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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 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 five annual tournaments are the Yale Invitational Tournament, the Adams Cup Tournament, the Osterweis Tournament, the Yale APDA debate tournament, and the Yale College Intervarsity Tournament.

Yale Debate Association Thirtieth Annual Yale Invitational Tournament

September 2022

Dear Speech and Debate Coaches:

On behalf of the Yale Debate Association, we invite you and your team to the thirtieth annual Yale University Invitational Tournament from Friday, September 30th, to Sunday, October 2nd. The tournament will feature Varsity and JV Lincoln Douglas Debate, Policy Debate, Varsity and JV Public Forum Debate, an open division in Congressional Debate, an open division in Parliamentary Debate, and eight Speech events (Duo, DI, EX, HI, INF, OI, POI, and OO).

We are beyond excited to welcome you back to New Haven after more than two years of online competition.

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 will earn bids to the Tournament of Champions. In addition, high-level competitors in DI, HI, Duo, EX, OI and OO will earn a bid to the University of Kentucky TOC.

We are pleased to offer a team of nationally recognized and successful tab coordinators. Lincoln Douglas Debate tab will be led by Crawford Leavoy, Policy Debate by Sheryl Kaczmarek, and Public Forum Debate by Jeffrey Kahn. Congressional Debate will be led by Kimberly Bayan-Berlat, and Parliamentary Debate by Everett Rutan. Speech tab will be led by Joe Vaughan. Our Tournament Chair will be Sarah Donnelly. The ability of our tab staff, as well as an excellent pool of judges, will help to ensure a smooth tournament.

If you need additional assistance, please email us at yaleinvitational2022@gmail.com. Best wishes for a restful and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing many of our old friends in New Haven in September.

Sincerely,

Alex Abarca, Arya Nalluri, and Lelan Hu
Tournament Directors

Scheduling

All times and events are subject to change. Any changes will not significantly affect the starting or ending times of the tournament. 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 final official detailed schedule will be posted the week of the tournament.

All times are in ET.

A detailed schedule will be provided in advance of the tournament, along with any changes to the schedule.

Tournament Schedule: Speech

All speech events will run five preliminary rounds in all events. Double entry is permitted, except for Extemp. Judges are obligated for all rounds.

A final schedule will be posted close to the tournament attendants can expect that rounds will run between 8:30 AM until around 8:30 PM on Saturday and 9 AM until Awards on Sunday.

Tournament Schedule: LD/PF

All rounds double-flighted. Judges are obligated to judge through Octofinals OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.

Friday

4:30 PM	Round 1
7:00 PM	Round 2

Saturday

9:00 AM	Round 3
11:30 AM	Round 4
2:15 PM	Round 5
4:45 PM	Round 6
7:30 PM	Triples/First elim

Sunday

9:00 AM	Doubles/Second elim
10:45 AM	Octas/Third elim
12:15 PM	Quarters/Fourth elim
1:30 PM	Semis/Fifth elim
2:45 PM	Finals/Sixth elim

Tournament Schedule: Policy

All rounds single-flighted. Judges are obligated to judge through Quarters OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.

Friday

4:30 PM Round 1
7:00 PM Round 2

Saturday

9:00 AM Round 3
12:00 PM Round 4
3:00 PM Round 5
6:00 PM Round 6

Sunday

9:00 AM Octos/First elim
12:00 PM Quarters/Second elim
3:00 PM Semis/Third elim
6:00 PM Finals/Fourth elim

Tournament Schedule: Parliamentary

All rounds are single-flighted. Schools must select at least one judge to be available for all elimination rounds on Sunday. The rest of the judges are obligated to judge through Octofinals OR one round past any round in which their school's students are actively competing, whichever is later.

Saturday

9:00 AM Round 1
11:00 AM Round 2
2:00 PM Round 3
4:00 PM Round 4
6:00 PM Round 5

Sunday

9:00 AM Octos/First elim
11:00 AM Quarters/Second elim
1:30 PM Semis/Third elim
3:30 PM Finals/Fourth elim

Tournament Schedule: Student Congress

You may split your judge obligation between days and sessions in order to reduce judge fatigue, but you must fulfill the obligation for all sessions.

Saturday

8:00 AM Session 1
12:30 PM Session 2
5:00 PM Session 3

Breaks posted as soon as possible

Sunday

8:30 AM Semifinals
1:00 PM Finals
5:00 PM Awards