



# Yale Debate Association

## Eighteenth Annual Invitational Tournament

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May 1, 2010

Dear Speech and Debate Coach:

On behalf of the Yale Debate Association, I invite you and your team to the Eighteenth annual Yale University Invitational Tournament from Friday, September 24, 2010 to Sunday, September 26, 2010. The tournament will consist of competition in Varsity and JV Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Policy Debate, Congressional Debate, Parliamentary Debate, and six Speech events.

Year after year, our tournament grows and gains national recognition for its high level of competition. Last year, 121 schools from 19 states helped to make the seventeenth edition a huge success. Like last year, we expect quarter-finalists in Varsity Lincoln-Douglas, octa-finalists in Public Forum debate, and Congressional Debate Super Session participants to earn a bid to the Tournament of Champions.

I am particularly excited about several things this year. This year, the Tournament will again include, and build on, Parliamentary Debate. Additionally, Varsity Lincoln Douglas will feature a seventh preliminary round this year. Further, hotel contracts have been renegotiated to provide schools with much cheaper rates than in previous years.

Finally, tab will be directed again by Chris Palmer of Newton South in Massachusetts. Currently slated to join us are Jim Menick of Hendrick Hudson (NY), Joe Vaughan of Scarsdale (NY) and Lynne Coyne of Ridge HS (NJ) in LD tab, Jenny Cook of the University School (FL) in Public Forum, and Sheryl Kaczmarek of Newburgh Free Academy (NY) in Policy. Speech tab staff includes Jonathan Chavez and Lisa Honeyman of Newton South (MA), Dave Yastremski of Ridge (NJ), Barb Giuliano of St Joseph's Prep (PA). Mike Vigers of Trinity Prep (FL) will again direct Congressional Debate. All are nationally recognized and successful tab coordinators. For the past decade, they have been essential to our ability to run a smooth tournament, and one that ran ahead of schedule last year.

The information provided with this invitation and on our tournament website, <http://yale.tabroom.com>, should answer any questions that you may have about our tournament. If you need additional assistance, please email us at [yale@tabroom.com](mailto:yale@tabroom.com). Please don't hesitate to contact us if your team is experiencing difficulties.

Best wishes for a restful and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing both old and new friends in New Haven in September.

Sincerely,  
Marc Wallach

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The Yale Debate Association (YDA) is an undergraduate organization of Yale University in New Haven, CT. Every year, the YDA travels throughout the United States and the world to compete in Parliamentary Debate.

To encourage speech and debate activities among high school and college students, the YDA hosts several tournaments each year. Our four annual tournaments are the Yale Invitational Tournament, the Adam's Cup Tournament, the Osterweis Tournament, and the Yale College Intersarsity Tournament.

## The 2010 Yale Invitational Tournament Information

**Please note:** One of the most irritating things in the world for a tournament director is when we get dozens of questions whose answers are spelled out in this invitation. Even if you've been coming to the tournament for years and think you know everything there is to know about the Yale Invitational, you don't. We've changed a few things. Please read the entire invite, and avoid last minute surprises.

### Varsity and Junior-Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate

The resolution will be the September-October National Forensic League topic. Both LD divisions will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. Debaters will have 5 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, high/low adjusted points, double-adjusted points, opponent's record, total points, judge variance, and flip of a coin, in that order. There will be seven rounds in Varsity and six rounds in JV; the break will be to double-octafinals in both LD divisions.

Students in 9th or 10th grade, and those in 11th grade with less than two years debating experience, may enter JVLD, but should also feel free to enter VLD. Students with more than two year's experience and those in 12th grade should enter VLD. Any student who broke at a national tournament in JVLD last year should enter VLD. We strongly encourage coaches to choose divisions with the educational purpose of debate in mind. That purpose is hurt if overqualified debaters compete in JV. Students shouldn't enter JVLD to "win trophies"; JVLD is a learning division.

