



Yale Debate Association

Twenty-Fifth Annual Invitational Tournament

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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 Intervarsity Tournament.

On behalf of the Yale Debate Association, we invite you and your team to the twenty-fifth annual Yale University Invitational Tournament from Friday, September 15, to Sunday, September 17. The tournament will consist of competition in Varsity and JV Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Policy Debate, Student Congress, Parliamentary Debate, and six Speech events.

Year after year, our tournament grows and gains more national recognition for its high level of competition. Like last year, quarterfinalists in Varsity Lincoln Douglas debate, octofinalists in Public Forum debate, and semifinalists in Student Congress this year to earn a bid to the Tournament of Champions. In addition, we are pleased to announce that all finalists in DI, HI, Duo, EX, OI and OO will earn a bid to the University of Kentucky TOC.

This year, tab will be directed by Mike Vigers. Student Congress tab will be led by Alexandra Sencer. In addition, we have Crawford Leavoy and George Clemens in Lincoln Douglas tab and Sheryl Kaczmarek in Policy tab. Speech tab staff will be led by Joe Vaughan. Extemp prep will be led by Nathan Leys. Public Forum tab will be led by Martin Page. Parliamentary Debate will be led by Everett Rutan. All are nationally recognized and successful tab coordinators. We know that we can trust in the ability of our tab staff, as well as an excellent pool of judges, to help run a smooth tournament.

The information provided within 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 yaleinvitational@gmail.com. Please do not hesitate to contact us if your team is experiencing financial difficulties by August 20.

Best wishes for a restful and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing many of our old friends in New Haven in September.

Sincerely,
Abhi Sharma and Xavier Sottile

The 2017 Yale Invitational Tournament

Note: Please read the entire invitation. Even if you've been at the tournament year to year, please take the time because some things have changed. All rules are also subject to change. The tournament will make you aware of any changes at registration.

Student Advocate/Ombudsman

The Yale Debate Association will appoint a student advocate for the Yale Tournament. The advocate is to be a resource for the forensics community, to answer questions about the rules and procedures of the tournament, and to deal with the community's feedback and concerns at the tournament. The advocate will also serve to promote a safe and tolerant learning environment for all attendees.

Varsity and Junior Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate

The resolution will be the September-October National Speech and Debate Association 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 coin flip, in that order. There will be six rounds in both Varsity and JV; the break will be to double-octofinals in both LD divisions. If necessary, there will be a run-off in VLD of 4-2s.

Students in 9th or 10th grade, and those in 11th grade with less than two years' debating experience, may enter JV LD but should also feel free to enter VLD. Students with more than two years' experience and those in 12th grade should enter VLD. Any student who broke at a national tournament in JV LD 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 should not enter JV LD to win trophies; JV LD is a learning division.

Policy Debate

There will be a single, open division of policy debate using the 2017-2018 NSDA resolution. Teams will give eight-minute constructive speeches, three-minute cross-examinations, and five-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.

Please note, in the event that we have a large number of teams, we reserve the right to move the first round on Sunday to Saturday evening to allow for full/partial octofinal rounds on Sunday morning.

Public Forum Debate

There will be a single, open division of Public Forum Debate. We will follow all NSDA 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 NSDA topic for September/October of 2017. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln Douglas Debate. The event will break to double octofinals.

Speech Events

Students will be limited to entering a maximum of two events. We will again be scheduling **five preliminary rounds** instead of four.

Student Congress

There will be a single, open division of Student Congress. Sunday's competition will again feature a semifinal round in the morning and a final round in the afternoon. Legislation must be emailed to yalesclegislation@gmail.com by **Friday, September 1st by 5:00 PM EST**. 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 Student Congress Info link); failure to do so will result in the rejection of the legislation. Only one item may be submitted by each registrant. Legislation from authors not registered for the tournament or legislation that has not been received by that date will not be included. Please note that Student Congress registration is due earlier than other divisions. We will assign chambers and dockets and publish both on the Yale Invitational website on **Monday, September 4th at 12:00 PM EST**. We will add late entries as we have drops in released chambers. Out round legislation will be released on **Sat, September 9th at 12:00PM EST**.

