



NYPDL November California In-Person Parliamentary Debate Invitational

Dear Parliamentary Debate Leader,

We are thrilled to announce that the NYPDL will, for the first time in its history, be holding an in person tournament in California. It will be held **November 2nd - 3rd**, at **Menlo-Atherton**. Registration will be done through Tabroom, and the tournament can be found at [this link](#).

Registration

Registration is due Saturday, October 27th, at 11:59pm EST. Judge registration is due Wednesday, October 30th at 11:59pm EST.

Please also note that we will be enforcing a cap of 60 teams total. We will automatically waitlist every team to ensure all schools get a fair number.

In-Person

We're excited to see everyone in-person for this tournament! Below you can find a few pieces of in-person tournament specific information...

- The tournament will be hosted at **Menlo-Atherton**
- If the registration fees (intended to cover solely trophies and lunch) are for any reason financially infeasible for your school or for your team, reach out to us! The NYPDL will waive your fees.

Schedule

All times listed below are (for the first time) in West Coast Time.

Saturday

8:00 - 8:15: Check-in

8:15 - 9:00: Judge Training / Judge Equity / Debater Equity

9:00 - 9:10: General assembly (required)

9:15 - 11:00 Round 1

11:00 - 12:45: Round 2

12:45 - 1:45 Lunch

1:45 - 3:30 Round 3

3:30 - 5:15 Round 4

5:15 - 7:00 Round 5

7:00 - 7:30 Award Ceremony

Sunday

8:00 - 8:30: Check-In and GA

8:30 - 10:15 Varsity Octofinals / Novice Quarterfinals

10:15 - 12:00: Varsity Quarterfinals / Novice Semifinals

12:00 - 12:15: Break

12:15 - 2:00: Varsity Semifinals / Novice Finals

2:00 - 3:45 Varsity Finals

Break and Divisions

This tournament will feature **one open division**. Varsity and Novice teams will debate each other in prelim rounds. Power pairing will start after Round 1. **We will break separately to Varsity Octofinals and Novice Quarterfinals.**

Novice Definition

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

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

3. Not be ranked in the top 40 debaters of the NYDDL
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Team Composition

We encourage teams to consist of two debaters from the same school. However, we allow debaters to compete alone or compete with a debater from another school. If you sign up with a partner, both must be present for at least one preliminary round, and are required to be present for all out-rounds; teams will be dropped if both partners are not present in out-rounds.

Judging Obligations

Each team is required to bring one judge for every two teams, rounded unfavorably — if you are bringing three teams, you must bring two judges. Schools may split up judging requirements between multiple people. **Judges must be present for all preliminary rounds and the round after their last team has been eliminated from the break.** While experienced judges are preferred, judge training is required. **If you are unable to meet the judge requirement, we reserve the right to break up an entry into two judges.**

The NYDDL allows parents (regardless of experience) and varsity debaters to judge at our tournaments.

Fees and Dropped Entries

This tournament will charge \$15 per entry. We reserve the right to cap the entries of schools who drop entries two days before the tournament. Depending on registration we may lower costs, in which case full refunds will be given to any teams that paid the initial price.

NYDDL / TOC Points

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

Rules

This tournament will be held in the format established by the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA). We will release three resolutions 15 minutes prior to the start of each round. The resolution and side will be determined by coin toss. For more information about the NYPDL style, feel free to consult our [rulebook](#) or [coaches briefing](#).

Management

The Executive Board of the NYPDL will all help run this tournament, but your motions committee is as follows: Adrian Turkedjiev (chair), Rodda John, Josh Montvelisky and Eloise Biddle-Gottesman. Our equity officer for the tournament will be Amber Safir, and she will be looking over all the motions that are used. These people will not be debating and motions will be securely amongst them.

You can read more about the league's leadership [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you all there! If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to email us at nyparli@gmail.com.