### Policy Debate

There will be a single, open division of policy debate using the 2010-2011 NFL resolution. Teams will give 8-minute constructive speeches, 3-minute cross-examinations, and 5-minute rebuttals, and will have ten minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln-Douglas Debate. The break will be to quarterfinals. We will host an open room with wifi available for collaborative tournament prep throughout the tournament. This room will stay open during Saturday rounds.

### Public Forum Debate

There will be a single, open division of public forum debate. Public Forum will follow all NFL rules, except that **each team will be given FOUR (4) minutes of prep time** during the round, not two. The tournament will be using the NFL topic for September of 2010. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln-Douglas Debate. The event will break to double octafinals.

### Parliamentary Debate

There will be a single, open division of parliamentary debate. We will follow Osterweis style with the 4-5-5-5-2-3 format. For a full style guide, please visit <http://www.yaledebate.org/osterweis/parli.html>. We will release the straight-link resolution fifteen minutes before the start of each round. There will be five rounds with a likely break to quarterfinals; the break will be determined based on size of the field.

### Congressional Debate

There will be a single, open division of Congressional Debate. Chambers will be comprised of no more than 20 members. Sunday's competition will again feature a semifinal round in the morning and a final round in the afternoon. Legislation must be emailed to [yalebills@tabroom.com](mailto:yalebills@tabroom.com) by 7 PM on Friday, September 10th, 2010. Legislation must include the name of the school and the author, and comply with the guidelines for legislation provided at <http://yale.tabroom.com> (follow the Congressional Debate Info link); failure to do so will result in the rejection of the legislation. Only one item may be submitted by each registrant to a maximum of four items of legislation per school. Legislation from authors not registered for the tournament, or legislation that has not been received by the date listed above, will not be included.

Please note that Congressional Debate registration is due earlier than other divisions, as we will assign chambers and dockets and publish both on the Yale Invitational website on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> before 12pm.

### **Speech Events:**

Speech event entry this year will change. Students will be limited to entering a maximum of three events. Students are strongly encouraged to limit themselves to two events, as we will not be following the “pattern” system as in years past. Instead, the tournament will schedule **five preliminary rounds** this year, instead of four.

Students may enter each event only once. Students may use the same source material in only one event; you cannot perform the same piece as a Prose and a DI, for example. Students performing the same source material in more than one event by tab’s judgment will be disqualified from **both events**. Two works from the same collection/volume/anthology won’t count as “the same material” – but two cuttings from the same work would. Feel free to email us in advance if you have questions about this rule.

*Extemp, Oratory, DI, HI and Duo* will follow **National Forensic League** rules and guidelines. *Oral Interpretation of Literature* will follow **National Catholic Forensic League** rules and guidelines. We will use the NCFL’s guidelines for published material in interp events. The grace period will be 30 seconds for all speech events. Any IE participant who exceeds the grace may not receive a rank of 1 in the round; any further penalty will be at the discretion of the judge. A participant may only be penalized for a time violation if the judge has used a precise timing device and notes the penalty on the ballot.

Speech events will break to either quarterfinals or semifinals based on the size of the events; an event with 60 or more competitors will break to quarters. Speech tabbing will be cumulative throughout the tournament, with the worst prelim score dropped. As logistics permit, we will advance as many students tied on ranks to each consecutive elim round as we can; if there are too many tied competitors to advance all competitors with a given cumulative score, reciprocal ranks will be our next tiebreak. Students on the edge of breaking who are tied on both ranks and reciprocals will always be advanced into the next elim round.

The Extemp final round will feature cross-examination in accordance with NFL rules.

### **Source Integrity**

All students must bring copies of all sources, which must include the full context of the citation, not simply a retyped list of short sentences and quotes.

Debaters must make said sources available to either their opponent(s) in the round, and/or their judges after the round upon request. Debate entries failing to do so, or debaters who significantly misrepresent sources in the round may be disqualified at the discretion of Tab.

Speech contestants should have the full original source of all material in interpretive events available at the tournament, in addition to their cutting. Oratory and Extemp students should have the text of any material they cite in their speeches available at the tournament. Students misrepresenting sources or using sources not available may be disqualified at the discretion of Tab.

