

# Tartan Invitational

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Dear Speech and Debate Coach,

On behalf of the Carnegie Mellon Debate Team, it is an honor to invite you and your team to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tartan Invitational. This tournament will be held from Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. We will be offering competition in Public Forum Debate, with both Junior Varsity and Varsity divisions.

The topic for this tournament will be the National Speech and Debate Association's April resolution:

**Resolved: The United States federal government should increase its quota of H-1B visas.**

Due to limited spacing, schools placed on the waitlist will come off in the order they came in. We will be operating on a first come, first served basis, so we urge you to register as soon as possible.

For any further questions, you can reach us at:  
[evansc@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:evansc@andrew.cmu.edu)

Best regards and we look forward to seeing you at CMU,

Evans Chen and Hannah Sun  
*Tournament Directors*

**Carnegie Mellon University**

## **Schedule**

### **Friday, April 13th**

Registration: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Welcome Ceremony: 6:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Round 1: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Dinner: 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Round 2: 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

### **Saturday, April 14th**

Breakfast: 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

General Announcements: 8:00 AM

Round 3: 8:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Round 4: 10:30 AM - 12:30 AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Round 5: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Quarterfinals: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Semifinals: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Finals: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Awards: 8:00 PM

\*All preliminary rounds will be flighted

\*All rounds past round 2 will be power paired

\*All rounds will be flip for sides

## **Tournament Rules and Guidelines**

### **General Guidelines:**

Every debater, judge, coach, and participant of any sort is expected to be respectful to their fellow peers. Debate can be extremely competitive. However, it is still expected of everyone attending to respect their peers regardless of results or outcomes. Any team found to be disrespectful will not be invited to join us for future tournaments.

### **Public Forum Rules:**

We will be following all NSDA rules, which can be found here:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/High-School-Unified-Manual-2017-2018.pdf>

### **Source Integrity:**

Every debater must bring copies of all sources, either stored electronically or by paper. They must have the entire source in full context, not just a few pages or a cut card. As required by The National Speech and Debate Association, all debaters must make the original source available for review to their opponents and/or their judges.

Any source that cannot be reviewed in full context when requested will be **invalid** and should be disregarded in round.

Any debaters found to be misrepresenting or fabricating evidence will be **completely disqualified** from the tournament.

### **Judging Policies:**

Teams are required to bring one judge for every 3 teams or fraction thereof. For example, even if a school brings one or two teams, the school is still obligated to bring one judge.

**All judges are obligated to stay and judge one round past the last round in which their students compete in.** This means every judge is obligated for the first full elimination round after preliminaries regardless of results.

If a team cannot bring enough judges, they will incur a hired judge fee. We will be calculating the hired judge fee by the student, not the whole judge. For instance, if a school were to bring five teams and only one judge, they would owe two hired judge fees instead of three.

**Registration:**

All registration will be done online at <http://tartans.tabroom.com>. We will not accept email or phone registrations.

Each school will only be able to register a maximum of eight teams per division.

**Food:**

This tournament will be offering dinner on Friday as well as breakfast & lunch on Saturday. As shown in the schedule, food is available for two hours. To accommodate the flighted rounds, we will not have a designated time for debaters to eat. Everyone should get and eat food whenever they can.

**Ballots and Awards:**

Awards will be given to all competitors reaching elimination rounds. Please pick them up during the awards ceremony or arrange to have someone else do so on your behalf.

**We do not mail trophies.**

Schools that do not have teams advancing to elimination rounds may pick up ballots early. However, ballots may not be ready until after the first elimination round. For schools with teams advancing to elimination rounds, ballots will not be released early. If you anticipate leaving early, bring an envelope of sufficient size and postage, label it with your school name, and deliver it to tab so we can send it after the tournament.

**Fees and Fines:***Registration Fee*

\$50 per school

*Entry Fee*

Public Forum: \$70 per team (both JV and Varsity)

*Hired Judge Fee*

Public Forum: \$60 per uncovered entry (both JV and Varsity)

*Fines*

Adds after Sat. 4/7 at 6:00 PM: \$30 per add

Drops after Sat. 4/7 at 6:00 PM: \$50 per drop

No-show judges in prelim rounds: \$25 per round

No-show judges in elim rounds: \$50 per round

Dropped judge: \$200 per judge

*All payment is due at registration on Friday, 4/13.*

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