



**Morehouse College Forensics Program presents**



### **The “King Classic”**

## **2013 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Debate Tournament**

**Friday through Sunday, October 10-12, 2013**

Colleagues,

With great enthusiasm, I extend a warm invitation to your program to attend the “King Classic” which has been named after one of the greatest debaters in American history, and an alumnus of Morehouse College, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This year we intend to offer NPDA-style parliamentary debate (open and novice), and Individual IPDA (professional, varsity, and novice). In future years, I expect to expand this tournament to include the World format of debate, known to some as BP (British Parliamentary) debate. We look forward to offering you a well-run, punctual, and enjoyable tournament. Middle Tennessee State University’s Forensics Director, Pat Richey, has graciously volunteered to run the tab room. In addition, for convenience, pizza lunch will be included in your tournament fees.

If you are primarily a Parli team, this tournament offers an excellent chance for you to try out IPDA. IPDA provides you with 15 additional minutes preparation time to prepare for a lay-friendly debate. I enjoy IPDA because it offers an opportunity to help students hone their skills in audience analysis, rhetoric, persuasion, and nonverbal communication. The schedule has also been designed to include training for judges who need it, 20 minutes of prep time for Parli, 10 minutes of judge feedback for Parli rounds, and discussion among participants about the future of this tournament.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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## SCHEDULE

### **Friday, October 11**

2:30	Registration
4:00	Judges' Training
4:45	Parli Draw Round 1
6:15	Parli Draw Round 2
7:45	Parli Draw Round 3 (open tab – coaches only)

### **Saturday, October 12**

7:30	Parli Draw Round 4
9:00	Parli Draw Round 5
10:30	Parli Draw Round 6
12:00	Breaks Announced/Pizza Lunch
1:00	Quarter Finals Draw/ Judging Pool Reminders
2:30	Semi Finals Draw/IPDA Registration Opens
4:00	Finals Draw/IPDA Judge Training
5:00	IPDA Draw Round 1
6:45	IPDA Draw Round 2
8:30	IPDA Draw Round 3

### **Sunday, October 13**

8:30	IPDA Draw Round 4
10:15	IPDA Draw Round 5
11:00	Coaches Review
11:15	Breaks Announced
11:30	Quarter Finals Draw/ Judging Pool Reminders
12:45	Awards/Lunch
2:00	Semi Finals Draw
3:15	Finals Draw

## TOPIC SUBMISSIONS

Schools are encouraged to submit resolutions for both Parli and IPDA debate. Schools should limit their resolution suggestions to 4 in Parli and to 20 in IPDA. At his discretion, the Tournament Director shall exclude resolutions for Parli based on duplicity, improper phrasing, repetitiveness from previous tournaments, etc. Please also indicate your entry size in Parli and IPDA when submitting resolutions. Twelve resolutions will then be selected for use at the tournament. The deadline for submitting resolutions shall be 5:00 p.m. on September 30. The 12 Parli resolutions for the tournament will be released on October 1.

## **BUDGET HOTELS NEAR SCHOOL (AVG. PRICE UNDER \$100):**

Holiday Inn Atlanta Capitol Conference Center Tel. 404-591-2000 - Rate \$99  
450 Capitol Ave Sw, Atlanta, GA, 30312 United States  
(Best option – many other hotels book up far in advance because of Conventions)  
We have a block reserved here under “Morehouse Debate Tournament” so book fast.

Castleberry Inn& Suites Tel. 404-893-4663 - Rate \$91  
186 Northside Dr Sw, Atlanta, GA, 30313 United States

Courtyard by Marriott Atlanta Airport North Tel. 404-559-1043 - Rate \$63  
3399 International Blvd, Hapeville, GA, 30354 United States

## **TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

All of the rules guiding the NPDA and International Public Debate Association & NPDA apply to the King Classic. Times limits will be  
Parliamentary Debate: 7-8-8-8-4-5  
Individual IPDA: 5-2-6-2-3-5-3.