Parliamentary Debate

There will be a single, open division of Debate. We will follow APDA style with the 7-8-8-8-4-5 format. For a full style guide, please visit the tournament website. We will release the straight-link resolution 15 minutes before the start of each round or flight. There will be **five** rounds on Saturday, double-flight, with a break to quarterfinals; we may run partial/full octos depending on the size of the field.

Students may enter each event only once. Students may use the same source material in only one event. For example, a student may not perform the same piece for OI and DI. Students performing the same source material in more than one event will be disqualified from **both events** by tab's judgment. Two works from the same collection, volume, or anthology does not qualify as the same material, but two cuttings from the same work does. Feel free to email us in advance if you have questions about this rule.

Extemp, Oratory, DI, HI, POI, and Duo will follow **National Speech and Debate Association** 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 one in the round; any further penalty will be at the discretion of the judge. A participant may be penalized for a time violation only 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 quarterfinals. 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 tiebreaker. Students on the edge of breaking who are tied on both ranks and reciprocals will always be advanced to the next elim round. The Extemp final round will feature cross-examination in accordance with NSDA rules.

Speech Events

Students will be limited to entering a maximum of two events. We will again be scheduling five preliminary rounds instead of four.

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 these 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 tab's discretion.

Speech contestants should have the full original source and their cutting of all material in interpretive events available at the tournament. 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 unavailable sources may be disqualified at tab's discretion.

Judging Requirements

Teams should bring one qualified judge for every three LDers, PF or Parliamentary teams, every two Policy teams, and every five Speech entries, rounded up in the case of fractional obligations. Teams with Congress entries must bring one Congress judge. The VLD and JVLD pools are separate; you may not cover VLD entries with JV-only judges.

Judges in LD, PF, Parli, and CX are obligated to stay and judge one round past any round in which their students are actively competing, excluding any runoffs. That is, these judges are obligated for the first full break round following a runoff, and then one round past their students' participation after that. We assume these judges will stay past their obligation unless we hear otherwise. **Contact us if you're leaving.**

ALL speech judges and ALL congress judges are obligated for ALL rounds of the tournament. Congress judges may be swapped into another judging pool. Please indicate when registering which other pool a Congress judge would like to judge if we cannot use him/her in Congress. Likewise, qualified Speech judges may also be asked to judge Congress.

Please 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 or 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 unfairly adjudicated.

We are also committed to hiring a quality pool of judging. Given the relatively small number of judges in the New Haven area, however, 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. **Judges dropped after registration is frozen on September 10th, even if students are dropped to compensate, will incur a substantial fee.** Similarly, if you add a judge after September 10th, you still have to pay for the hired judges you signed up for, unless someone else should need a last-minute hire, since we will be paying that judge either way.

We charge for hired judges by the student, not by the whole judge. For example, if you have seven IE students entered, and only one judge covering five of those students, you owe two hired judging fees. This system is fairer 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 two judges, your hired judge costs \$100. Congress judging carries a maximum charge of five entries. You do not need to hire for entries beyond your first 5. LD and PF hires cost \$90 per covered entry. We also pay these judges more for judging Friday night. Policy debate hires cost \$125 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.

We will also be asking for judge cell phone numbers at registration on the tournament website. Keep in mind that the more judge cell numbers you register, the fewer times we'll be calling you. 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 compensate by judging rounds beyond their assignment. We do not 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 until those fines are paid. **Our tab staff runs many, many tournaments. Don't break the rules, or else you will be prevented from competing at any of those.**

LD Mutually Preferred Judging

Yale will again 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). Conflicts will be handled separately, and instructions will be provided for defining conflicts both for teams and for judges; keep in mind that a conflict is a judge who likes you too much, not another chance for you to get more strikes. Students found to be misusing conflicts face repercussions up to and including disqualification from the tournament. Tab will post its process (1-1s top priority, then 2-2s, etc.) in August.

