

The Metro-Hudson League Workshop is a FREE one-day training program sponsored by the MHL for any and all interested parties. The goal is to provide instruction for new novices (total newbies) and intermediate debaters (second-year or lightly experienced third-year), as well as a chance for new coaches to meet the old-timers and pick up some pointers on running their programs. If there is enough interest, we will also provide instruction to parent judges on PF and/or LD. Administrators of the program are Jim Menick, Jon Cruz, Sheryl Kaczmarek, Chris Palmer and Joe Vaughan, who will also act as instructors. Other instructors, drawn from the experienced coaching and former-debate community, will be announced soon.

The event will take place on September 12th at Bronx High School of Science. We are asking that MHL members, if at all possible, pay their annual dues of \$100 at this event. These dues will cover all future registrations for the 2009-10 season. In other words, pay once and it lasts the whole year. Please note that NEW members of the MHL will participate for FREE for the entire 2009-10 season. (We're not in it for the money; all we need is enough to cover the awards and some supply odds and ends).

A tentative schedule for the event is as follows. Everything is subject to change as we get closer to the date, and finalize numbers and the like.

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| <b>8:30-9:00</b>   | <b>Registration: Distribute final schedules and locations</b> |
| <b>9:00</b>        | <b>Opening assembly</b>                                       |
| <b>9:30 -10:45</b> | <b>Module 1</b>   |
| <b>11:00-12:15</b> | <b>Module 2</b>   |
| <b>12:30-1:15</b>  | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>1:30-2:45</b>   | <b>Module 3</b>   |
| <b>3:00-4:15</b>   | <b>Module 4</b>   |

An EXTREMELY tentative guide to the modules is printed below.

|                 | <b>LD Novice</b>  | <b>LD JV</b>  | <b>PF</b>   | <b>Policy Novices</b>               | <b>Policy JV</b>                    | <b>Coaches/<br/>Parents/<br/>Varsity</b>   |
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| <b>Module 1</b> | Basic LD mechanics: Includes the parts of a round, what happens at tournaments, elementary case writing | Advanced LD Mechanics: Case writing, how to approach a topic, research, drills, Cross-examination, rebuttals, 1AR philosophy, voting issues, judge adaptation | Mechanics: How to approach a topic, research, case writing, working with a partner, cross-ex, rebuttals, what does it take to win, reading the judges | Basic Policy Mechanics              | Advanced Policy Mechanics           | Mechanics of running a team: deadlines, community etiquette, attire, how to recruit, how to give topic analysis, explanation of the different events |
| <b>Module 2</b> | 5 Essential Ideas: Social Contract, Morality, Rights, Justice, Human Worth                              | Advanced LD Mechanics continued / or 5 Essential Ideas (student's choice)   | Mechanics continued   | H.I.T.S.                            | Advanced Policy Mechanics continued | Choice of student module   |
| <b>Module 3</b> | Deep background on ModNov: What is a democracy, what is law, what is change                             | Deep analysis on Sept-Oct   | Deep analysis of Oct  | Deep topic background               | Deep topic background               | Judging (LD / PF / Pol): How to find (and not find) judges, how to train parent judges, how to judge yourself  |
| <b>Module 4</b> | Brainstorming ModNov: What are some actual case positions worth exploring                               | Brainstorming positions on Sept-Oct: What are some actual case positions worth exploring  | Brainstorming positions on Oct: What are some actual case positions worth exploring   | Case positions: Nov and JV combined | Case positions: Nov and JV combined | Choice of student module or Adult Q&A  |
|                 |   |   |   |                                     |                                     | How to train your novices: A guide for varsity debaters on working with the newbies.   |