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BIG APPLE DEBATE TOURNAMENT ONLINE

*Friday, 23 September 2022
& Saturday, 24 September 2022*

*Registration at [Speechwire.com](https://www.speechwire.com)
Deadline to Register: Monday,
19 September 2022 @ 5PM EST*





Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Queens College at the City University of New York (CUNY) and the Queens College Speech and Debate Society, I would like to cordially extend an invitation for you to attend our online 3rd Annual Big Apple Debate Tournament at Zoom on **Friday, September 23rd and Saturday, September 24th, 2022.**

****This tournament will be a synchronous online tournament on Zoom with registration & tabulation taking place on Speechwire.com, and online payment via PayPal. ****

The competition will feature Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity and Professional Divisions of IPDA Debate, as well as, open divisions of NPDA, NFA-LD, and British Parliamentary (BP/Worlds) in a single kickoff weekend. Competitors will compete in **SIX** preliminary rounds of IPDA Debate and BP/Worlds and **FOUR** preliminary rounds of NPDA and NFA-LD beginning on Friday, September 23rd through Saturday, September 24th.

All entries must be received by Monday, September 19th, 2022, at 5:00PM EST. You must register at the Speechwire.com website which provides all of our tournament information. **Emailed entries will not be accepted.** Changes will be accepted without charge until Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. EST at which point fees will be set. Late fees will be charged for any changes after the 20th at noon (in addition to any fees associated with the entry).

My hope is that this will be an excellent opportunity for new debaters to have their first tournament experience and for returning varsity competitors within our district to get into their groove for the 2022-2023 competition season. Pre-tournament updates will be distributed via the Speechwire website.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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NAVIGATING THE ZOOM & SPEECHWIRE ONLINE TOURNAMENT PLATFORMS

STEPS STUFF TO DO

1. REGISTER IN SPEECHWIRE

Register your team's entry through SpeechWire.com like normal. Nothing new or fancy here!

2. SEND ENTRY PAYMENT

Once registered, we will send an invoice through Paypal complete which includes your detailed Speechwire Invoice. Send your touchless Registration Payment as a check (or) credit card by clicking on the payment button in the email through Paypal. All teams will receive an invoice.

3. SUBSCRIBE FOR LIVE UPDATES ON SPEECHWIRE

Shortly before the tournament you will receive a URL from qcspeechteam@gmail.com and posted in SpeechWire. Use this URL to log in to your Speechwire account to subscribe for live tournament updates!

4. CONNECT YOUR JUDGES TO SPEECHWIRE.COM FOR EBALLOTS

Your judges need to set up their accounts in SpeechWire.com so they can receive their eBallots. Judges will receive an email from the tournament director containing a link to sign into Speechwire to access their electronic ballots. Follow the link and instructions provided. You will receive detailed eBallot instructions for judges.

5. ON TOURNAMENT DAY

Take a few minutes to go into our Zoom “Auditorium” and look around. You will also see the live updates containing the schematics posted on Speechwire. That’s where round-by-round postings will be made available including finals postings.

All participants and judges will see live tournament announcements by visiting our tournament “Auditorium” for our opening announcements and the awards ceremony,

Going to your COMPETITION ROOM is easy! In the schematic, participants see their name/code in their event. Just click on the room and they are there. **Times are Eastern Standard Time!**

6. ELECTRONIC BALLOTS & RESULTS

After the tournament, be sure to go to your team’s SpeechWire account to retrieve your students’ ballots as a PDF and view the tabulation sheets! As always, SpeechWire will send results to the major forensics and debate organizations.

ALL TIMES POSTED WILL BE IN EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST)!!

SCHEDULE

Registration will commence at 9:00AM EST on Friday morning for BP and IPDA and at 8:00AM EST on Saturday morning for NPDA and NFA-LD at our virtual Tab & Registration Room to permit timely preliminary rounds. We anticipate debate rounds to be “flighted” so that everyone will be accommodated with minimal delays.