There will be two divisions of Parli Debate (Varsity and Novice).

There will be three divisions of IPDA debate: Novice, Varsity, and Professional.  
Please check with the IPDA constitution for eligibility requirements.  
<http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

## **SWEEPSTAKES AND AWARDS**

There will be speaker awards for the top 10 competitors, awards for all elimination rounds in each division, and sweepstakes trophies for the top 3 programs.

There will be sweepstakes for Parli, IPDA, and overall Sweeps.

### Parli

The sweepstakes formula will be as follows counting only a school's top four teams:

5 points per win in preliminary rounds  
7 points per each team advancing to first elimination round  
Speaker awards on the basis 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

## IPDA

Sweepstakes will follow the season-long sweepstakes formula: All wins and byes (team/individual) will be awarded 1 point. Each person/team breaking to out-rounds will receive 1 point. Out-round victories will receive 2 points.

Novice, Varsity and Professional will count toward the tournament sweepstakes. There is no limit on entries, but only the top four competitors in each division will count toward the sweepstakes.

## Overall

The Sweepstakes formula for Parli will be used to calculate overall sweepstakes. We will only count the top four teams/competitors in each division:

5 points per win in preliminary rounds  
7 points per each successful elimination round  
Speaker awards on the basis 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

## ENTRY DEADLINES, FEES AND JUDGES

The entry deadline will be **4:30 p.m. Monday, October 7**. Changes will be accepted at no charge until 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 9. Any drops or changes after that date will be charged a nuisance fee of \$20.00.

### Parli/Team IPDA

Fees for each team entry in Parli or IPDA entry are \$60.00.

### Individual IPDA

Fees for each individual IPDA entry are \$30.00.

**PLEASE BRING JUDGES:** Uncovered competitors for team debates is \$60 and \$30 for individuals. Morehouse will have some judges, but not enough to cover the tournament.

Each judge covers 4 slots in individual IPDA, however, we suggest you bring more judges if you can. If we have enough judges we will collapse the flights in IPDA so that the tournament can finish earlier. All schools will be required to judge one round past their highest finisher. Competitors who do not advance may be used as judges in the IPDA out-rounds.

**There will be a mandatory \$5/day charge for lunch for all judges.**

**We plan on having wi-fi available in the draw rooms!**

## **Registration and Parking**

Registration will be held on the second floor of the Kilgore Hall. Parking spots are available in the parking deck on campus. On Saturday and Sunday, you should be able to park on campus with a parking pass provided at registration.

Please see the campus map for more details about location of buildings and parking:  
<https://www.morehouse.edu/about/pdf/Campus-Map.pdf>

## **Directions**

**From the North/Downtown From I-75/85 South** to I-20 West. Take Exit 55B, which is Lee Street/Ft. McPherson/Atlanta University Center. Turn right at the traffic light onto Westview Drive and proceed two blocks to the campus.

**From the South/Hartsfield International Airport From I-75/85 North** to I-20 West. Take Exit 55B, which is Lee Street/Ft. McPherson/Atlanta University Center. Turn right at the traffic light onto Westview Drive and proceed two blocks to the campus.

**From the East From I-20 West.** Take Exit 55B, which is Lee Street/Ft. McPherson/Atlanta University Center. Turn right at the traffic light onto Westview Drive and proceed two blocks to the campus.

**From the West From I-20 East.** Take Exit 55A, which is Joseph Lowery Blvd./West End. Turn left onto Joseph Lowery Blvd. and proceed through four traffic lights. At the fourth traffic light, turn right onto West End Avenue. Turn left at next light, which is Westview Drive, and proceed to campus.

**“KING CLASSIC” DEBATE TOURNAMENT**  
*HOSTED BY: MOREHOUSE COLLEGE*

ENTRY FORM

School:

Coach:

Office Phone:

Email:

**Parli**

Parli Varsity Division:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.