ADDRESSING JUDGE DIVERSITY: Judges who have opted in as diversity-enhancing will be marked on the preference sheet. After a round is paired, and judges assigned according to the procedure above, we will also look at judges who were not assigned to a debate. If an unassigned judge opted in as diversity enhancing, we will look for a debate in which that judge would be a 3-3 or better. That means that we will replace a previously assigned 1-1 or 2-2 with a diversity-enhancing 3-3. The only exception is for debaters on the bubble (exactly 2 losses). Those debaters who were given a computer assigned 1-1 will keep their 1-1. We will never publicize or disclose if such a substitution was made in other instances. When pairings are released, and a debater is assigned a 3-3 who opted in, the debater will not know if that 3-3 was originally assigned or a replacement for a 1-1 or a 2-2.

MPJ ratings will be available on www.tabroom.com on Tuesday before the tournament. They will close Friday morning at 10 AM. If you are not getting a ranking option when you go into your online registration, your judging obligation was not covered.

Please note that the judges you bring need to be the judges you registered online by the deadline. **You may not substitute another judge in a rated pool.** 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 has some kind of emergency and cannot come to the tournament, 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.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT REGARDING RANKING: There is a tendency among traditional programs to think that MJP somehow favors circuit styles, and therefore they disparage and ignore it. As a result, tournaments that would otherwise have judging amenable to all end up having judging more amenable to circuit types precisely because the traditional folk abjure it. **The more people who rank, the fairer the tournament will be to all styles of LD debate.**

Paradigms

If they so choose, LD judges can post paradigms at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/> in addition to their designation as Circuit, Traditional, or Trained Newcomer. In any case, judges 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.

LD Decision Times & Forfeit Times

Any team arriving later than 15 minutes after the posted start time will be at the risk of forfeit by the tab

room. Any team experiencing what they believe to be a legitimate delay should make every attempt to communicate with the tabroom if they are going to be late. If a debater becomes unable to debate due to illness during the course of the tournament, they may miss no more than 2 debates to be able to return and continue debating. Speaker points will be averaged in that situation.

Flight A debaters are eligible to forfeit a debate if they are not present in the room they are debating in 1 minute after the posted start time. Flight B debaters need to be present in the room they are debating in 61 minutes after the posted start of the debate. This is true regardless of whether the Flight A debate decision is in. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit. The decision time deadline is 1 hour and 15 minutes after a debate begins in its respective flight.

Flipping in LD Outrounds

Participants in LD outrounds during Flight A should flip 15 minutes before the announced start of the round in the assigned room (or outside the room, if a round is still going on). Participants in outrounds in Flight B should report to the tab room 15 minutes before the announced start of the flight for the flip. If you are not present for the coin flip, the other debater will pick her/his side, and you will be assigned the opposite side.

Tabroom.com

LD, PF, Policy, Parliamentary, and Speech tab will post updates on **tabroom.com**. 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. Students and/or judges who miss rounds will not be forgiven because of “technical problems.” We have discovered over the years that the inevitable technical problem is that the person suffering from the malady has turned off tabroom.com notifications. Attendance at tournaments in 2017 presupposes that registrants have access to the tools of 2017, and know how to use them.

Note that there is no wireless access at the LD high school on Saturday, so smartphone access in the LD divisions is a must.

Food

None of the events schedule time for any meals. Food will be available at all locations throughout the day for purchase so that attendees may eat between rounds. Some locations will be within walking distance of coffee shops, restaurants and other vendors, but these should not be relied upon. Wandering off to eat is not an excuse for being late to a round.

Registration

All registration will be conducted online at <http://www.tabroom.com>. We cannot accept email or phone registrations, but we are happy to help you navigate the registration website. If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact yaleinvitational@gmail.com. IE Speaker Codes will be reset on the Wednesday before the competition; therefore, **do not print codes** until you receive an email saying it is time to print codes. Field reports in the debate events will also be posted in advance of the tournament.

Some schools in the past have not reported all their drops to the tournament. An unreported drop is defined as a drop that occurs after the first round of that event. 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. This is for reasons of safety.

Participant Supervision Agreement Form

We have worked with Yale's Committee on Youth Programs to draft a new participation supervision agreement form that should better accommodate the concerns of school boards regarding liability. Additionally, for students under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign a waiver release form. The deadline for submission is Sunday, September 10th at 11:59PM EDT. **Both of these forms are required for students to compete at the tournament. Only one authorized individual per school needs to fill out the form entitled "2017 Yale Invitational School Participation Agreement Form." For students under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the student waiver release entitled "2017 Yale Invitational Student Release Form."** The forms can be downloaded on the Yale tabroom website at <http://yale.tabroom.com/waivers-and-consent-forms/>.

