

Colleagues,

The Arizona State University Forensics Team cordially invites you to join us in Tempe on October 14-16 for debate competition in 3 divisions, if possible. Our campus is beautiful, everything is in walking distance, and the local food options are fantastic. The tournament will be hosted on the Tempe Campus, at the Durham Language & Literature Building (LL). Below you will find all of the pertinent details.

Best,

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The highlights:

1. We're cheap! We charge only \$50 per team.
2. We're easy! The airport is 10 minutes from campus and food is directly across the street from the building you will compete in.
3. We're beautiful! Well... the campus is at least. And with an average temperature of 68 in late October, the weather is gorgeous!
4. We're full service! We're planning on hosting Novice, JV, and Open divisions of policy.

If you are flying in to Phoenix, the Sky Harbor Airport is 10 minutes from our campus. You can easily make this trip without renting a vehicle.

Deadlines:

All entries must be finalized 8pm Pacific time, Tuesday October 11th. Preferences for policy debate will be turned on Tuesday night and will be due at noon on Friday, October 14th.

Policy Debate

Fees:

\$50 per team. \$100 judging fee per uncovered team. One judge covers 6 rounds / 2 teams. We encourage you to cover your judging commitments, as there are not a lot of hired judge options in Phoenix. Hired judges will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

Topic:

Students are required to debate the topic selected for the 2016-17 season by a vote of the Cross Examination Debate Association membership. The precise wording of this year's topic is Resolved: Resolved: The United States should establish a domestic climate policy, including at least substantially increasing restrictions on private sector emissions of greenhouse gases in the United States.

Tournament Procedures:

We'd like to especially encourage folks to bring their Novice and JV debaters to our tournament.

We will not break brackets. Hybrid teams are permitted. Prior to the tournament, maverick entries are NOT accepted. Once the tournament begins, maverick situations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The tournament employs the 9-3-6 format with ten minutes of preparation time allocated to each team. We continue to employ a mutual preference judging (MPJ) placement system. ASU teams may compete in the tournament. If so, they are eligible to receive speaker awards and to compete in elimination rounds. We will enter via the web page and declare our participation publicly. We subscribe to CEDA's policy against Sexual Harassment and Discrimination.

Judging:

Each judge will be required to declare one and only one and one and only one loser in each debate to which they are assigned by the tab room. Judges will also be required to assign speaker points and speaker ranks to each participant in the debate. In each debate, speakers are rated on a scale of 1-30, including tenths of a point, with no ties. Speaker ranks are accepted in whole numbers only from 1 to 4. Judges are also required to render a decision in accordance with the aforementioned criteria no more than 2.5 hours beyond the designated start time of any debate that they are assigned by the tab room to adjudicate. Judges are expected to disqualify themselves from hearing any team or school with which they may have a personal or professional conflict. Conflicts may be entered in the comments section of the judge entry section at www.debateresults.com.

Illness:

Please don't bring sick debaters to the tournament, as we'd like to avoid spreading illness across schools.

Schedule, Fall 2016 Sun Devil Invitational

Friday, October 14 – Durham Language and Literature Building (LL)

2:30pm – Round 1/2 pairings

3:30pm – Round 1

6pm – Round 2

Saturday, October 15 – LL Building

8:00am – Round 3 & 4 Pairings released and continental breakfast on campus

9:00am – Round 3

11:30am – Round 4

1:30-3:00 – Lunch (on your own)

3:00pm – Round 5 pairings

3:30pm – Round 5

6:00pm – Round 6 pairings

6:30pm – Round 6

Sunday, October 16 – LL Building

8:15am – Elim Pairings released and continental breakfast on campus

9am – Elim I

11:45am – Awards

12:30pm Elim II

Elims continue as needed