***All rules are subject to change. The tournament will make you aware of any changes at registration.***

## Judging Requirements

Teams should bring one qualified judge for every 3 LDers, PF or Parliamentary teams, every 2 Policy teams, and every 5 Speech entries, rounded up in the case of fractional obligations. Teams with Congress entries must bring 1 Congress judge. You may not cover VLD entries with JV-only judges. Congress judges may be swapped into another judging pool; please indicate which other pool a Congress judge would like to judge if we cannot use him/her in Congress when registering. Likewise, qualified Speech judges may also be asked to judge Congress. Judges in all divisions are obligated to stay and judge one round past any round in which their students are actively competing. We will assume judges are staying past their obligation unless we hear otherwise: let us know if you are leaving.

Keep in mind that a “qualified judge” understands the activity, speaks English, and is either experienced sitting in the back of the room with a ballot or flow pad as the case may be, or else has been carefully trained by the team he or she is accompanying. A qualified judge knows how to assign ranks or wins/losses, speaker points, and knows how to fill out a ballot. Please do not try to sneak in an untrained ringer. When you provide an incompetent judge, we usually find out about it only after a number of competitors have been, in a word, shafted, while you have been basking in the glow of judging by trained or experienced judges. This does not respect us, or the community, very much at all. We’ll likely respond in kind.

We're also committed to hiring a quality pool of judging in all divisions. However, given the relatively small number of judges in the immediate New Haven area, bringing this pool to Yale is both complex and expensive. To aid us in that effort, the registration system will ask you to explicitly request judge hires. Please request early; we will not harm the quality of our tournament by oversubscribing hired judging as certain other tournaments do. **Judges dropped after registration is frozen on September 19<sup>th</sup>, even if you drop students to compensate, will incur a fee you will not want to pay.** Similarly, if you add a judge after September 19<sup>th</sup>, you still have to pay for the hires you signed up for, unless someone else should need a last-minute hire, since we’ll be paying that judge either way.

**We charge for hired judges by the student, not by the whole judge.** So if you have 7 IE students entered, and only 1 judge covering 5 of those students, you owe two hired judging fees. This system is more fair because it does not require you to hire a whole judge just to cover a fractional obligation. Speech or Congress hired judges cost \$50 per entry they cover (If you have 12 entries and 2 judges, your hired judge costs \$100. Congress judging carries a maximum charge of 5 entries; you do not need to hire for entries beyond your first 5). LD and PF hires cost \$90.00 per covered entry. (We pay these judges more for judging Friday night too). Policy debate hires cost \$125.00 per covered entry. Parliamentary debate judges cost \$90.

Partial fees will also apply for your judges who are only available for part of the tournament, since we cover these slots with judging. If you can bring extra judges, we’ll credit your registration fees. Please email us first: don’t assume you can do this without contacting us.

We’ll also be asking for judge cell numbers on registration, if you have them. Please collect as many as you can from your judges. Keep in mind that the more judge cell numbers you register, the fewer times we’ll be calling you to find your judges. Schools whose judges fail to appear for an assigned round will be fined \$25 for a prelim or \$50 for an elim round. Judges fined may work it off by judging rounds beyond their assignment. We don't want your money, we want judges to show up. However, schools with unpaid fines will not be given ballots or awards, and will be prevented from registering at other tournaments we run (and that’s a lot of them) until those fines are paid.

## **LD Mutually-Preferred Judging**

Last year several tournaments in the region experimented with Mutually-Preferred Judging systems in LD debate. The conclusion was it really works best at larger tournaments with more diverse judging pools, and not so much at smaller, more regional, more focused tournaments. As Yale fits the description of the former more than the latter, Yale will be using Mutually-Preferred Judging in LD Debate. Each debater in the Varsity division, provided their judging obligation is covered, will be able to rank all judges from 1-6 (6 being a strike), with limited numbers of judges being rated a 2-6. You can rank as many judges as you like as 1. As we tab, we will attempt to give debaters judges they both rated 1, or debaters they both rated 2, and so on; at the very least, we will minimize the “distance” between the two preferences. However, debaters with more than 2 losses will not clear; therefore, mutually preferred judging will give way somewhat in those brackets to allow the best and fairest use of our judging pool.

