



2026 NYPDL September Online 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 Online Invitational on September 26th and 27th **virtually**. 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](#).

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.

Registration

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

Schedule

Please note that tournaments may run slightly over the time given in the schedule and that debaters should plan accordingly. Please also note that this schedule may be subject to slight changes. All times listed below are in Eastern Time.

Saturday

9:00 - 10:00: Debater Check-In
9:30 - 10:00 - Judge Equity Briefing
10:00-10:25: Judge Training
10:00 - 10:25: Debater Equity briefing
10:25 - 10:30: General assembly (required)
10:30 - 12:15: Round 1
12:15 - 2:00 PM: Round 2
2:00 - 2:45: Lunch
2:45 - 4:30: Round 3
4:30 - 6:15: Round 4
6:15 - 8:00: Round 5
8:15 - 8:30: Award Ceremony

*Sunday**

10AM - 10:30: Check-In and GA
10:30 - 12:15: Varsity Octofinals / Novice Quarterfinals
12:15 - 12:45: Lunch
12:45 - 2:30: Varsity Quarterfinals / Novice Semifinals
2:30 - 4:15: Varsity Semifinals / Novice Finals
4:15 - 6:00: Varsity Finals

The times below are listed in PST:

Saturday

6:00 - 7:00: Debater Check-In
6:30 - 7:00 - Judge Equity Briefing
7:00-7:25: Judge Training
7:00 - 7:25: Debater Equity briefing
7:30 - 9:15: Round 1
9:15 - 11:00: Round 2
11:00 - 11:45: Lunch
11:45 - 1:30: Round 3
1:30 - 3:15: Round 4
3:15 - 3:30: Screen Break
3:30 - 5:15: Round 5

5:15 - 5:30: Award Ceremony

*Sunday**

7:00 - 7:30: Check-In and GA

7:30 - 9:15: Varsity Octofinals / Novice Quarterfinals

9:15 - 9:45: Lunch

9:45 - 11:30: Varsity Quarterfinals / Novice Semifinals

11:30 - 1:15: Varsity Semifinals / Novice Finals

1:15 - 3:00: Varsity Finals

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

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.

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.**

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 be free for all entries!

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 National Tournament of Champions.

Management

The Executive Board of the NYPDL will all help run this tournament, but your motions committee is as follows: Ariel Segura (chair), Alexander Georgatos, Noie Lin. Our equity officer for the tournament will be Meital Sherman, and they'll be reviewing all motions that are used. These people will not be debating, and motions will be securely kept 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.