Please fill out and attach the forms to an email to yaleforms2017@gmail.com. Please make "[Name of your school] student participation forms" the subject of your email and list the names of the individuals for whom the participation agreement form applies in the body of the email. Additionally, please attach the waiver release forms for all students under the age of 18.

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 and to disclose their decisions to the debaters. However, please be sure the tab room knows the results of the round before you give extended critiques.

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.** Please do not ask.

We also do not release ballots early to teams who cleared entries into elim rounds. Non-clearing teams can pick up ballots, but they will not be ready and 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 do not just staple enough money to the envelope; bring actual postage. It's a time and hassle thing, not a money thing.

Transportation and Housing

We have arranged for group rates with a number of nearby hotels and have roughly 400 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. Our Hospitality director for this year is Dalton Boyt. Any questions on this housing can be directed to him at dalton.boyt@yale.edu.

Tournament Hotels:

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| ♣ The New Haven Hotel (203) 498-3100 | \$169.00 USD |
| Rooms must be reserved by 08/16/16 to reserve rooms at the tournament rate | |
| ♣ Clarion Hotel and Suites (203) 288-3831 (doubles and large suites available) | \$144.00 USD |
| Rooms must be reserved by 08/18/16 to receive group rate. | |
| ♣ The Hampton Inn in Milford, CT (203) 874-4400 in New Haven, CT | \$99.00 USD |

Rooms must be reserved by 08/17/16 to receive group rate.

♣ The Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale, CT (203) 772-6664 in New Haven, CT **\$193.00 USD**

Rooms must be reserved by 08/01/16 to receive group rate.

The New Haven Hotel, and the Omni are within walking distance of the Yale campus. We will provide free shuttles from the Clarion and the Hampton; 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 before and after rounds, and Sunday morning before rounds.

The following are within a 30-minute drive from Yale, and now offer extremely good block rates:

♣ Marriott Courtyard in Orange, CT (203) 799- 2200 **\$122 USD**

Rooms must be reserved by 08/16/16 to receive group rate.

Use the link: [Book Your Group Rate for Yale Debate](#)

♣ Marriott Courtyard in Shelton, CT (203) 929-1500 **\$94.00 USD**

Rooms must be reserved by 08/26/16 to receive group rate.

♣ Springhill Suites in Milford, CT (203) 282-2100 **\$115.00 USD**

Rooms must be reserved by 08/26/16 to receive group rate.

♣ Best Western Plus (formerly Springhill Suites) in North Haven, CT (203) 239-6700 **\$109.00 USD**

Rooms must be reserved by 09/01/16 to receive group rate.

♣ Premier Hotel & Village Suites in New Haven, CT (203) 777-5337 **\$125.00 USD/**

Rooms must be reserved by 08/16/16 to receive group rate. \$175.00 USD

Our hotels fill quickly. When you call, mention the Yale Debate Tournament to access the best rates. If you have any difficulties finding lodging, please email us. For driving directions and other information about transportation and airports, please see our website.

Caps and Limits

We have limited space. In order to keep the tournament manageable, we will impose limits in a few events. Initially, Varsity LD will be capped at 150 debaters and JV LD will be capped at 100. Speech events will be limited to roughly 120 per category, though typically we are able to accommodate more entries in some events. Initially, Public Forum will be limited to 120 entries. Congress will be tentatively capped at 400, but we expect to be flexible there. Parliamentary debate will likely be capped at 60 teams.

NOTE: This year for tournament registration, we will again begin with universal waitlist status. All entries will automatically be placed on a waitlist. Two weeks after registrations open, we will fairly and evenly take students off the waitlist. **DO NOT MAKE PLANE RESERVATIONS UNTIL YOUR ENTRIES ARE VERIFIED.** No schools will be given an additional entry beyond the initial limit until 7 PM on September 2, to allow other schools a chance to register and get approval. Additional entry slots will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. The chart below shows the initial school limit in each capped event. This is NOT a guarantee that you will get this many slots, only a limit on how many slots might be granted before 9/2.

