

INVITATION

2019 CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC DEBATE PROGRAM (HSPDP)

Sunday, April 28, 2019
International School of Los Angeles

You are cordially invited to the 2019 High School Public Debate Program (HSPDP) Championship Tournament. This is the final official competitive event for the 2018-2019 HSPDP tournament calendar year. Tournament registration is open beginning Monday, March 18.

The tournament will be held at the International School of Los Angeles/Lycée International, 1105 Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students participating at HSPDP events this year. The HSPDP is a volunteer-supported program. **THANK YOU** to the teachers, parents, college students, and community volunteers for extraordinary support for debate programming. The contributions of volunteers ensure that hundreds of students have the opportunity to learn and practice sophisticated public speaking, critical thinking, research, listening, argumentation, and refutation skills.

EVENT PARTICULARS

Registration – There are strict limits on team entry. East coast schools should review available entry guidelines with Steve Fitzpatrick. West coast schools will each receive a bid allocation for teams from league presidents Katie Na and Maya Kurkhill.

Eligible HSPDP schools may register for the tournament. An eligible school has (1) registered in an HSPDP league, approved and following HSPDP mission statement and approved rules, guidelines, and rubrics, and (2) paid annual HSPDP dues (\$25) and, for Southern California schools, annual league registration fees (\$600).

Entries are accepted exclusively by email. To register, please send an email with the subject line “HSPDP Registration – Championship” to HSPDP Presidents, Katie Na and Maya Kurkhill, katherinena13@gmail.com and mkurkhill@gmail.com. List team members and certified judges.

Judging – Registering schools need to have one HSPDP-certified judge for each team. There is no judge certification training during the championship tournament. If this is a challenge, please contact John Meany, john.meany@cmc.edu.

Registration Fees – There is a \$50 fee per team for the championship tournament. Championship tournament registration fee payment is to “Claremont McKenna College.” An invoice is available online, at highschooldebate.org, by March 17. Checks may be mailed in advance or presented at the tournament.

Travel – Air Travel Information: If you are arriving by air, you should make arrangements to arrive at **Burbank Airport or LAX** if possible.

Accommodation Information – There are excellent hotels and values near the tournament site, noted on myriad websites.

Minors policy – Teachers **must** complete information to conform to the Claremont McKenna College Minors Policy. This information should arrive by Monday, April 22. Information is included in the online championship tournament details, highschooldebate.org, March 17.

Topics Announcement – Pre-announced tournament topics are listed here and posted online.

Pre-announced topics. They are **NOT** listed in round order.

- **In the US, small states have too much power.**
- **The First Amendment should not protect disparaging or threatening trademarks.**
- **Soldiers should be able to opt out of specific conflicts for moral reasons.**

Additional impromptu topics will be selected from current events and enduring ethical controversies.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

7:45-8:30 AM	Registration
8:30-9:00 AM	Tournament Announcements
9:00-10:30 AM	Round 1
10:45-12:00 PM	Round 2
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch
1:15-3:00 PM	Round 3
3:00-4:45 PM	Round 4
4:45-5:30 PM	Awards
5:30-6:45 PM	Grand Final Debate
7:00 PM	Dismissal

The Grand Final Debate for the tournament championship features the top two ranked teams from different schools.

Pre-announced topics will be used in 2 of the preliminary rounds and another will be used for the tournament grand final debate.