



HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC DEBATE PROGRAM
CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY

April 17

INVITATION

You and your students are invited to attend the HSPDP Championship Tournament, hosted by Claremont McKenna College. This is a fitting conclusion to an outstanding year of debating and an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of your students. Please feel free to invite school administrators and teachers, as well as parents and families of participants, to attend, observe debates, and view the final awards ceremony.

For information, please contact John Meany, Director of Forensics, 909.607.2667, john.meany@cmc.edu

Tournament Topics

The tournament has 5 rounds of debate – four preliminary debates and a grand final debate for the top two ranked teams from different schools. There are 3 extemporaneous motions (topics announced in advance of the tournament) and 2 impromptu motions (announced 20 minutes prior to the commencement of the opening speech in scheduled debates).

The following extemporaneous motions will be debated during the HSPDP Championship.

- The United States should eliminate the mortgage interest tax deduction.
- States should require special license plates for convicted drunk drivers.
- It is unconstitutional to require citizens to purchase health care insurance.

Tournament Schedule

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Arrival and Registration Verification (actual registration is by email prior to the event) – Tournament registration is located at Bauer Forum, Claremont McKenna College.

8:30 AM Announcements

8:45 AM Debate Round 1

10:15 AM Debate Round 2

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Debate Round 3

2:45 PM Debate Round 4

4:30 PM Reception and Snack

5:00 PM Grand Final Debate

6:30 PM Awards

7:00 PM Final Dismissal

Directions and Parking

For directions to campus, please visit Claremont McKenna College's website at <http://www.claremontmckenna.edu/about/directions.asp>. For an address location for an online map search, please use 500 East 9th Street, Claremont, CA, 91711. Parking is available in the first lot on the left side of the campus entrance entering the campus from Claremont Boulevard, between Foothill Boulevard and 6th Street, Please obey all parking rules. Please do not park in the lot immediately adjacent to Bauer Center. Once parked, walk west to Bauer Center (same direction as driving into the campus) and follow the signs to **Debate Registration – Bauer Forum**.

Hotel

Please check the HSPDP online site, highschooldebate.org, for hotel accommodation information.

Tournament Registration and Fees Information

Registration Deadline – Wednesday, April 13, 6:00 PM

Please carefully review the following information. It describes eligibility to participate at the tournament.

Schools may submit registration anytime prior to the deadline. There is no guarantee of tournament entry – registration is completed on a first come, first served basis until space is filled. Team members must attend the same high school, although international entries are accepted for recognized debate clubs and national teams consisting of representatives from more than one school.

Registration

New and International Participants – Participant Waiver

Schools that have not attended a league tournament and are interested in joining the HSPDP, as well as international teams and debate clubs, must request a waiver to participate in the championship tournament. Email **waiver requests** to participate should be sent to John Meany, john.meany@cmc.edu, **by March 31, 2011.**

For all schools participating in 2010-2011 HSPDP league events, league dues need to be paid in full prior to the championship tournament. If payment may be unavoidably delayed, please contact John Meany prior to the registration deadline.

To register for the April tournament, please send John Meany an email with the subject line “HSPDP Registration.” It needs to arrive by Wednesday, April 13, 6:00 PM. That is the registration deadline. Schools may submit registration anytime prior to the deadline. Please contact John Meany if there is an emergency and a school needs to extend the deadline.

HSPDP teams have 3 members. All members must represent a single school. (It is possible to seek a waiver for this requirement if you represent a debate organization outside the United States). Schools may not register 2-person teams. Exception – After forming and registering teams, you may request that **one** additional 2-person team may be entered at a tournament (e.g., you have 8 students available for a tournament, 2 3-person teams and one 2-person team.) This is an exceptional circumstance; students may not regularly debate as part of a 2-person team. The exception is made for same-day illness, conflict, or emergency. Generally speaking, you may not divide 4 students into 2 2-person teams for a competition. This number of students constitutes one official team and one additional person seeking 2 debate partners. If you have extenuating circumstances, please contact me.