Friday, Sept. 23 EASTERN STAND. TIME (EST)

IPDA & BP/WORLDS PRELIMINARY ROUNDS ONLY!

9:00 - 10:00AM EST Registration for IPDA & BP/Worlds Debate Only

10:00AM EST Draw for Round 1 of IPDA Debate

10:15 Topic Released for BP Round 1

10:30 Round 1, BP & IPDA (all divisions)

11:30AM EST Draw for Round 2 of IPDA Debate

11:45 Topic Released for BP Round 2

12:00PM Round 2, BP & IPDA (all divisions)

12:45PM EST Draw for Round 3 of IPDA Debate

1:00 Topic Released for BP Round 3

1:15 Round 3, BP & IPDA (all divisions)

2:00PM EST Draw for Round 4 of IPDA Debate

2:15 Topic Released for BP Round 4

2:30 Round 4, BP & IPDA (all divisions)

3:00 – 3:30 PM EST Tournament Break

3:30PM EST Draw for Round 5 of IPDA Debate

3:45 Topic Released for BP Round 5

4:00 Round 5, BP & IPDA (all divisions)

4:45PM EST Draw for Round 6 of IPDA Debate

5:00 Topic Released for BP Round 6

6:15 Round 6, BP & IPDA (all divisions)

6:45PM EST End of Competition Day 1

SCHEDULE NOTES

- The 15-minute forfeit rule will apply if a debater fails to appear at their designated virtual debate room.
- Updates to the schedule will be posted on Speechwire if they occur. Please be vigilant!

ALL TIMES POSTED WILL BE IN EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST)!!

Saturday, Sept. 24 EASTERN STAND. TIME (EST)

IPDA / NPDA / NFA-LD / BP – WORLDS

8:00 - 8:30AM EST Registration for NPDA & NFA-LD Debate Only

8:15 – 8:30 IPDA & BP Debate Coaches Review

8:30AM EST Draw for IPDA Debate Quarterfinals

8:45 Topic Released for BP Quarterfinals

9:00 Quarterfinals, BP & IPDA (all divisions)

9:30AM EST Draw for Round 1 of NPDA Debate

9:45 Round 1, NPDA & NFA-LD

10:00AM EST Draw for IPDA Debate Semifinals

10:15 Topic Released for BP Semifinals

10:30 Semifinals, BP & IPDA (all divisions)

11:00AM EST Draw for Round 2 of NPDA Debate

11:15 Round 2, NPDA & NFA-LD

11:45AM – 12:30PM Lunch Break

12:30PM EST Draw for Final Rounds of IPDA Debate

12:45PM EST Draw for Round 3 of NPDA Debate

12:45PM EST Topic Released for BP Finals

1:00 Finals, BP & IPDA (all divisions)

& Round 3, NPDA & NFA-LD

2:00PM EST Draw for Round 4 of NPDA Debate

2:15 Round 4, NPDA & NFA-LD

3:15 – 3:30 Coaches Review

3:30PM EST Draw for NPDA Debate Quarterfinals

3:45 Quarterfinals, NPDA & NFA-LD

4:45PM EST Draw for NPDA Debate Semifinals

5:00 Semifinals, NPDA & NFA-LD

6:00PM EST Draw for NPDA Debate Finals

6:15 Finals, NPDA & NFA-LD

7:00PM EST Awards & Results

SCHEDULE NOTES

- The 15-minute forfeit rule will apply if a debater fails to appear at their designated virtual debate room.
- Updates to the schedule will be posted on Speechwire if they occur. Please be vigilant!

ENTRY RULES

- All entries are due by Monday, September 19th at 5pm EST via Speechwire.
- All debaters must be undergraduates enrolled at their respective institution.
- All teams are expected to provide an adequate number of judges to accommodate their entries.
- It is up to your discretion to place and enter students in their proper division in IPDA debate (i.e. novice or varsity).
- Absolutely no individual can cross-enter in more than one format of debate!
- Absolutely no individual can debate without a partner in NPDA and BP Debate!