Activity	Initial School Limit
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Lincoln Douglas Debate	5 in each division
Student Congress	18 total
Public Forum Debate	5 teams
Speech Events	5 in each event
Parliamentary Debate	3 teams

We will hand out waitlist spots as they are available, but we cannot predict when that will be. That is a function of whether other schools drop entries and whether or not the administrations are able to open up rooms, both of which are beyond our control. When you send us an email asking what the likelihood of your getting off the waitlist is, we will simply refer you to this paragraph in the invitation. In previous years, though we have had a wait list through August, we have been able to accommodate almost every student that wanted to compete in the tournament. As in years past, we plan to open registration on **August 1**. In the rare event that date changes, we will post a notification on our website. **Just as last year, students from schools owing outstanding fines to our tournament will be permanently wait listed until those fines are paid.** Those schools will be registered after other schools based on space availability.

This tournament is open only to institutions that award high school diplomas. Students must be officially representing the school they attend, and their entries sanctioned by that school. All students must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian, or by a school-approved adult guardian, teacher, or coach who is empowered to deal with emergencies, medical or otherwise. The adult guardian must be a high school graduate; high school students who have passed their 18th 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.

Fees

♣ Lincoln Douglas Debate:	\$85 per entry	♣ Duo Interpretation:	\$60 per team
♣ Student Congress:	\$65 per entry	♣ All Other Speech Events:	\$60 per entry
♣ Public Forum Debate:	\$90 per team	♣ Policy Debate:	\$80 per team
		♣ Parliamentary Debate:	\$80 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 we will probably be unable to break large bills or give much change. You must pay your registration fees before rounds begin. If your school's check is late, that will be between you and your school, not the tournament and your school; **pay-**

ment is required up front.

Adult Supervision and Independent Entries

This tournament is open only to institutions that award high school diplomas. Students must be representing the school they attend, and their entries sanctioned by that school. All students must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian, or by a school-approved adult guardian, teacher, or coach who is empowered to deal with emergencies, medical or otherwise. The adult guardian must be a high school graduate; high school students who have passed their 18th 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 will be announced on Tabroom in August. Please make all your students and judges aware of this number so they can contact tab. This number is for on-site issues only and will be answered only during the tournament.

The policy of the Yale Invitational concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, illegal use of controlled substances, vandalism, and destructive, and other illegal or disorderly behavior is: (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, and (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 authorized 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 tab at registration. The Yale Invitational takes no responsibility for the health and safety of students beyond notifying this accompanying adult of concerns or problems as we become aware of them. The Yale Invitational staff reserve the right to refuse entry to the tournament to anyone—be they a competitor, judge or observer—at its sole discretion.

Questions: Inquiries about registration should be sent to yaleinvitational@gmail.com, inquiries about hotels should be sent to dalton.boyd@yale.edu, and any other inquiries about hospitality (food, etc) should be sent to yaleinvitational@gmail.com. Our tournament website, <http://yale.tabroom.com/> also contains information about our tournament.

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. **All times are in EST.**

<p>Tuesday, August 1 1:00 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online registration begins at http://www.tabroom.com
<p>Tuesday, August 29th at 5:00 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress bills due. Bills without authors or schools will be returned for revision.
<p>Thursday, August 31st at 5:00 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress registrations due. Chamber assignments and dockets will be released no later than Monday, September 5th at 5:00 PM. We will accept requests for late additions in Congress by email until the 15th. Acceptance will be based on availability in chambers. No legislation from late additions will be accepted.
<p>Monday, September 4th at 5:00 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress chambers and dockets released on http://yale.tabroom.com.
<p>Sunday, September 10th at 7:00 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New entries due in all events (or as events hit their caps). We fill fast so register early. • Registration fees and judge burdens are frozen. At this point, rooms are paid for, trophies bought, food ordered, and judges hired. That means you owe us the money and the judges, whether or not you even come. If you do not meet your judge obligation or drop a judge after this deadline, you will be charged for a hired judge and a \$100 fine. • LD judge registration & names due. We will likely run out of hires long before this; be sure to request hired judges early.
<p>Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LD MPJ ratings can be entered online. Your judging must be the judging you registered online by the judging deadline. Substitutes will not be accepted.
<p>Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All non-LD judge names & information due. We will likely run out of hired judges long before this; be sure to request hired judges early. • Drops will no longer be made online and must be emailed to yaleinvitation-al@gmail.com. \$10 nuisance fines in addition to registration fees for each drop made after this time.