The registration should have the following information:

- Name of school
- Name of coach or responsible party attending the tournament
- Mobile phone number of coach or responsible party attending the tournament
- List of teams –
 - Teams should be listed by three full names, for example,
 - 1. Helen Doe and Justin Doe and Jennifer Doe
 - 2. Monique Doe and Charles Doe and Darius Doe
- List of judges –

You must register 1 MS/HSPDP certified judge for every two teams or fraction thereof.

(Please let me know if you do not have certified judging; it may be possible to participate but I will need to make any exceptions to the rule in advance.) That means the name of one person for 1-2 teams, the names of 2 judges for 3-4 teams, the names of three judges for 5-6 teams, etc. A judge must be available for all debates unless a judging responsibility is shared among more than 1 person. It is possible, for example, to have several people, each serving part-time, to meet the requirement for a single judge (to provide judging for 2 teams, 1 judge is responsible for 4 debates or 2 judges for 2 debates each or 4 judges for 1 debate each.) If one judge is available for the first 2 debates and another judge is available for the latter 2 debates, that is only equal to 1 total judge (one person for all four debates), which would permit 2 teams to register for the competition. If registered judges do not arrive at the event, it may be necessary to withdraw one or more of a school's teams from debates.

High school students may not judge high school contests. Judges must be MS/HSPDP-certified. It is possible to receive certification prior to or at a debate tournament. Certification will be conducted at the championship tournament but any judge certified during the tournament will not be eligible to

judge at the tournament. It requires a full tournament to complete certification. In other words, those seeking certification during the championship are not eligible judges for the contest and may not be listed as part of a school's entry.

Judges should be listed by name and availability status noted. The following judging registration list would permit a school to enter 4 teams at the championship tournament (i.e., 2 certified judges, each judging 4 debates, would provide judging sufficient for 4 debate teams.)

Judge 1. Geoffrey Doe, certified

Judge 2. Deborah Doe, certified

Here is a complete sample registration:

Graham Bell Academy

Joseph Doe, coach, 555.222.3333

1. Helen Doe and Justin Doe and Jennifer Doe

2. Monique Doe and Charles Doe and Darius Doe

Judge 1. Geoffrey Doe, certified (Rounds 1 & 2)

Judge 2. Desiree Doe, certified (Rounds 3 & 4)

Brunch Registration

The award-winning Collins Dining Hall at Claremont McKenna College will be available for lunch during the tournament. The fee for lunch, a delicious and diverse buffet menu and all-you-can-eat, is \$12.00. Students, teachers, judges, and family are not required to eat in the dining hall but it has been a thoroughly enjoyable feature of previous conference programs. Meal fees are collected by teachers **PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT**. Please use the included "Meal Worksheet" and bring that form and payment (cash or **check made payable to "Bon Appetit"**) to tournament registration. Tickets are issued for access to the dining hall for lunch.

Fees

- There is a \$50 school fee for ALL attending institutions. The fee can be paid prior to the event or during tournament registration. Checks are payable to "Claremont McKenna College."
- In addition, institutions participating in HSPDP league tournaments must have paid 2010-2011 HSPDP dues prior to the tournament. If payment will be unavoidably delayed, please contact John Meany prior to the registration deadline.
- Schools may join the HSPDP at the time of the championship tournament and participate at the event but must (1) request a waiver to attend the league championship and (2) pay a special dues rate rather than the full annual HSPDP dues fee. Please contact John Meany, john.meany@cmc.edu, for an invoice if the school expects to begin participation at the championship tournament.
- International schools, clubs, or national teams pay the same fee as schools beginning participation at the HSPDP championship. Please email John Meany for an invoice.

Meal Worksheet

School Name: _____

Coach Name: _____

Number of Brunch Tickets: _____

Total Cash Payment: _____

Total Check Payment: _____

Total Payment: _____

ALL CHECKS PAYABLE EXCLUSIVELY TO "BON APPETIT."

EXACT AMOUNT REQUIRED – NO CHANGE OR CHECK DIFFERENCE REFUNDS AVAILABLE.