Parli Novice Division:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Judges:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Fees:

\_\_\_\_\_ competitors slots @ \$60/team = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Uncovered teams @ \$60/team = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Judges Food x \_\_\_\_\_ days @ \$5/day = \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Make Checks Payable To: Morehouse College Debate)  
Entries accepted only by email to: **knewby@morehouse.edu**

**Individual IPDA**

Novice Division:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Varsity Division:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Professional Division:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Judges:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Fees:

\_\_\_\_\_ competitors slots @ \$30 each = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Uncovered teams @ \$30/individual = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Judges Food x \_\_\_\_\_ days @ \$5/day = \_\_\_\_\_

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## **RULES OF DEBATING AND JUDGING FOR PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES**

### **1. RESOLUTIONS**

A different resolution for each round will be presented to the debaters at a specified time prior to the beginning of each debate. The specified time will be determined by adding fifteen minutes to the amount of time needed to walk to the most distant buildings in which debates are to occur.

The topic of each round will be about current affairs or philosophy. The resolutions will be general enough that a well-educated college student can debate them. They may be phrased in literal or metaphorical language.

### **2. OBJECTIVE OF THE DEBATE**

The proposition team must affirm the resolution by presenting and defending a sufficient case for that resolution. The opposition team must oppose the resolution and/or the proposition team's case. If, at the end of the debate, the judge believes that the proposition team has supported and successfully defended the resolution, they will be declared the winner - otherwise the opposition will be declared the winner.

### **3. DURING THE DEBATE**

#### **A. Outside Materials**

Any published information (dictionaries, magazines, etc.), which may have been consulted before the debate, cannot be brought into the debating chambers for use during the debate. Except for notes that the debaters themselves have prepared during preparation time and a copy of the NPDA "Rules of Debating and Judging," no published materials, prepared arguments, or resources for the debaters' use in the debate may be brought into the debating chambers.

#### **B. Format of the debate**

First Proposition Constructive Speaker: 7 minutes

First Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes

Second Proposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes

Second Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes

Opposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 4 minutes

Proposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 5 minutes

**C. Constructive and Rebuttal Speeches** - Introduction of new arguments is appropriate during all constructive speeches. However, debaters may not introduce new arguments in rebuttal speeches except that the proposition rebuttalist may introduce new arguments in his or her rebuttal to refute arguments that were first raised in the Second Opposition Constructive. New examples, analysis, analogies, etc. that support previously introduced arguments are permitted in rebuttal speeches.

**D. Points of Information** - A debater may request a point of information-either verbally or by rising-at any time after the first minute and before the last minute of any constructive speech. The debater holding the floor has the discretion to accept or refuse points of information. If accepted, the debater requesting the point of information has a maximum of fifteen seconds to make a statement or ask a question. The speaking time of the debater with the floor continues during the point of information.

**E. Points of Order** - Points of order can be raised for no reason other than those specified in these Rules of Debating and Judging. If at any time during the debate, a debater believes that his or her opponent has violated one of these Rules of Debating and Judging, he or she may address the Speaker of the House with a point of order. Once recognized by the Speaker of the House, the debater must state, but may not argue for, the point of order. At the discretion of



the Speaker of the House, the accused may briefly respond to the point of order. The Speaker of the House will then rule immediately on the point of order in one of three ways: point well taken, point not well taken, or point taken under consideration. The time used to state and address a point of order will not be deducted from the speaking time of the debater with the floor. A point of order is a serious charge and should not be raised for minor violations.

**F. Points of Personal Privilege** - At any time during the debate, a debater may rise to a point of personal privilege when he or she believes that an opponent has personally insulted one of the debaters, has made an offensive or tasteless comment, or has grievously misconstrued another's words or arguments. The Speaker will then rule on whether or not the comments were acceptable. The time used to state and address a point of personal privilege will not be deducted from the speaking time of the debater with the floor. Like a point of order, a point of personal privilege is a serious charge and should not be raised for minor transgressions. Debaters may be penalized for raising spurious points of personal privilege.

