will be announced shortly, and an update will be posted on the Tabroom page. The deadline for submission will be **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM ET**.

## Speech Events

On Saturday, Speech Events will take place across two sites. All Platform Events will be at one site (EX, INF, and OO), and all Interpretation Events will be at a different site. Students may only double-enter across events at a particular site. For example, a student can double-enter across EX and INFO but NOT EX and POI.

*We are planning to host four preliminary rounds.* We may add a fifth preliminary round in response to registration interest.

As specified in the **“Judging”** portion of this Invitation, when people register, they have to select what pool their judges go to in interpretation or platform events.

Students may enter each event only once. Students may use the same source material in only one event. For example, a student may not perform the same piece for OI and DI. Students performing the same source material in more than one event will be disqualified from *both events* at tab’s discretion. Two works from the same collection, volume, or anthology do not qualify as the same material. However, two cuttings from the same work do. Feel free to email us in advance if you have questions about this rule.

Extemp, Informative, Oratory, DI, HI, POI, and Duo will follow *National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA)* rules and guidelines. Oral Interpretation of Literature will follow *National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL)* 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 period may not receive a rank of one in the round. Any further penalty will be at the discretion of the judge. A participant may be penalized for a time violation only if the judge has used a precise timing device and notes the penalty on the ballot.

Speech events will break to either quarterfinals or semifinals based on the size of the events. An event with 60 or more competitors will break to quarterfinals. Speech tabbing will be cumulative throughout the tournament. We will advance as many students tied on ranks as logistics permit to each consecutive elim round. If there are too many tied competitors to advance all competitors with a given cumulative score, ties will next be broken by reciprocal ranks. Students on the edge of breaking who are tied on both ranks

and reciprocals will always be advanced to the next elim round. The Extemp final round will feature cross-examination in accordance with NSDA rules.

## **Source Integrity**

### *Debate*

All students must bring copies of all sources, which must include the full context of the citation, not simply a retyped list of short sentences and quotes. Upon request, competitors must make these sources available to their opponent(s) in the round and/or their judges (after the round). Debate entries failing to do so or debaters who significantly misrepresent sources in the round may be disqualified at tab's discretion.

### *Speech*

Speech contestants should have the full original source and their cutting of all material in interpretive events available at the tournament. 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 unavailable sources may be disqualified at tab's discretion.

## **Equity**

We will be putting together an equity team for our tournament in efforts to provide an improved speech and debate environment. These individuals will put out an equity policy and be on call during the tournament to act as a resource for students and judges pertaining to equity-related issues.

## Schedule

All times and events are subject to change. Any changes will not significantly affect the starting or ending times of the tournament. Please remind your competitors to be on time for their events. The rounds will begin at the scheduled time with or without them present.

**All times are in ET.**

### *Schedule: Varsity LD*

**All rounds single-flighted.** Judges are obligated to judge through **Octofinals** OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.

Date	Round	Start Time
Friday	Round 1	5:30 PM
	Round 2	7:30 PM
Saturday	Round 3	9:30 AM
	Round 4	11:30 AM
	Round 5	1:30 PM
	Round 6	3:30 PM
	Triples	6:00 PM
	Doubles	8:30 PM
Sunday	Octas	9:00 AM
	Quarters	11:00 AM
	Semis	1:00 PM
	Finals	3:00 PM

### *Schedule: JV LD*

**All rounds single-flighted.** Judges are obligated to judge through **Octofinals** OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.

Date	Round	Start Time
Friday	Round 1	5:30 PM
	Round 2	7:30 PM
Saturday	Round 3	9:30 AM
	Round 4	11:30 AM
	Round 5	1:30 PM
	Round 6	3:30 PM
	Partial Dubs	6:00 PM
Sunday	Octas	9:00 AM
	Quarters	11:00 AM
	Semis	1:00 PM
	Finals	3:00 PM

*\*Schedules continue on the next page.*

*Schedule: Varsity PF*

**All rounds single-flighted.** Judges are obligated to judge through **Octofinals** OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.

Date	Round	Start Time
Friday	Round 1	5:00 PM
	Round 2	7:30 PM
Saturday	Round 3	9:30 AM
	Round 4	11:30 AM
	Round 5	1:30 PM
	Round 6	3:30 PM
	Quads	5:30 PM
	Triples	7:30 PM
Sunday	Doubles	9:00 AM
	Octas	11:00 AM
	Quarters	1:00 PM
	Semis	2:45 PM
	Finals	4:30 PM

*Schedule: JV PF*

**All rounds single-flighted.** Judges are obligated to judge through **Octofinals** OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.

Date	Round	Start Time
Friday	Round 1	5:00 PM
	Round 2	7:30 PM
Saturday	Round 3	9:30 AM
	Round 4	11:30 AM
	Round 5	1:30 PM
	Round 6	3:30 PM
	Triples	5:30 PM
	Doubles	7:30 PM
Sunday	Octas	9:00 AM
	Quarters	11:00 AM
	Semis	1:00 PM
	Finals	2:45 PM

*\*Schedules continue on the next page.*

*Schedule: Policy***All rounds single-flighted.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
Friday	Round 1	5:00 PM
	Round 2	7:30 PM
Saturday	Round 3	9:30 AM
	Round 4	12:00 PM
	Round 5	3:00 PM
	Round 6	6:00 PM
Sunday	Quarters	9:00 AM
	Semis	12:00 PM
	Finals	3:00 PM

*Schedule: Parliamentary***All rounds single-flighted.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
Saturday	Round 1	9:30 AM
	Round 2	11:30 AM
	Round 3	2:00 PM
	Round 4	3:45 PM
	Round 5	5:30 PM
Sunday	Doubles	9:30 AM
	Octos	11:30 AM
	Quarters	2:00 PM
	Semis	4:00 PM
	Finals	6:00 PM

*\*Schedules continue on the next page.*

*Schedule: Speech****Schedule forthcoming shortly.***

Round 1 is expected to begin near 8:30 AM  
Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Schedule: Congress*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
Saturday	Round 1	8:00 AM
	Round 2	1:00 PM
	Round 3	6:00 PM
Sunday	Semis	8:30 AM
	Finals	1:00 PM



## **Event Locations (In-Person)**

### **Saturday**

*All Speech Events (DI, HI, OI, DUO, POIm Extemp, Info, OO)*

Yale University, 433 Temple Street New Haven, CT 06511.

*Congressional Debate*

Albertus Magnus, 700 Prospect St, New Haven, CT 06511.

There will be limited parking available on-site with further parking nearby. We suggest that you allot at least 20 minutes to finding parking. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

### **Sunday**

*All Events*

Yale University, 433 Temple Street New Haven, CT 06511.

### **Updates To Come**

We will update this **Event Locations** section with specific building and room information for events at Yale's campus. Please contact us at [yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com](mailto:yaleinvitational2023@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.