



## NYPDL September 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 September In-Person Invitational on 9/27-9/28 at Friends Seminary High School. The tournament will run through Tabroom, so all debaters and judges must first set up a free Tabroom account at [this link](#).

The New York Parliamentary Debate League was founded in 2016 as a student-run organization dedicated to fostering open and respectful discourse concerning modern day issues in the Parliamentary Debate style. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

You can register for this tournament through this [Tabroom link](#).

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### ***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 Parliamentary 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](mailto:nyparli@gmail.com).

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### ***Registration***

Registration will be done through [Tabroom](#). Registration is due Tuesday, September 23rd, at 11:59pm ET. Judge registration is due Wednesday, September 24th at 11:59pm ET.

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.

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### ***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 Friends Seminary in New York City.
    - We recommend taking public transportation (green 4/5/6 or yellow N/Q/R/W lines to Union Square station or gray L line to 14th street station on 3rd ave)
    - If you are driving, expect difficulty finding parking and allocate sufficient time for that.
  - School policy states that every school who attends the tournament **must be accompanied by at least one chaperone.**
  - 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 NYPDJ 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.

#### ***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 (ALL ONLINE)\**

10:15 - 10:30: Check-In and GA

10:30 - 12:15: Varsity Quarterfinals / Novice Semifinals

12:15 - 12:45: Lunch

12:45 - 2:30: Varsity Semifinals / Novice Finals

2:30 - 4:15: Varsity Finals

\*Rounds will be added/removed as needed, based on the number of breaking teams

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### ***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 Quarterfinals and Novice Semi-Finals**. Depending on registration size and time, we may adjust breaks.

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### ***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 NYPD
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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.

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### ***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 \$15 per entry. We reserve the right to cap the entries of schools who drop entries two days before the tournament.

### ***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.

### ***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. 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](mailto:nyparli@gmail.com).