#### **4. AFTER THE DEBATE**

A. After the final rebuttal, the Speaker of the House will dismiss the teams, complete the ballot and provide it to the building runner. The judge should not give oral comments before the ballot is completed and submitted.

B. After submitting the ballot to a runner, the judge may, at his or her discretion, give brief constructive comments to the debaters. Any such critiques should not exceed 10 minutes, and we ask that all participants stay mindful of the schedule. (Judges should refrain from checking the records of teams they are about to judge should such information be available.)

C. Debaters or coaches will refrain from arguing with judges' decisions or comments. Debaters or coaches who harass judges may be withdrawn from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

IPDA will be run in accordance with the following excerpt from Bylaws of the International Public Debate Association:

#### Article 1. Event Description

The critical principles and elements of Public Debate were listed in the preamble to the Constitution. The following more specific event description is intended to provide a practical set of guidelines for competitors and tournament directors. Public Debate is an academic public speaking exercise which is defined by the following elements, rules, and procedures:

A. Eligibility: Individual competitors must be at the 7th grade level (in age or education) or higher. Otherwise, there are no restrictions on competitors within the organization.

B. Judges: Individual judges must be at the 9th grade level or higher. Otherwise, anyone of reasonable intelligence can be used as a judge. It is actively recommended that judging pools be made up of as wide a range of backgrounds, abilities, and perspectives as possible. Tournament directors are encouraged to use class or volunteer undergraduate students as judges.

C. Ballots: An official ballot will be used in judging Public Debates. Copies of this ballot will be made available by the Managing Director. They may be purchased at cost plus 20% from the Association or members are free to have their own versions produced. Any substantial deviation from the official ballot must be approved by the Executive Committee.

D. Seating: Contestants should seat themselves such that, from the audience's point of view, the Affirmative is on the left and the Negative on the right.

E. Topic Areas & Resolutions: The topic areas and specific resolutions for Public Debate are left to the discretion of Tournament Directors. Topics should be fair to all parties attending Public Debate tournaments. Tournament Directors should avoid local issues which are inaccessible to visiting competitors. Resolutions should be as balanced as possible giving equal ground to both the Affirmative and Negative. Tournament directors are encouraged to include a variety of fact, value and policy resolutions.

F. Topic Draw: Contestants will meet for an extemporaneous topic draw before the scheduled start of the debate. The official recommended draw time is 30 minutes but the exact time is up to the Tournament Director. Contestants will be offered five (5) topics. Each pair of opponents will independently select the topic they wish to debate. Starting with the Negative speaker, each contestant will alternatively strike one of the five until only one remains. That will be the debate resolution for the round. Contestants must complete the topic selection process independently and without outside assistance. Tournament Directors may set their own policies concerning the mechanics of the draw, including what to do about competitors who show up late and topic draw protests.

G. Preparation: Debaters are permitted to use reference materials during their preparation time before debating. They may utilize extemporaneous speaking type files, dictionaries, reference books, libraries, or anything else for that matter. They may also consult with teammates and/or coaches for ideas and advice.

H. Format: Public Debate will use the following formats:

<b>Individual Debate Format</b>
5 minute 1st Affirmative
2 minute Cross Examination
6 minute 1st Negative
2 minute Cross Examination
3 minute Affirmative Rebuttal
5 minute Negative Rebuttal
3 minute Affirmative Summary

Tournament directors must receive Executive Committee approval to deviate from the individual debate format; tournament directors may establish longer time limits for team debate, but those times must be published in the official invitation for the tournament. The IPDA recommends that speakers be prepared to speak immediately following each other; competitors may be allowed up to 10 seconds. This is a matter of the Tournament Director's discretion and it is recommended that the policy be included in the tournament invitation. In the absence of an announced rule, special prep time beyond the aforementioned reasonable time between speeches is not allowed. Judges should be made aware of prep time rules and count off for abuses.