FORMAT OF IPDA DEBATE DIVISIONS

We will be offering novice, junior varsity, varsity, and professional divisions of Individual IPDA Debate and open divisions of NPDA, NFA-LD, and BP Debate. (NOTE: A Novice debater is a student who has absolutely NO prior debate experience including high school. Please do not place experienced debaters in novice division of IPDA.)

AWARDS

1. Awards will be presented to each finalist within their respective divisions.
2. In each debate format, there will be three elimination rounds (depending on number of entries): Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals.
3. Sweepstake points are awarded as follows:
POINTS FOR IPDA & NPDA DEBATE:
 - a. 3 points for each preliminary win (regardless of how many teams per division; teams earning less than 2 wins receive no sweepstakes points)
 - b. 3 additional points for reaching Quarterfinal Rounds
 - c. 3 additional points for reaching Semifinal Rounds
 - d. 3 additional points for reaching Final Round

POINTS FOR NFA-LD DEBATE:

- a. 3 points for each preliminary win
- b. 4 additional points for reaching Quarterfinal Rounds
- c. 4 additional points for reaching Semifinal Rounds
- d. 8 additional points for reaching Final Round

POINTS FOR BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE:

- a. 2 points for every team preliminary ranking of 1st place
 - b. 1 point for every team preliminary ranking of 2nd place
 - c. 0 points for every team preliminary ranking of 3rd and 4th place
 - d. 4 additional points for each team advancing to each elimination round.
4. In addition, the top individual speakers and top debate schools within across the four debate formats will be recognized.

WARM ROOMS

Our tournament will not have "warm rooms." While we encourage cordial and constructive feedback between judges and debaters, judges should not be obliged to engage in conversation with students. Debaters should not pressure their judges for commentary after rounds. **JUDGES SHOULD NOT DISCLOSE THEIR REASON FOR DECISIONS (RFD) DURING OR AFTER ROUNDS!**

JUDGING

All schools should attempt to properly cover their entries. If you don't feel comfortable judging a particular debate format, please note it on your Speechwire entry so that we can accommodate you. We are fortunate to be placed in a region of many highly qualified judges, educators, and former debaters!

TOURNAMENT FORFEIT RULE

Any debater who is more than 15 minutes late automatically forfeits their round, resulting in a "bye" or automatic win for the opposing debater. Please make every effort to have your debaters appear at their appointed rounds so that our tournament runs smoothly.

ETHICS STANDARDS OF IPDA, NPDA, NFA-LD AND BP DEBATE

The Big Apple Debate Tournament will adhere to the rules prescribed by the International Public Debate Association, the National Parliamentary Debate Association, the National Forensic Association, and the World Universities Debating Council. Before tournament day, please take time to familiarize yourself and your team to the rules contained within the Constitution and its Bylaws of these four organizations.

PAIRINGS

All preliminary rounds will be randomly paired. However, brackets will not be broken in elimination rounds.

IPDA COMPETITION RULES

It is my wish for everyone to have an enjoyable experience at the tournament. To ensure fairness, our tournament will follow IPDA rules found within the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws which were last updated on October 2018. To view the constitution, please visit the website at: <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>.

According to the IPDA Constitution, "IPDA" or the "International Public Debate Association" is an audience-friendly debate format with great emphasis on persuasion, rhetorical speaking abilities, and inclusivity of interested individuals who are encouraged to debate "regardless of educational background, prior experience, or any other demographics." **The philosophic tenets of the IPDA Constitution are sevenfold, which are *inclusivity, lay judging, limited preparation, extemporaneous delivery, rhetorical delivery, and ethos.***

It is important to note that IPDA Debate differs from other collegiate debate formats since it encourages *lay judging* – judges with limited debate experience and training to ensure fairness within debate rounds. **Therefore, handouts of the IPDA debate format will be distributed at check-in to all lay judges who request a copy of the IPDA Debate rules.**

The IPDA Debate format are as follows:

- A. Topics will be announced in-round with 5 topics (2 value, 2 policy, 1 metaphor) provided for strikes. Negative strikes first, and then turns are taken until one topic remains to be debated.

