

# 2011-12 Public Debate Program

## Charter Document and Membership Agreement

### Middle School Public Debate Program/High School Public Debate Program/US-World Schools Debating Championship Program

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#### **CHARTER AND MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

Any national or international college or university, primary or secondary school, speech or debate organization, education ministry or public department of education, educational enrichment center or academy program, homeschool group, non-profit educational institution, business, CCDU-approved organization, or individual is eligible to become a member of the network. Membership is required for schools registering for HSPDP and MSPDP league competition. Students apply independently for international secondary school debate programs.

Active members may participate in designated school-based contest debate leagues, sanctioned public debates and discussions, international exchanges, demonstration teams, video productions, essay and academic competitions, sponsored regional and national championships, leadership programs, and other designated activities and events. Members receive supplemental and specialized public speaking, argumentation, refutation, and debate and education curricular materials, newsletters, and participation opportunities that are unavailable to non-members. Institutional membership for contest debating – competitive debate league participation – is open to any educational institution or approved public speaking or debating club representing students from Grades 5-12 (within USA) or ages 10-18 (outside USA). The charter fee for contest debate leagues will be established each year. The Debate Union has the right to cancel membership at any time.

#### **AGREEMENT**

**ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES, INDIVIDUALS, AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST READ THIS CHARTER AND MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENT.**

The *Public Debate Program* is an academic program of the Claremont Colleges Debate Union and Claremont McKenna College. All participants and event guests are required to follow the policies and guidelines of the *Public Debate Program*, Claremont McKenna College, and the Claremont Colleges, as well as additional guidelines from event hosts. Participants will obey federal, state, and local laws, as well as *Public Debate Program* and campus and site conference guidelines. Participants will follow facility and program guidelines included in registration and welcome materials, distributed in email or other announcements, or posted in campus facilities. Participants shall refrain from any acts of discrimination, including but not limited to discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, age, sex (gender), color, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, marital status, or parental status. Participants shall refrain from

any acts of physical or emotional harassment, including but limited to acts of bullying or teasing. There is a zero-tolerance policy regarding participant agreement violations; any offense will warrant immediate dismissal from the program and site at their own expense.

On occasion, representatives and employees of the Claremont Colleges Debate Union and *Public Debate Program* wish to photograph, videotape, and/or interview individuals in connection with *Public Debate Program* tournaments and other events.

Students, teachers, school administrative staff, and guests attending *Public Debate Program* tournaments and events may have their name, images or recordings, written work, voice, or verbal statements appear on *Public Debate Program* websites, in publications, educational tools, or publicity. This material may or may not identify the individual and may be used in subsequent years.

Individual participation and parents permitting students to participate in programming, tournaments, or any other event grant the *Public Debate Program* staff and its representatives the right to reproduce, use, exhibit, display, broadcast and distribute and create derivative works of these images and recordings in any media now known or later Developed. The *Public Debate Program* and its assignees own all rights, solely and completely, to the images and recordings. Tournament and event participants and observer guests waive any right to inspect or approve the use of the images or recordings or of any sound or written copy that may transcribe or be used in conjunction with them. Tournament and event participants and observer guests further waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the images, recordings, or materials. Tournament and event participants and observer guests release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the producers from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the images, recordings or materials, including but not limited to claims of defamation, invasion of privacy, or rights of publicity or copyright infringement, or any misuse, distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion or use in composite form that may occur or be produced in taking, processing, reduction or production of the finished product, its publication or distribution. This consent, waiver, indemnity and release is binding on *Public Debate Program* members, tournament and event participants, and observer guests, and any heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.

Signing the attached form indicates your disapproval for the use of a *Public Debate Program* member or tournament and event participants and observer guests name, image or recording, written work, voice, or verbal statements to appear on *Public Debate Program* websites, in publications, educational tools, or publicity.

## DISAPPROVAL OF AGREEMENT

The *Public Debate Program* agrees that the requested individual's name, image or recording written work, voice, or verbal statements will not appear on *Public Debate Program* websites, in publications, educational tools, or publicity. Images may appear in group composites.

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Printed Name of Participant

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Signature of Participant

Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian of Participating Minor (if under 18 years of age)    Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian of Participating Minor (if under 18 years of age)    Date

The **DISAPPROVAL OF AGREEMENT** form must be completed and mailed to:

**John Meany**  
**Claremont Colleges Debate Union**  
**Public Debate Program & USWSDC**  
**Claremont McKenna College**  
**500 East Ninth Street**  
**Claremont, CA 91711-6400**