



## USC IV

February 17-18, 2018

**USC is pleased to announce a two-day BP debate tournament held at the University of Southern California.**

**Registration fees will be paid to the University of Southern California. Registration closes on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Please email registration to [universityofsoutherncaliIV@gmail.com](mailto:universityofsoutherncaliIV@gmail.com). N-1 rule applies to adjudication requirements.**

## 2018 USC IV

Hosted at USC by the Trojan Debate Squad

Saturday, February 17, 2018 to Sunday, February 18, 2018



Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Trojan Debate Squad, the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism and the University of Southern California, you are cordially invited to attend the 2018 USC IV, featuring competition in the British parliamentary format. The tournament will be held at USC on Saturday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **1. Format**

The tournament will offer a single division of British Parliamentary debate the format used at WUDC and USUC tournaments, and will be following the international guidelines for WUDC competition including consensus judge and the international 4-team and 8-speaker format. The event includes oral disclosure and constructive feedback. **No argumentative heckling is permitted.**

### **2. Tournament Registration Details**

Registration is now open. Participants must attend an accredited degree-granting post-secondary institution. If an individual attends more than one institution, he or she must register as a participant for the institution granting the higher degree. Hybrid teams are not eligible to participate.

Entries will be accepted until we reach the entry cap of 56 teams on February 12 at 5pm PST. To enter, please email [universityofsoutherncaliIV@gmail.com](mailto:universityofsoutherncaliIV@gmail.com) and provide:

1. School Name
2. Director or Captain name and cell phone number
3. Teams (first and last names), and whether teams are novice or experienced
4. Judges (first and last names). We ask that each school try to send at least one judge who can chair a panel. Please mark “chair” or “wing” for each judge. **Please provide chair judge phone numbers.**
5. Whether any of your debaters or judges have dietary restrictions. Please specify the number of individuals that have such requirements.

You will receive a confirmation email. Please contact us if you do not receive confirmation.

### **3. Judging**

N-1 Rules apply to judges. Judges must attend the briefing session. Institutions without sufficient or qualified judges have an option to pay for hired judges. If a school cannot hire a judge, we can provide a very limited number of hired judges at \$150 each. Each hired judge covers two team entries. Payment should be made to USC Annenberg Trojan Debate Squad.

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### **4. Fees**

\$85 per team

No Judge fee; N-1 requirement

There will be a \$50 fee for day before judge drops

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## **5. Schedule**

### **Saturday, February 17th**

8:00 AM Coffee, refreshments, registration

8:30 AM Judge and Debate Briefing (**required for judges**)

9:00 AM Role Call. **Teams will be dropped if they are late.**

9:15 AM Pairings up

9:30 AM Round 1

11:30 AM Round 2

1:30 PM Lunch (provided)

3:00 PM Round 3

5:00 PM Round 4

### **Sunday, February 18th**

9:00 AM Refreshments, breakfast, role call

9:15 AM Pairings up

9:30 AM Round 5

11:30 AM Round 6

1:30 PM Lunch (\*not\* provided)

2:30 PM Break Announcement

2:45 PM Open Semifinals/Novice Finals

4:00 PM Open Finals

5:30 PM Awards

## **6. CA Team and Equity**

Drew Latimer and Camara Hudson will be the chief adjudicators at this tournament. Drew won USUDC in 2016, finalized at Brandeis IV 2015, was the top speaker at Brandeis IV 2016, and has broken

and received speaker awards at numerous tournaments. He was the CA at the 2017 Brandeis IV. He currently coaches at UCLA. Camara was part of the top breaking team fo the 2016 Cambridge IV, the champion of the Rochester IV and multiple other small tournaments, and breaking team from Harthouse, Cambridge Womens, and other tournaments. She has served as a CA for the 2017 Brandeis IV, 2016 Huber Debates and the 2015 Bard IV. Drew and Camara will be handling judge and debater briefing and any equity complaints. USC takes harassment and harmful dialogue seriously; abusive language or personal attacks will not be tolerated.

## **7. Getting to USC**

Debates will be held on USC's main (University Park) campus. Driving directions are available at <https://visit.usc.edu/maps-directions/university-park-campus/directions-to-uscs-main-entrance/> Please allow extra time for your Friday morning commute.

*Parking:* Enter campus at the entrance on Vermont Avenue and 36<sup>th</sup> place. All guests will need to purchase a daily parking pass (for \$12) at the entry gate. A parking deck is immediately on your right after you acquire your parking pass. Once you park, walk on Downey Way toward the center of campus (away from you entered) and make a left turn on Watt Way. Wallis Annenberg Hall will be immediately on your right.

*Metro:* We also encourage guests to consider using the LA Metro light rail service to campus. The Expo Line stops on campus at the Expo Park/ USC. You can use this service to connect with Santa Monica, Long Beach, Redondo Beach, Pasadena, downtown LA, and stops across the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys. Plan your specific trip at [https://trips.metro.net/tm\\_pub\\_start.php](https://trips.metro.net/tm_pub_start.php) If you ride the metro, just exit the Expo Park stop and walk straight onto campus using Trousdale Parkway. Make a left on Childs Ways and

Wallis Annenberg Hall will be on your left, immediately after the bookstore and Tudor Campus Center.

*Registration, location of debates and motion announcements* - All debates will be held in our two Annenberg School buildings, Wallis Annenberg Hall (ANN on campus maps) and The Annenberg School of Communication (ASC). A full campus map is available at <http://web-app.usc.edu/maps/#upc> The opening check-in and motion announcement will take place in Wallis Annenberg Hall's auditorium (L105A). Registration will take place outside the auditorium. This is one floor below the ground level when you enter the building.

### **8. Awards**

Top team, top novice team, top speaker and top novice speaker will be recognized. Ballots and results will be distributed electronically.

### **9. Questions**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [universityofsoutherncaliIV@gmail.com](mailto:universityofsoutherncaliIV@gmail.com).

## **Trojan Debate Squad**

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