Because of numerous past shenanigans, and tab staff running itself ragged trying to deal with them, **WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT MPJ RATINGS ONLINE. There will be NO strike sheets or rating sheets handed in at the registration table.** If you hand in a paper ratings sheet, we will smile and thank you, and promptly throw it into the recycle bin.

MJP ratings will be available on tabroom.com on Tuesday before the tournament; they will close Friday morning at 10 AM. If you’re not getting a strike option when you go into your online registration, it means your judging obligation was not covered.

Judges and debaters are asked to provide us *in advance* with notice of any conflicts (special relationships, former affiliation with the team/school, etc.). We will handle conflicts separately from strikes.

Furthermore, the judging you bring needs to be the judging you registered online by the deadline. Substituting another judge in a rated pool isn’t good enough; people have rated your old judge, not your new judge. Schools that change their judges after online MPJ ratings have begun will **LOSE ALL THEIR MPJ RATINGS**. Do not bother to bring judges unregistered by the deadline; they are useless to the tournament. If you have a judge who’s stricken terribly ill and cannot come, you will have to pay the dropped judge fee to keep your ratings, because we will not be changing around the judge pool at the last minute. Again. Palmer, Menick & Vaughan have heard too many sob stories than is plausible on this front; get your registration right and you won’t have any problems.

## **Paradigms:**

LD judges should post paradigms at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/> to enable best use of MJP. Other judges may or may not publish paradigms as they see fit, although we urge them to do so, but in either case, they should be willing to indicate to competitors before a round a general sense of their vision of debate (if any) or a sense of their experience, to aid competitors in choosing how best to make their arguments. Judges publishing paradigms will likely be rated higher, and see better rounds, than those who do not. Be warned. If you have a published paradigm, please send us the text or a link in your registration or by email to [yale@tabroom.com](mailto:yale@tabroom.com) so we can collate them for the competitors.

**Twitter:**

LD tab will post updates on **@DebateTab** on Twitter. Speech Tab will post updates on **@SpeechTab**.

Please make sure that you have your notifications sent to your cell phones, and that all of your team, including students and judges, are plugged in. To help you test, we'll start posting a few days before the tournament so you'll know if you're set up correctly.

Note that there is no wireless access at the LD high school on Saturday, so phone access in the LD divisions is a must (although we'll mostly just post paper schematics round after round without interruption; there's no where to go nearby, and no reason to venture far off).

**Registration**

All registration will be conducted online at <http://yale.tabroom.com>. We cannot accept email or phone registrations, but are happy to help you navigate the registration website. If there are any questions concerning registration, please contact [yale@tabroom.com](mailto:yale@tabroom.com). The IE event speaker codes given to you on the online registration system will be those used in competition unless you are notified otherwise. Field reports in the debate events will also be posted there in advance of the tournament.

Some schools in the past have not reported all their drops to the tournament; this harms our ability to panel rounds for good competition. Schools with *unreported* drops will be assessed a fee of \$50 per drop. Please notify Tab immediately if a student falls ill or withdraws from competition during the tournament. We'll panic otherwise, and probably be very angry at you if we find out you knew about it. The safety of the students demands nothing less.

**Results**

We will publicly post the results of each round in PF, LD and Policy after each round is tabbed, to serve as a double-check. Judges in debate events are encouraged, but not required, to give feedback and critiques to the debaters and disclose their decisions. However, please be sure the tab room knows the results of the round before you give extended critiques. We will use an optional text-messaging system to allow you to quickly send results into the tab room.

**Ballots and Awards:**

Awards will be given to all competitors reaching eliminations. Please pick them up during the awards ceremony, or arrange to have someone else do so on your behalf. **We do not mail trophies.** If we had a nickel for every time we had to repeat this, we'd all be retired right now, enjoying our very own Caribbean island.