<p>Friday, September 15th at 10:00 AM</p>	<p>• LD MPJ ratings are due. MPJ is closed at this time.</p>
<p>Friday, September 15th from 2:30-4:00 PM</p>	<p>Debate Registration. Debate drops will be fined \$15 after 2:30. Schools with debaters must register at LC 102 by 4:00 PM, whether or not they have changes. Please do not come to registration early; schools that come early hamper our setup.</p>
<p>Friday, September 15th **Must call in by 5:00-6:00 PM**</p> <p>All Speech Schools to confirm registration</p>	<p>Speech, Parli & Congress Only Registration. All speech schools must call between 5 PM - 6PM to confirm registration if they are not coming to debate registration. 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 and 10:00 AM. Please do not come to registration early; schools that come early hamper our setup.</p>

Contact Numbers During The Tournament

<i>General/Tab:</i>	TBA
<i>Rooms:</i>	(716) 771-9409
<i>Judge Issues:</i>	(919) 636-0021
<i>Yale Security:</i>	(203) 785-5555

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE PAGE

All times and events are subject to change. In Particular, we will try again to accelerate LD on Sunday in order 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

5:00-6:00 PM: All schools must call between 5PM - 6PM to confirm registration if they are not coming to debate registration. All numbers TBA

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

5:00-6:00 PM: Registration if you have no LD/PF debaters, or call us, number TBA
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 will 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

Tournament Schedule: LD

Friday – Yale Campus

2:30-4:00PM	Registration
5:00 VLD and JV LD	Round 1
7:30 VLD and JV LD	Round 2

Saturday – Hillhouse HS

8:00 VLD	Round 3
8:30 JV LD	Round 3
10:45 VLD	Round 4
11:15 JV LD	Round 4
1:30 VLD	Round 5
2:00 JV LD	Round 5
4:15 VLD	Round 6
4:45 JV LD	Round 6
7:00 VLD (Double-Flighted)	Triple Octos
7:30 JV LD	Double Octos

Sunday – Yale Campus

All VLD judges are obligated for Double Octos

8:00 VLD (Double-Flighted)	Double Octos
8:30 JV LD	Octofinals
10:00 JV LD	Quarterfinals
11:00 VLD (Double-Flighted)	Octofinals
11:30 JV LD	Semifinals
1:00 JV LD	Finals
1:45 VLD (Single-Flighted)	Quarterfinals
3:15 VLD (Single-Flighted)	Semifinals
3:30 All Events	Awards
4:45 VLD	Finals

Tournament Schedule: PFD

Friday

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

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

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

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

Saturday

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

Please note: should the number of teams warrant it, we will move round 5 to Saturday evening in order to have full/partial octofinals on Sunday morning.

Sunday

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

5:00-6:00 PM: Registration if you have no LD/PF debaters, or call in to the tab phone number.

Saturday

8:00 General Assembly
8:30 Parliamentary Round 1
10:30 Parliamentary Round 2
12:30 Parliamentary Round 3
3:00 Parliamentary Round 4
5:30 Parliamentary Round 5

Sunday

9:00 Parliamentary Partial Octos
11:00 Parliamentary Quarterfinals
12:30 Parliamentary Semifinals
2:00 Parliamentary Final
3:30 Awards and Ballot Distribution

General/Transportation Schedule

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

Friday, September 15

2:30-4:30 PM: Debate Registration
4:45 PM: Opening Assembly
5:00-6:00 PM: Speech/Congress Registration
8:00-10:00 PM: Shuttles from Yale to
Clarion Hotel and Hampton Inn

Saturday, September 16

6:30-8:30
AM Shuttles from
Clarion Hotel and

Yale Invitational 2017: Campus Map

Hampton Inn 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 and Hampton Inn
9:00 PM onwards Shuttles from Hillhouse High
School (LD) to Yale campus

