

Yale Invitational

September 19-20, 2015

Parliamentary Division TENTATIVE Instructions

Welcome to all!

We will have five rounds double flight on Saturday and break to octo-finals on Sunday. For the debaters, we hope to provide a great day of competition. For coaches and judges we'd like to finish at a reasonable hour on Saturday. Please make sure your team is familiar with what follows.

We will designate an auditorium or large room for General Assembly (GA) on Saturday. We will email the location as soon as possible, so please check your messages on Friday.

We will gather in General Assembly at 8AM on Saturday. All debaters and judges must be present!

We will provide any last minute instructions and launch Round 1 Flight A as quickly as possible.

Operating procedures for Saturday:

1. Each flight of each round will start from GA.
2. For debaters:
 - a. **ALL** debaters should be in GA at the start of each round, prior to launching flight A.
 - b. All flight B debaters should be in GA at the designated start of flight B.
 - c. Do not assume that because you were flight B one round you will be flight B the next round. The computer assigns debaters to flights at random.
3. For judges:
 - a. **ALL** judges should be in GA at the start of each round, prior to launching flight A.
 - b. Judges will likely be assigned a full round—both flights A and B—in the same room.
 - c. After judging flight A they should stay in the room for flight B.
 - d. After flight B, judges should return their ballots to tab and then go to GA to get their assignment for the next round.
 - e. We will try to avoid assigning judges for more than two rounds in a row, but we cannot guarantee this. If you get stuck judging six rounds in a row, we apologize.
4. We will try to follow the printed schedule, but as you all know debate tournaments tend to run over time. To keep you informed of our progress and when you are expected we will:
 - a. Post a start time for flight B when time we launch flight A.
 - b. Post a start time for flight A of the next round each time we launch flight B.
 - c. We will use the tabroom.com to post these, so please have your judges and debaters registered in the system.
5. If you are late for the start of a round or a flight, WE WILL NOT WAIT FOR YOU. This means that at the least your opponents will learn the motions and can begin prep before you, and at the worst you could forfeit the round.

Some additional suggestions

1. Coaches, judges and debaters should have contact information for their teammates so they can be located efficiently if they wander off.
2. Have a map of the Yale Campus— <http://map.yale.edu/map/> —and familiarize yourself with the locations of the buildings we will be using when they are announced.
3. Don't wander off! YDA will have food concessions at our location. The nearest Starbucks', Willoughby's, Dunkin' Donuts, Subway, Shake Shake, etc., are a 15 minute walk—one way!

4. See (5) above for what happens if you are late for the start of your round.

Judges

Please be aware of the time and move your rounds along promptly! Limit the amount of time for your decision, oral critique and writing the ballot to 15 minutes or less. We appreciate the educational purpose of debate and your desire to provide superior feedback, but most attendees would appreciate ending at a reasonable time on Saturday.

Additional Concerns

1. Motions will be primarily straight link and policy oriented. Examples from past years may be found on the Connecticut Debate Association web site (<http://ctdebate.org>) under “Past Years Results” by selection the “Materials” item for the year you want.
2. Debaters are not permitted to use research materials to prepare their cases. This does not mean debaters cannot use evidence—facts, examples, explanations—but these should either be generally known or the debater should be prepared to provide details if they are not clear to their opponents or the judge. The standard is “what a well-informed person should know.” The APDA website has a more detailed discussion here: <http://www.apdaweb.org/guide/rules>.
3. Debaters may use cellphones or other devices to time their speeches.
4. Laptops, tablets and cell phones may be used for writing case outlines during prep time, as a notepad to speak from, and for taking notes and flowing during the round. However, only material prepared and entered during prep time or during the round may be used. These devices may not be used as repositories for prepared cases, research material or evidence, or to search online sources for information, either during prep time or during the round. Debaters are expected to not use such material during the rounds.
5. Observers—including coaches—are permitted in the preliminary rounds on Saturday so long as neither team nor the judge objects. Some rooms may be small and observers may not be convenient. We expect there will be a small audience for each of the breakout rounds on Sunday and observers are permitted without restriction at these. In all cases observers must respect the proceedings and not interfere. “Scouting”—observing other teams to report back to your own—is frowned upon.
6. Parli has a tradition of ceremony, heckling, remarks, table pounding, etc., and we make no rule either forbidding or requiring it. However, we offer the following comment. Most of these require an audience to work well in the sense of enhancing the debate. We suggest debaters use them cautiously if at all during the preliminary rounds on Saturday, and we encourage greater use as the rooms fill on Sunday. Judges should allow the debaters to find their own way on these matters, in keeping with the spirit of good competition.

Comments or questions: Everett Rutan, ejrutan3@ctdebate.org.

Parliamentary Schedule, Saturday, September 19

8:00AM	General Assembly
8:30 AM	Round 1
10:30 AM	Round 2
12:30 PM	Round 3
3:00 PM	Round 4
5:00 PM	Round 5