

Debate Society — OF — Berkeley

Dear Coaches and Debaters,

The Debate Society of Berkeley invites you to attend the **Eighth Annual Cal Parli Invitational**, which will be held **in-person on UC Berkeley campus** on October 5-6, 2024.

We will be offering **five preliminary rounds in both divisions**. We plan to break into Octofinals in the Open division and Semifinals in Novice, subject to adjustment based on the final field size.

We are excited to welcome competitors from across the United States. If you are an international team interested, please contact **berkeleydebsoc@gmail.com**.

We encourage you to contact us with any other questions regarding the tournament. We anticipate a fun, competitive, and educational tournament and hope to see you there!

The Debate Society of Berkeley is the most successful undergraduate debate team at the world's premier public university. Each year, we host the **Cal Parli Invitational**, one of the largest high school parliamentary tournaments in the United States.

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ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- A team is eligible to compete in the novice division if **neither** partner competed in any form of debate before the 2024-25 season, or if both partners are currently **middle school** debaters.
 - Hybrid teams should be registered under the names of **both schools**. (Please contact us if unusual circumstances make this impossible.) We do not guarantee that they will be protected against hitting a team from a constituent school, although it is very unlikely.
 - Any team, including a club or independent team, that is not registered under the name of the school the students attend must submit **written permission** from a school administrator or coach to attend by **October 1st**. Teams may not avoid per-school entry caps by registering under a different name.
 - You must provide **1 judge per 2 teams** entered, **rounded up**. For example, if a school has 3 teams, then it would need 1.5 judges, which rounds up to 2 judges.
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FINANCES

- Entry fees are **\$120 per open team** and **\$70 per novice team** due by **September 23rd**. Please see the “Payment Information” page for details.
- Entry fees are **\$70 per open team** and **\$50 per novice team** for **teams/schools outside of the Bay Area** (defined as Contra Costa, Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara County)
- The judging fee is **\$150 per uncovered team**. This will be assessed as of **October 1st**. Judges are obligated through **one round after** the last team from their school is eliminated.
- There is a **late fee of \$10** for adding/dropping a team or after the deadline (in addition to the entry fee), or for any changes in the last 24 hours before the tournament.
- The **missed ballot penalty** is **\$20/round**. This includes ballots not picked up, and those with no decision entered within 30 minutes after the end of the round.

The Debate Society of Berkeley is committed to making the tournament accessible to all teams, regardless of means. If the entry fees impose financial hardship, please fill out the [fee waiver request form](#).

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please note your **organization name** when paying. We currently accept:

- Venmo (highly recommended): Search @DebSocBerkeley
- Credit Card: Go to <https://asuc.org/donate/>, click on the “Donate Now!” Button, enter “Debate Society of Berkeley” in the ‘Donation to:’ section, select “Program/Event Registration” under ‘Reason for donation’, and input your organization name under ‘Name’. You MUST input these fields or else there is a high likelihood your payment will not be received by us.
- If you are unable to use Venmo, we can also accept mail-in checks at the following address:

ASUC/Debate Society of Berkeley
ATTN: ASUC Financial Services
2515 1/2 Durant Avenue, Box #4599
Berkeley, CA 94704-9991

If you cannot pay through either of these methods - please email berkeleydebsoc@gmail.com as soon as possible.

LOGISTICS

- The tournament will follow [NPDL in-person round rules](#) (see Article 7) and online best practices. **Internet preparation is permitted.** Rules regarding the citation of evidence will follow the NPDL 2023-24 recommendations.
- The tournament will be held on **UC Berkeley** campus, and pertinent information will be on Tabroom.com. All competitors and judges must have linked [Tabroom accounts](#) before the tournament.

- The topic committee members will be announced at least two weeks before the tournament. Topic area(s) will be released one week before the tournament.
- Teams and their judges are responsible for disclosing conflicts related to club teams and other organizations. A judge who receives a ballot to judge a team affiliated with the same team as the judge must notify tab immediately, or the affected ballot will be given to the other team.
- An **adult chaperone** must be reachable by telephone and/or text message at all times during the tournament.

SCHEDULE – OPEN/NOVICE

Saturday, October 5th

Event	Time (PST)	Location
Mandatory Check-In	8:00 AM Opens 6:00 AM	https://forms.gle/FjBV1pkAnKmsYDcr5
Platform Instructions and Equity Briefing	8:15 AM	https://tinyurl.com/CalParliDebate
Judge Orientation	8:30 AM	https://tinyurl.com/CalParliDebate
Topics 1 and 2	9:00 AM, 11:00 AM	https://tinyurl.com/CalParliDebate
Rounds 1 and 2 Debate	9:20, 11:20 AM	See Tabroom
Lunch	12:30 PM	
Topics 3, 4, 5	1:00, 3:00, 5:00 PM	https://tinyurl.com/CalParliDebate
Rounds 3, 4, 5 Debate	1:20, 3:20, 5:20 PM	See Tabroom
Speaker Awards	7:30 PM	https://tinyurl.com/CalParliDebate

Sunday, October 6th

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Mandatory Check-In	8:00 AM	https://forms.gle/FjBV1pkAnKmsYDcr5
Open Octofinals/Novice Semifinals	8:30 AM	See Tabroom
Open Quarterfinals/Novice Finals	11:00 AM	See Tabroom
Lunch	1:00 PM	
Open Semifinals	1:30 PM	See Tabroom
Open Finals	4:00 PM	See Tabroom