

# UCLA Debate Invitational



## INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE FORMAT

**Saturday – Sunday, November 21 – 22, 2015**

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of University of California, Los Angeles and the UCLA Debate Union, you are cordially invited to attend the **UCLA National Debate Invitational**, featuring competition in the British Parliamentary format. The event provides an opportunity to participate in outstanding competition in the BP format.

The tournament features 6 preliminary debates and two elimination rounds. Like the California Cup co-sponsored by the UCLA Debate Union, the tournament will offer challenging competition, talented judging, a beautiful location and facilities, and a relaxed schedule and atmosphere.

### Highlights

- No entry fees! But, you must cover your judging commitment. (N-1)
- A professionally led tournament, held in one building, and that is designed to run on time.
- John Patrick, of Cal Poly SLO, will administer our tab room so your teams will debate high quality, well thought-out motions.
- A variety of excellent restaurants including an In-N-Out in nearby Westwood.
- Oral adjudication in **all** debate rounds
- Weather that is likely to be in the mid-60s to mid-70s.

### Tournament

The tournament offers British Parliamentary debate; the format used at the WUDC and USUDC tournaments, and will be following the international guidelines for WUDC competition including consensus judging, individual preparation and the international 4-team 8- speaker format.

If you're new to WUDC debate we hope that you consider attending, the format is easy to learn and inclusive. You can watch the final rounds of BP Nationals for the last 6 years, WUDC style debate here:

<http://commstudies.ucla.edu/content/debate-videos>



Also, the tournament offers a judge and debater briefing before it begins to give all parties a chance to ask any clarifying questions. New judges may view a videotape lecture on judging BP here:

<http://vimeo.com/75947098>

Please email me in advance if you need more information.

## **Tournament Registration**

### **Email your registration**

Entries are accepted exclusively by email. Send entries to [profmiller@speech.ucla.edu](mailto:profmiller@speech.ucla.edu). Please put "UCLA TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION" in the subject line. You will receive an email confirmation within 48 hours. Please confirm all entries by email or telephone if you do not receive entry verification. Include a cell phone number with your entry.

### **Registration Format**

School Name:

Director Names and Cell Phone Number:

Teams: First and last names

Judges: First and last names

- In registration, please note if judges are eligible to chair.
- Place the notation of **chair** or **wing** next to each judge's name.
- Indicate if you must hire a judge. One judge covers two teams.

### **Fees**

Registration is open now through **Wednesday, November 18, 6pm PST**. There are no entry fees! However you must cover your judging commitment. (N-1)

The hired judging fee is \$150 per judge. There is an additional \$150 fee for any team leaving the tournament prior to completion of preliminary debates. We accept cash and checks. All **checks** should be made payable to the **Regents of the University of California**. All fees are due no later than morning registration.



## **Judging**

Each school must provide (N-1) judges where N is the number of teams entered. We are also looking for judge volunteers and may have some money available for the hiring of judges. If that interests you, contact the Tournament Director at [profmiller@speech.ucla.edu](mailto:profmiller@speech.ucla.edu) or (310)-709-1997.

## **Lodging**

There is no official tournament hotel. However, there are excellent hotels and values near LAX airport, and in Westchester and Culver City area. These hotels are approximately 25-30 minutes from UCLA via freeway. For further information on hotels near the airport contact Tom Dowd of Loyola Marymount University, at [thomas.dowd@lmu.edu](mailto:thomas.dowd@lmu.edu)

Contact Tom Miller with requests for limited cash accommodations.

## **Air Travel Information**

If you are arriving by air, you should make arrangements to arrive at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). LAX is only 25-30 minutes from UCLA. Taxi and shuttle transportation is approximately \$35-40. UBER is around \$25.00.

## **Driving Directions to UCLA**

UCLA is located at 405 Hilgard, Los Angeles, CA 90095. From the 405 Freeway, exit on Sunset Blvd. Go east on Sunset to Hilgard Ave. Right on Hilgard Ave then another right into UCLA. Make a right turn on Young Drive and proceed to LOT # 3. Parking is \$12.00 per day. Proceed south from the parking structure to the Luskin Public Affairs Building, Room 2270. It is the large 4-story building. The tournament will take place both days, entirely on the second floor of Luskin.

Link to UCLA campus map:

<http://maps.ucla.edu/campus/>

## **Awards**

In addition to an award for the winners of the final round, we will also identify the top ten individual speakers and will recognize all teams that make the eliminations rounds. Ballots and results will be distributed electronically.



## Tournament Schedule

### **Saturday, November 21th**

- 8:00 Check-In and Registration (Luskin Public Affairs Bldg., Room 2270)
- 8:30 Briefing, Judges and Competitors
- 9:00 Round 1 Motion, Debate
- 11:00 Round 2 Motion, Debate
- 1:00 Lunch Break, Off-Campus, Westwood
- 2:30 Round 3 Motion, Debate
- 4:30 Round 4 Motion, Debate

### **Sunday, November 23rd**

- 8:30 Roll Call (Luskin Room 2270)
- 9:00 Round 5 Motion, Debate
- 11:00 Round 6 Motion, Debate
- 1:00 Lunch Break, Off-Campus Westwood
- 2:30 Semifinal Motion, Debate
- 4:30 Final Motion, Debate.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope you will join us this November.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom".

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