- B. **Debaters will not be allowed to consult any other person during prep time, including coaches.**
Per IPDA rules, they will be allowed paper and/or electronic research material, which may be quoted or paraphrased from notes during the round, but not read directly, as extemporaneous delivery is required.

- C. Time limits:
 - Affirmative Constructive 5 minutes
 - Cross Examination 2 minutes
 - Negative Constructive 6 minutes
 - Cross Examination 2 minutes
 - First Affirmative Rebuttal 3 minutes
 - First Negative Rebuttal 5 minutes
 - Second Affirmative Rebuttal 3 minutes

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE IPDA DEBATE FORMAT

- Competitors will receive their topics at their designated competition room 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE ACTUAL ROUND BEGINS. (Example: if the first round starts at 9:00AM, then competitors MUST be at their designated rooms ***no later*** than 8:30AM).
- Judges are expected to keep time during time. IPDA competitors will have exactly 30 minutes of preparation time following the first negative strike. NPDA competitors will have 15 minutes of prep time.
- IPDA strike sheets will contain a variety of topics ranging from domestic, economic, social, international events to NYC-themed issues.

NPDA DEBATE RULES

NPDA is the National Parliamentary Debate Association. Our tournament will follow the NPDA rules last updated in March 2008. NPDA Debate rules can be accessed here: <https://parlidebate.org/npda-rules/>

The NPDA Debate format are as follows:

- A. Topics will be announced in-round. A different resolution for each round will be presented to the debaters at a specified time prior to the beginning of each debate.
- B. **Debaters will not be allowed to consult any other person during prep time, including coaches.** Per NPDA rules, they will be allowed paper and/or electronic research material during their prep time, which may be paraphrased from notes during the round, but not read directly, as extemporaneous delivery is required.
- C. 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.
- D. Time limits:

Prime Minister Constructive	7 minutes
Opposition Flex Time	2 minutes
Opposition Leader Constructive	8 minutes
Government Flex Time	2 minutes
Member of Government Constructive	8 minutes
Opposition Flex Time	1 minute
Member of Opposition Constructive	8 minutes
Opposition Leader Rebuttal	4 minutes
Government Flex Time	1 minute
Prime Minister Rebuttal	5 minutes

NFA - LD DEBATE RULES

“NFA - LD” is Lincoln-Douglas Debate of the National Forensic Association. We will use the most recent rules and bylaws within the NFA Constitution.

The NFA-LD Debate format are as follows:

1. For an open division of NFA-LD Lincoln Douglas Debate, the rules are:
 - a. The 2022 – 2023 resolution shall be used.
 - b. All preliminary rounds will be randomly preset. Brackets will NOT be broken in elimination rounds.
 - c. Time limits: 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with 4 minutes of flexible prep time.
 - d. All participants in NFA-LD are advised to visit the NFA website and familiarize themselves with the NFA-LD by-laws.

2. NO disclosure in debate rounds. Please turn in ballots before offering any oral critiques.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE RULES

“BP” stands for British Parliamentary Debate and is the most widely adopted debate format across the world. We are so thrilled to be adding this debate format to our tournament this year! Our tournament will be following the BP rule guidelines ascribed by the World Universities Debating Council. You may access the rules here:

<https://www.worlddebating.org/debate-guides>

The BP Debate format are as follows:

- A. Topics will be announced in-round. A different resolution for each round will be presented to the debaters at a specified time prior to the beginning of each debate.
- B. **Debaters are encouraged to consult their debate partners during motions.** Per BP rules, they will be allowed paper and/or electronic research material during their prep time, which may be paraphrased from notes during the round, but not read directly, as extemporaneous delivery is required.
- C. 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.
- D. Time limits:

Prime Minister	6 minutes
Leader of the Opposition	6 minutes
Deputy Prime Minister	6 minutes
Deputy Leader of the Opposition	6 minutes
Member of Government	6 minutes
Member of Opposition	6 minutes
Government Whip	6 minutes
Opposition Whip	6 minutes