I. Use of Evidence During Debates: Contestants may not bring printed reference materials into the round with them. No "reading" of evidence will be permitted. They may only bring and reference handwritten case outlines and limited notes which they have worked up during the round's preparation time. Evidence must be memorized or paraphrased for use during debates. This is another case where judges should be made aware of this rule and instructed to count off for abuses. Serious violations of this rule should cause the judge to automatically award the decision to the opponent.

J. Fairness: Debaters will, as much as possible, be left to their own devices. Affirmative's are allowed to define resolutions; however, Affirmative interpretations and definitions must fit within the resolution and leave Negatives fair ground for the debate. If an Affirmative's case is too lopsided and/or tautological (used to define itself as winning by definition), this opens the door for the Negative to provide an alternate set of definitions. But the Negative can only redefine terms if the Affirmative has abused its prerogative. If the Affirmative can demonstrate they have met the aforementioned burdens when challenged, then Affirmative definitions will have presumption. The judge is the final arbiter of definitional squabbles.

K. Nomenclature & Procedure: The two sides in a Public Debate will be known as the Affirmative and Negative. There will be no "rising" to points of order, standing with one hand on your head, or heckling during speeches. If debaters have questions or problems they should ask about them during cross-examination and/or raise them as points during their next speech.

L. Style: The goal of the International Public Debate Association is to promote a highly rhetorical and oratorical style of public speaking. For this reason, it is recommended that judges be instructed to award the decision in a close round to the superior speaking style rather than to the negative.

M. Etiquette: Public Debaters are expected to maintain a highly polite, civil, and professional demeanor during rounds. Judges should be instructed to reward appropriate ethos and count off for abusiveness.

N. Divisions:

1. Novice Division entries must adhere to the following definition: Competitors must be currently enrolled students at the institution they are representing and must be representing an official program affiliated with an academic institution; they will no longer be eligible to compete in the Novice Division once they:

a. have competed in ten debate tournaments in any capacity at any level in any combination (e.g., high school or college; novice, junior or open, CX, Policy, Value, NDT, CEDA, Parliamentary, NFA, L-D, etc.). And/or:

b. Are no longer eligible to compete in the varsity division.

2. Varsity Division entries must adhere to the following definition: Competitors must be currently enrolled students at the institution they are representing and must be representing an official program affiliated with an academic institution; they will no longer be eligible to compete in the Varsity Division:

a. once they have been awarded a 4-year, undergraduate, Bachelor's-level degree; but, this restriction does not include 2-year, Associate-level degrees.

b. and/or following competition in any format of debate while representing a college/university during ten semesters of competition or fifteen quarters of competition (depending upon the classification system of their academic institution). For institutions observing the semester system, a semester of eligibility is used when a student competes in more than 2 debate tournaments during that period; for institutions observing the quarter system, a quarter of eligibility is used when a student competes in 2 or more debate tournaments during that period.

3. The Professional Division shall be open to any individual, provided they meet the general requirements for competitors listed elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws.

4. The Team Debate Varsity Division shall follow the same guidelines as the Varsity Division for individual debate.

5. For determining what counts as a “debate tournament” for purposes of eligibility, the following shall apply:

a. Any structured competition event that includes constructive and rebuttal argumentation would be defined as a “debate” for purposes of eligibility requirements.

b. A “tournament” shall be any official competition regardless of the level (ex: middle school, high school or collegiate). This shall not include practice competitions that are a part of a workshop.

O. Electronic Devices: Debaters are encouraged to bring a timer/stopwatch for use during rounds. However, no electronic devices capable of receiving and/or retrieving data (cellular phones, laptop computers, etc.) may be used during a debate; exceptions to this rule will be granted based solely upon A.D.A. compliance.

P. Any tournament that deviates from the prescription of tournament practices in the constitution and/or bylaws must receive written Executive Committee consent at least two weeks prior to the scheduled tournament for that tournament to receive IPDA sanctioning. Additionally, these deviations should be clearly detailed in the official tournament invitation.

