

2026 NYPDL December 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 November In-Person Invitational on December 5th and 6th at the Pathways College Preparatory School: A College Board School in Queens, NY.** 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 Parli rules please visit our rulebook and resources page. If you have any unanswered questions, please contact us at nyparli@gmail.com.

Registration

Registration will be done through Tabroom starting November 1st. **Registration is due Wed, December 2nd, at 11:59pm ET. Judge registration is due Wednesday December, 2nd at 11:59 PM 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.

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 the Pathways College Preparatory School: A College Board School at 109-89 204th St.**
    - If you are arriving via public transportation, you can take the Q2 or Q83 buses or LIRR West Hempstead Line to St. Albans / LIRR Huntington Line to Hollis.
    - School policy states that every school who attends the tournament **must be accompanied by at least one chaperone.**
- Lunch (pizza) will be provided **on Saturday!**
- 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.
- **Outround will be IN-PERSON on Sunday.**

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
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**
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM: Check-in and General Assembly
9:00 - 10:45 AM: Varsity Octofinals / Novice Quarterfinals
10:45 AM - 12:30 PM: Varsity Quarterfinals / Novice Semifinals
12:30 - 1:15 PM: Lunch
1:15 PM - 3:00 PM: Varsity Semifinals / Novice Finals
3:00 PM - 4:45 PM: Varsity Finals
*Rounds will be 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 into Varsity 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 cost $20 per entry. **Fees will freeze on Wednesday, December 2nd.** Any dropped teams past that point will still owe said fees. Information regarding payment is due on December 4th.

Payment can be made with Cash, Venmo, or over Check:

1. If you are paying with Cash, please inform us over email that you will bring payment to the check-in desk on Saturday.
2. If you are paying over Venmo, you can process that payment to @NYParli on the application. *There is no need to email us.*
3. If you are paying with Check, please inform us over email that the check has been cut and mailed to the following name and address:

   Ariel Segura
   1165 Gerard Ave, Apt B34
   The Bronx, NY
   10452

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, Theodore Kowalski. Our Equity Officer for the tournament will be Celine Bach (Sat) and Dhruv Shah (Sun), 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.