**Invitation – Cal Swing 1 and Cal Swing 2**

Greetings!

Please join us for two tournaments to be held at the University of California, Berkeley on 1/3 – 1/5, 2018 and 1/7 – 1/9, 2018.

**Registration** - All registration will be handled on the tabroom website. All entries and judging must be finalized by 12/31 for the first tournament and 1/3 for the second tournament.

**Format** - Both tournaments will have six preliminary rounds of two-person, switch-sides, cross-examination debate on the national topic in the standard 9-3-6 format. Both tournaments will start elimination rounds with double octafinals in the open division and entry appropriate elimination rounds in the novice/JV divisions. Brackets will not be broken in elimination rounds. Sides for elimination rounds will be determined by reversing the sides from preliminary rounds or allowing the teams to choose sides based on a coin toss. The tournament is ADA sanctioned and operates in accordance with ADA rules.

**Teams** – Entries are unlimited per division. Each team must consist of two students; individual students are not allowed to enter, qualify for, or compete in elimination rounds. Individual debaters can win preliminary debates, but unless the team is intact for more than half of the preliminary rounds that team cannot quality for the elimination rounds.

**Scouting** - Participating teams and schools are expected to contribute to opencaselist.paperlessdebate.com as a precondition for entry and should provide their most recent affirmative and negative information. This should include an outline of the arguments sufficient for novice comprehension as well as full citations. Expect an email from us requesting that you post additional information if your caselist disclosure is not sufficient.

**Judging** – Schools are required to provide qualified judging. All judges should post their judge philosophy and make sure their conflicts of interest are marked at www.tabroom.com. Each team requires three rounds of judging obligation. We ask that all coaches are expected to be available for at least some judging and will be on the preference sheet. Judges must have either completed their bachelor’s degree or rescinded their eligibility. Schools may arrange their own hired judging and we cannot guarantee the ability to provide extensive hired judging from the tournament. All judges are obligated through the octafinals. Judges are asked to support a healthy educational environment in each debate and to provide a judgment on that debate. All debates must be decided with only one win and only one loss. The tournament will provide a judgment if the assigned judge is unwilling to complete this request. All preliminary decisions must be rendered no later than two hours and thirty minutes after the start time of any round.

**Fees –** $65 per person per tournament. Checks should be made out to Berkeley Debate Inc. Tax ID # is 46-3763339. Fees are for each individual tournament, there is no combined rate.

**Location** – The first two days of competition for both tournaments will be held on the UC, Berkeley Campus in the Dwinelle and Wheeler buildings (http://www.berkeley.edu/map). The third day of competition for each tournament will be at the tournament hotel.

**Internet** – The Cal Visitor network is an open guest wireless network for public use available on campus.

**Food** – The tournament will provide breakfast and lunch on all prelim days. You are on your own for dinner but there are many quality options within walking distance of campus. Continental breakfast will be provided at the hotel on elim days.

**Parking** – On Sunday street parking is free and will be your best option. For the other days, there are a number of parking lots you can pay to park in very near to campus:

Lower Sproul Garage, Bancroft just below Telegraph on the campus side, $30 maximum, 5am - Midnight

EPIC parking garage, On Bancroft past Bowditch but before Telegraph – entrance across the street from campus next to Cal Student Store, $15 maximum, 7:30am – 11pm

Telegraph/Channing Garage, 2450 Durant, $15 Maximum, 7am – 1am

**Hotel** - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Berkeley Marina, 200 Marina Blvd, Berkeley, CA, 94710. The hotel is located on the Berkeley marina, with a straight shot to campus down University Avenue. Rooms are available for $135 per night until December 12th.

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/J/JBKCADT-DEB-20180101/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG>

**Awards** – The top open speaker at each tournament will receive a traveling trophy Katana. The sword at the first tournament is “The Luskey” and the sword at the second tournament is “The Shalmon.”

**Airports** – Oakland is the closest airport (25 minutes, traffic depending), but SFO isn’t that much farther (45 minutes, traffic depending). I wouldn’t recommend San Jose, but if for some reason it’s more convenient or much cheaper than it’s not impossible (90 minutes, traffic depending)

**Pro debate round robin** – We will be holding an open eligibility round robin on 1/6 in between the two tournaments with all proceeds benefitting students from the Bay Area Urban Debate League. More information and registration instructions will be made available on ceda forums and facebook.

**Schedule: Cal Swing 1** –

January 3rd – All rounds at UC, Berkeley Campus: Dwinelle/Wheeler Buildings

8:00 AM Pairings released

Breakfast available in Dwinelle courtyard

9:00 AM Round 1

Lunch available in Dwinelle courtyard

12:00 PM Round 2

3:15 PM Round 3

Dinner on your own

7:00 PM Round 4

January 4th – All rounds at UC, Berkeley Campus: Dwinelle/Wheeler Buildings

8:00 AM Pairings released

Breakfast available in Dwinelle courtyard

9:00 AM Round 5

Lunch available in Dwinelle courtyard

12:30 PM Round 6

3:30 PM Awards Ceremony

4:30 PM Open Double-Octafinals and first Novice/JV elim

 The full bracket will be released along with these elim pairings

We will release the full octos pairings (with judges) online after the doubles concludes

January 5th – All Rounds at the Tournament Hotel

9:00 AM Open Octafinals start time

1:00 PM Open Quarterfinals & Novice/JV Finals

4:30 PM Open Seminfinals start time

8:00 PM Finals start time

**Schedule: Cal Swing 2** –

January 7th – All rounds at UC, Berkeley Campus: Dwinelle/Wheeler Buildings

8:00 AM Pairings released

Breakfast available in Dwinelle courtyard

9:00 AM Round 1

Lunch available in Dwinelle courtyard

12:00 PM Round 2

3:15 PM Round 3

Dinner on your own

7:00 PM Round 4

January 8th – All rounds at UC, Berkeley Campus: Dwinelle/Wheeler Buildings

8:00 AM Pairings released

Breakfast available in Dwinelle courtyard

9:00 AM Round 5

Lunch available in Dwinelle courtyard

12:30 PM Round 6

3:30 PM Awards Ceremony

4:30 PM Open Double-Octafinals and first Novice/JV elim

 The full bracket will be released along with these elim pairings

We will release the full octos pairings (with judges) online after the doubles concludes

January 9th – All Rounds at the Tournament Hotel

9:00 AM Open Octafinals start time

1:00 PM Open Quarterfinals & Novice/JV Finals

4:30 PM Open Seminfinals start time

8:00 PM Finals start time