We also do not release ballots early to teams who cleared entries into elim rounds. Non-clearing teams can pick up ballots, but they won't be ready & sorted until Sunday morning after the first elim round. If you anticipate leaving early, bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope of sufficient size and postage to mail your ballots, label it with your school name, and deliver it to tab. We will put your ballots into the envelope and send it after the tournament. Please don't just staple enough money to the envelope; bring actual postage; our asking for stamps is a time/hassle thing, not a money thing.

## Transportation and Housing

We have arranged for group rates with a number of nearby hotels, and have roughly 300 rooms reserved for the tournament. Unfortunately, many area hotels have increased their rates, but we were still able to negotiate substantial discounts for the tournament. These hotels range from a 2-minute walk to a 20-minute drive from Yale's campus.

### *Tournament Hotels:*

- ♣ The New Haven Hotel 203 (498-3100) **\$149/night**  
**Rooms must be reserved by 8/25/10 to reserve rooms at the tournament rate**
- ♣ Hotel Duncan (203) 787-1273 in New Haven, CT **\$60-75/night**
- ♣ Clarion Hotel and Suites (203) 288-3831 (doubles and large suites available) **\$129-\$179/night**  
**Rooms must be reserved by 8/25/09 to receive group rate.**
- ♣ Marriot Courtyard at Yale (formerly the Holiday Inn) (203) 777-6221 in New Haven, CT **\$159/night**  
**Rooms must be reserved by 9/8/10 to receive group rate.**

*The New Haven Hotel, Duncan and the Marriot are within walking distance of the Yale campus. We will provide free shuttles from the Clarion; but you must sign up in online registration to get shuttle tickets for your team. Shuttles begin Friday night after rounds, and will run Friday after rounds, Saturday morning before and after rounds, and Sunday morning before rounds.*

*This hotel is within a very short driving distance. Call by August 24<sup>th</sup> to reserve at the tournament rate:*

- ♣ Days Inn - New Haven 203/469-0343 in New Haven, CT **\$80/night**

*The following are within a 20 minute drive of Yale, and now offer extremely good block rates:*

- ♣ Fairfield Inn 203/877-8588 in Milford, CT **\$69/night**
- ♣ Fairfield Inn 203/284-0001 in Wallingford, CT **\$65/night**
- ♣ Hampton Inn 203/874-4400 in Milford, CT (ask for Yale University rate) **\$65/night**

Unless otherwise noted, to take advantage of these rates reservations must be made by **August 24th, 2010**, one month before the tournament. Our hotels fill quickly. When you call, mention the Yale Debate Tournament (unless otherwise noted). If you have any difficulties finding housing, please contact us by email. For driving instructions and information about transportation and airports, please see our website.

## Caps and Limits

Yale has limited space. In order to keep the tournament manageable, we have limits in many events. Each school will be able to register five debaters in each LD division, until and unless the divisions hit their entry limits. LD will be capped at 160 debaters; JV LD will be capped at 120 initially.

If a school registers more than five LDers in either division, debaters beyond the first five will be placed on the waitlist. No schools will be given a 6<sup>th</sup> LD entry (or more) until 7 PM September 2<sup>nd</sup>, to allow other schools a chance to register. Sixth slots will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis, except that if you pester us, individually or collectively, for additional slots ahead of when we can give them, Chris Palmer will knock your entries further down the waitlist by an arbitrary number. Yes, including you, Cruz. We will hand out waitlist spots promptly as they are available, and until they do become available, haven't a clue if and when they will be — as that's a function of whether other schools drop entries, and not anything we can control. Speech events are currently limited to 100 per category, though typically we are able to accommodate more entries in some events. Public Forum is initially limited to 120 entries.

## Fees :

♣ Lincoln-Douglas debate: \$75 per entry	♣ Duo Interpretation: \$55 per team
♣ Student Congress: \$55 per entry	♣ All other speech events: \$50 per entry
♣ Public Forum debate: \$80 per team	♣ Policy & Parliamentary Debate: \$75 per team

Fees are due at registration on the Friday of the tournament. Checks should be made payable to the Yale Debate Association. We cannot accept credit cards; we can accept cash, but don't expect us to be able to break large bills or give a lot of change. You must pay your registration fees before rounds begin; if your school's check is late, that's between you and your school, not the tournament and your school; we cannot run a post-facto collection agency, and so require payment up front.