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration for the tournament will commence on-line at Speechwire on Tuesday, July 7th and will continue until the deadline on **Monday, September 19th, 2022 at 5PM EST**. As stated before, emailed entries will not be accepted. You will have an opportunity to confirm your entries **at check-in on Friday and Saturday morning at 8:00am EST AT OUR VIRTUAL TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION & TAB ROOM.**

TAB ROOM

The tournament tab room will at a specified conference chat room on Zoom. Any questions about schematics can be directed to the tab-room staff. However, judges may direct all complaints, grievances, and all serious matters to me. You will find me either at the tab room or at registration.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

IF YOU ARE MAKING A PAYMENT EITHER BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD OR BY CHECK, YOU CAN SEND US PAYMENT VIA YOUR PAYPAL INVOICE. DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE COMING DAYS NEAR TOURNAMENT DAY.

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO OR AT REGISTRATION, UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE!

1. The following entry fees shall be assessed:
 - School fee \$25 per school
 - IPDA slot \$25 per debater
 - NFA-LD slot \$25 per debater
 - NPDA slot \$50 per team
 - BP slot \$75 per team

2. Fees for uncovered debaters will be assessed as follows:
 - Every uncovered debater = \$40 per IPDA & LD debater
 - Every uncovered team = \$80 per NPDA & BP team

3. Fees will initially be calculated on Monday, September 19th at 5PM EST. Late adds/drops will be as follows:
 - Add/drops on Tuesday, Sept 20th & Wednesday, Sept 21st \$20 per change, plus entry fee
 - **NO MORE ADDS ALLOWED ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND !!!!**
 - Drops on Thursday, Sept 20th: \$70 per drop, plus entry fee
 - **Drops at registration on Friday, Sept 23rd & Saturday, Sept 24th: \$100 per drop, plus original entry fee**
 - **ABSOLUTELY NO ADDS ALLOWED ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY!!!**

4. **Each judge covers 2 IPDA or LD entries. In addition, each judge also covers 2 NPDA teams OR only 1 BP team.** Therefore, teams with excess debaters will be charged “uncovered slots” for every debater that is not covered by a judge. So please make every effort to cover your entry. Schools are responsible for entering their judges as the right judge type when calculating fees.

5. A special note about BP judges:
 - BP judges are handled differently than other debate formats.
 - Therefore, each BP entry **MUST** provide at least one judge PER entry.
 - All BP judges are expected for judging all rounds, including elimination round(s).
 - BP judges may not judge other debate formats in our tournament due to time conflicts.
 - BP Debate traditions allows non-competing undergraduate students to judge that still have eligibility.

6. Judges who fail to pick their ballots will render their students ineligible for elimination rounds.

7. **Lastly, student-run and small teams are the life blood of our forensics community.** We recognize that so many teams are threatened with budget cuts, coaching staff turnover, and diminished resources from their institutions. If this is your first debate tournament and do not have the means to cover your entire entry fee, please

reach out to us and we will be happy to accommodate you. **We want you to attend our tournament and have a great debate experience!** We only ask that you bring enough judges to adequately cover your entry.

JUDGES (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!)

To encourage fairness to our competitors – and if you're a coach – I ask that you bring as many of your judges as possible. We'd much rather have you bring your judges, not your money. **For our tournament, a judge who is available for all of the preliminary rounds and one elimination round will cover two IPDA debaters.** IPDA, NPDA and NFA-LD Debate encourages a broad range of lay judges which includes coaches, forensics alumni, students (ONLY IF THEY AREN'T COMPETITORS), fellow parents, educators, and members of the academic community.

Since the team has a very small budget, we are only able to hire judges on a **very limited basis.** Nevertheless, if you would like to hire a judge, please contact me at qcspeechteam@gmail.com as soon as possible. We are very fortunate to have a supportive and thriving pool of qualified hired judges within our Northeastern district and NYC metro area.