



NYPDL February In-Person Parliamentary Debate Invitational

Dear Parliamentary Debate Leader,

On behalf of the New York Parliamentary Debate League, we invite you and your debate team to the New York Parliamentary Debate League February In-Person Invitational on 2/22 – 2/23 at **Rye Country Day School**. The tournament will run through Tabroom, so all debaters and judges must first set up a free Tabroom account at [this link](#).

Registration

Registration will be done through [Tabroom](#). Registration is due Monday, February 17th, at 11:59pm ET. Judge registration is due Wednesday, February 19th at 11:59pm ET.

Please also note that we will be enforcing a cap on the number of entries. 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 Rye Country Day School in Rye, New York.
 - Lunch (pizza) will be provided.
 - 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 provide financial support.
 - **Outrounds will be fully online on Sunday.**
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Schedule

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

We have not finalized the schedule for this tournament. There may be minor changes to this schedule

Saturday

7:30 - 8:00 Check-in
8:00 - 8:55 Judge Training/Judge Equity/Debater Equity
8:55 - 9:00: General assembly (required)
9:00 - 10:45: Round 1
10:45 - 12:30: Round 2
12:30 - 1:15: Lunch
1:15 - 3:00: Round 3
3:00 - 4:45: Round 4
4:45 - 6:30: Round 5
6:45 - 7:00: Award Ceremony

Sunday (ONLINE)

10:15 - 10:30: Check-In and GA
10:30 - 12:15: Varsity Octofinals / Novice Quarterfinals
12:30 - 2:15: Varsity Quarterfinals / Novice Semifinals
2:15 - 4:00: Varsity Semifinals / Novice Finals
4:00 - 5:30: 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 Partial Octofinals and Novice Quarterfinals**. Depending on registration size and time, we may adjust breaks.

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 NYPDL

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.**

A judge must be either a) a high school sophomore or older, or b) a high school freshman who has attended at least two high school debate tournaments.

Fees and Dropped Entries

This tournament will charge \$20 per entry. We reserve the right to cap the entries of schools who drop entries two days before the tournament. If this fee is at all a barrier to attendance, please reach out to us at nyparli@gmail.com and we would be happy to grant you a fee waiver.

NYPDL Points

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

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 Parli rules please visit our [Resources page](#), where you can find [informational YouTube videos](#), the [Vassar style guide](#), our [Rules FAQs](#) document, and more. If you would like to have a Zoom meeting with a member of the NYPDL board for more in-depth training or an overview of the league and our debate format, please email us at nyparli@gmail.com.

Management

The Executive Board of the NYPDL will all help run this tournament, but your motions committee is as follows: Adrian Turkedjiev (chair), Josh Montvelisky and Shreya Ranjan. Our equity officer for the tournament will be Maliha Thomas, 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.