## Adult Supervision & Independent Entries

All students must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian, or a school-approved adult guardian, teacher or coach who is empowered to deal with emergencies, medical or otherwise. The adult guardian in question must be a high school graduate; high school students who have passed their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday do not count. All registrants must provide a name and phone number for an adult contact who will be present at the tournament and is responsible for the students in case of an emergency.

## Safety

The tab room phone number is (617) 981-2754. Please make all your students and judges aware of this number, so they can contact Tab if necessary. This number is for on-site issues only, and will not be answered except during the tournament.

The policy of the Yale Tournament concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, illegal use of controlled substances, vandalism, and destructive, and other illegal or disorderly behavior shall be: (1) to disqualify involved contestants from further competition, (2) to communicate the offending incident to the contestants' on-site guardians and/or parents, (3) to require financial reimbursement for all damages or liabilities caused directly or indirectly by the incident, (4) to notify the local legal authorities. The precise remedy or remedies selected will remain at the discretion of the tournament staff. Every student must be accompanied to the tournament by an adult empowered by the student's school and/or parent to care for that student in the event of a medical or other emergency. The contact information for this adult must be given to the Tab Room on registration. The Yale Tournament can take no responsibility for the health and safety of students beyond notifying this accompanying adult of concerns or problems as we become aware of them.

## Questions

We can be reached by e-mail at [yale@tabroom.com](mailto:yale@tabroom.com). If you need an immediate response, you may call Marc at 917-370-1820. Our tournament website, <http://yale.tabroom.com/> also contains all of the latest information.

## Registration procedures and deadlines

Some schools in the past have not reported all their drops to the tournament; this harms our ability to panel rounds for good competition. Schools with *unreported* drops will be assessed a fee of \$50 per drop. Please notify Tab immediately if a student falls ill or withdraws from competition during the tournament. We'll panic otherwise, and probably be very angry at you if we find out you knew about it. The safety of the students demands nothing less.

<b>Sun, Aug 1st, 2010</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Online registration begins</b> at <a href="http://yale.tabroom.com">http://yale.tabroom.com</a></li> </ul>
<b>Tue, Sep 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Congress legislation due.</b> Bills without authors &amp; schools will be returned for revision.</li> </ul>
<b>Thu, Sep 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Congress registrations due.</b> Chamber assignments and dockets will be released on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM. We will accept late additions in Congress by email until the 23<sup>rd</sup>, but they will be added into existing chambers. No legislation from late additions will be accepted.</li> </ul>
<b>Fri, Sep 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Congress chambers and dockets released</b> on <a href="http://yale.tabroom.com">http://yale.tabroom.com</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Sun, Sep 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New entries due in all events</b> (or as events hit their caps). We fill fast so register early.</li> <li>• <b>Registration fees and judge burdens are frozen.</b> At this point, rooms are paid for, trophies bought, food ordered, and judges hired. That means you owe us the money and the judges, <b>whether or not you even come</b>. If you do not meet your judge obligation or drop a judge after this deadline, you will be charged for a hired judge <b>and</b> a \$100 fine.</li> <li>• <b>LD judge registration &amp; names due.</b> We will likely run out of hires long before this; be sure to request hired judges early.</li> </ul>
<b>Tue, Sep 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LD MPJ ratings can be entered online.</b> WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT MPJ RATINGS ONLINE. There will be NO strike sheets or rating sheets handed in at the registration table. Your judging needs to be the judging you registered online by the judging deadline. Substitutes will not be accepted.</li> </ul>
<b>Thu, Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LD judge ratings/strikes due.</b></li> <li>• <b>All other division's judge names &amp; information due.</b> We will likely run out of hired judges long before this; be sure to request hired judges early.</li> <li>• <b>Drops can no longer be made online</b>, but must be emailed to <a href="mailto:yale@tabroom.com">yale@tabroom.com</a>. <b>\$10 nuisance fines</b> in addition to registration fees for each drop made after this time.</li> </ul>
<b>Fri, Sep 24<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:00 PM</b>	<p><b>Debate Registration.</b> Debate drops will be fined \$15 after 2:30. Schools with debaters must register at Dwight Chapel by 4:00 PM, whether or not they have changes. <b>Please do not come to registration early</b>; schools that come early hamper our setup.</p>
<b>Fri, Sep 24<sup>th</sup> 7-8 PM</b>	<p><b>Speech, Parli &amp; Congress Only Registration.</b> You can register in person at Dwight Chapel, or call in to the tournament number that will be posted on our website. You must register to check in whether or not you have any changes. Schools that call in should pay their registration fees on Saturday morning at tab between 8:00-10:00 AM. <b>Please do not come to registration early</b>; that hampers our setup and our debate tabbing.</p>