Sunday, September 17

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

Partner High Schools

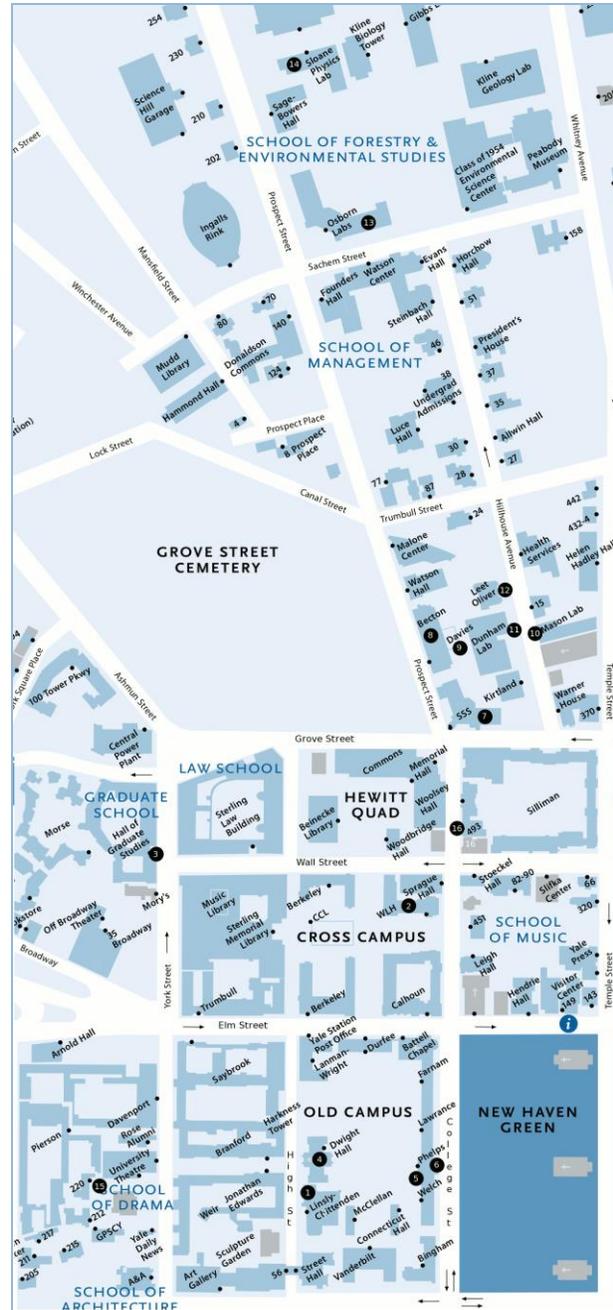
Wilbur Cross High School
181 Mitchell Drive
New Haven, CT 06511

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

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

Buildings

- (1) Linsly-Chittenden Hall (LC)
63 High Street
 - (2) Harkness Hall (WLH)
100 Wall Street
 - (3) Hall of Graduate Studies (HGS)
320 York Street
 - (4) Dwight Hall
67 High Street
 - (5) Phelps Hall (PH)
334 College Street
 - (6) Phelps Gate
334 College Street
 - (7) SSS Hall (Room 114)
1 Prospect Street
 - (8) Becton Center (BCT)
67 Prospect Street
 - (9) Davies Auditorium (inside BCT)
67 Prospect Street
 - (10) Mason Laboratory (ML)
9 Hillhouse Avenue
 - (11) Dunham Laboratory (DL)
10 Hillhouse Avenue
 - (12) Leet-Oliver Memorial (LOM)
12 Hillhouse Avenue
 - (13) Osborne Memorial Labs (OML)
165 Prospect Street
 - (14) Sloane Physics Labs (SPL)
217 Prospect Street
 - (15) 220 York Street (220 YK)
 - (16) 493 College Street (493 College)
- Other rooms: GO TO TAB FIRST



Notes

If lost or locked out, please call with questions at (203)-915-9674.

Tournament shuttles to other sites depart from Phelps Gate (location 6, across Old Campus from LC Hall).