*All times and events are subject to change. In particular we will try again to accelerate LD on Sunday to have finals before awards. Any changes will not significantly affect the starting or ending times of the tournament. Coaches will be given a final schedule at registration. Please remind your competitors to be on time for their events. The rounds will begin at the scheduled time with or without them present. A 15 minute forfeit rule applies in debate.*

**Tournament Schedule: Congress**

**Friday**

7:00-8:00 PM: Optional Registration if you have no LD/PF debaters Or call in to (617) 981-2754)

**Saturday**

8:00 AM Congress Opening Meeting  
 8:45-11:45 Session I  
 1:00-3:45 Session II  
 4:15-7:00 Session III  
 8:30 Breaks Posted in LC & Online

**Sunday**

8:00 AM Judge Call  
 8:30 – 11:15 Semifinal Session  
 12:00 – 2:45 Super Session  
 3:30 Awards & Ballot Distribution

**Tournament Schedule: Speech**

**Friday**

7:00-8:00 PM: Registration if you have no LD/PF debaters, or call in to (617) 981-2754)  
 10:00 Preliminary Rounds Posted Online

**Saturday**

The Saturday schedule will depend on how we flight events in order to accommodate adding a fifth prelim; we'll announce it the week of the tournament. Rounds will begin at 8:00 AM and run most of the day. Each event will have timeslots off during the day.

10:00 Elims Posted (Online & at LC Hall)

**Sunday**

8:30	Extemp	Draw
9:00	Speech	Quarterfinals
11:00	Extemp	Draw
11:30	Speech	Semifinals
1:00	Extemp	Draw
1:30	Speech	Finals
3:30	Awards and Ballot Distribution	

<b>Contact numbers during the tournament</b>	
<i>General/Tab:</i>	617-981-2754
<i>Rooms:</i>	405-415-5688
<i>Judge Issues:</i>	407-456-1263
<i>Yale Security:</i>	203-785-5555

### Tournament Schedule: LD

#### **Friday- Yale Campus**

2:30-4:00PM: Registration  
4:45 Opening Assembly  
5:00 Varsity and JV LD Round 1  
7:00 Varsity and JV LD Round 2

#### **Saturday- Hillhouse HS**

8:00 Varsity LD Round 3  
8:30 JV LD Round 3  
10:30 Varsity LD Round 4  
11:00 JV LD Round 4  
1:00 Varsity LD Round 5  
1:30 JV LD Round 5  
3:30 Varsity LD Round 6  
4:00 JV LD Round 6  
6:00 Varsity LD Round 7  
6:30 JV LD Double Octos

~10:30 VLD Advancing Debaters & Judge Pool  
Posted (Online & at LC Hall)

#### **Sunday- Yale Campus**

8:00 Varsity LD Double Octos  
10:30 LD Octofinals  
12:30 LD Quarterfinals  
2:00 LD Semifinals  
3:30 Awards and Ballot Distribution  
4:30 LD Finals

### Tournament Schedule: PFD

#### **Friday- Cooperative Arts HS**

2:30-4:00PM: Registration at Yale Campus  
4:45 Opening Assembly  
5:00 Public Forum Round 1  
7:00 Public Forum Round 2

#### **Saturday- Cooperative Arts HS**

9:00 Public Forum Round 3  
11:30 Public Forum Round 4  
2:00 Public Forum Round 5  
4:30 Public Forum Round 6  
7:00 Public Forum Double Octos

#### **Sunday- Yale Campus**

9:00 Public Forum Octos  
10:30 Public Forum Quarters  
12:00 Public Forum Semifinals  
1:30 Public Forum Final  
3:30 Awards and Ballot Distribution

### Tournament Schedule: POLICY

#### **Friday- Yale Campus**

2:30-4:00PM: Registration  
4:00-8:00PM: Open Prep Room w/ Wifi

#### **Saturday- Yale Campus**

9:00 Policy Round 1  
11:30 Policy Round 2  
2:00 Policy Round 3  
4:30 Policy Round 4

#### **Sunday- Yale Campus**

8:30 Policy Round 5  
10:30 Policy Awards  
11:00 Policy Quarterfinals  
1:30 Policy Semifinals  
3:00 Policy Finals

### Tournament Schedule: Parliamentary

#### **Friday**

7:00-8:00 PM: Registration if you have no LD/PF debaters, or call in to (617) 981-2754.

#### **Saturday - Hill Regional Career High School**

9:00 Parliamentary Round 1  
11:00 Parliamentary Round 2  
1:00 Parliamentary Round 3  
3:00 Parliamentary Round 4  
5:00 Parliamentary Round 5

#### **Sunday- Yale Campus**

9:00 Parliamentary Quarterfinals  
11:00 Parliamentary Semis  
1:00 Parliamentary Final  
3:30 Awards and Ballot Distribution

## General/Transportation Schedule

### **Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

2:30-4:30 PM: Debate Registration  
4:45 PM: Opening Assembly  
7:30-9:00 PM: Speech/Congress Registration  
8:00-10:00 PM: Shuttles from Yale to  
Clarion Hotel

### **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:30-8:30 AM Shuttles from Clarion Hotel to Yale  
8:15AM Parliamentary & Public Forum  
Walk-over from Woolsey Statue  
(Old Campus)  
7:00-9:30 AM Shuttles from Yale campus to  
Hillhouse High School (LD)  
8:00-11:00 PM Shuttles from Yale campus to  
Clarion Hotel  
9:00 PM onwards Shuttles from Hillhouse High  
School (LD) to Yale campus

### **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

6:30-9:00 AM Shuttles from Clarion Hotel to Yale  
campus  
3:45 PM Awards and Ballot Distribution,  
Battell Chapel

*Shuttles arrive and depart from Yale at Phelps Gate on  
Old Campus (across from LC).*

### **Partner High Schools**

Cooperative Arts and Humanities Magnet H.S.  
444 Orange Ave  
New Haven, CT 06516

Hill Regional Career High  
140 Legion Avenue  
New Haven, CT 06519

James Hillhouse High School  
480 Sherman Pkwy  
New Haven, CT 06511

**Key:**

- (1) **LC**- Lindsey Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street
- (2) **DT**- Dwight Hall
- (3) **PH**- Phelps Hall, 344 College Street
- (4) **HGS**- Hall of Graduate Studies, 320 York Street
- (5) **WLH**- William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street
- (6) **CO493**- 493 College Street
- (7) **BCT**- Becton Center, 15 Prospect St
- (8) **DAVIES**- Davies Aud, Becton Ctr, 15 Prospect Street
- (9) **ML**- Mason Laboratory, 9 Hillhouse Avenue
- (10) **DL**- Dunham Laboratory, 10 Hillhouse Avenue
- (11) **SLIFKA**- Slifka Center, 80 Wall Street
- (12) **SSS**- Sheffield Sterling Strathcona, 1 Prospect Street
- (13) **PHELPS GATE**- 344 College St

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 BK Seminar Room, Trumbull, Pierson,

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