

## Yale Debate Association Twentieth Annual Invitational Tournament

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The Yale Debate Association (YDA) is an undergraduate organization of Yale University in New Haven, CT. Every year, the YDA travels throughout the United States and the world to compete in Parliamentary Debate.

To encourage speech and debate activities among high school and college students, the YDA hosts several tournaments each year. Our four annual tournaments are the Yale Invitational Tournament, the Adam's Cup Tournament, the Osterweis Tournament, and the Yale College Intervarsity Tournament.

Dear Speech and Debate Coach:

On behalf of the Yale Debate Association, we welcome you and your team to TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS the twentieth annual Yale University Invitational Tournament.

> With each passing year, our tournament grows and gains further recognition nationwide: Over 30 new schools will be joining us for this year's competition. Like last year, we will be offering a bid to the TOC for quarterfinalists in Varsity Lincoln Douglas, and octofinalists in Public Forum debate. Additionally, we are excited to expand our bid offer to include semifinalists in Congressional Debate.

As a result of these developments, our tournament has increased in size by roughly 200 entries. To better accommodate these additional competitors we have expanded our shuttle system and offered expanded hotel group rates to make transportation and housing more convenient for all competitors in the events we host off campus.

We are proud to note that this year, tab will be directed by Mike Vigars, who will also continue to lead tab for Congressional Debate. We are joined by Jim Menick, Ari Parker, and Chris Palmer in Lincoln Douglas tab, and Sheryl Kaczmarek in Policy. Speech tab staff will be led by Joe Vaughan with help from Dave Yastremski, Barb Giuliano and Lisa Honeyman. Public Forum tab will be led by Robert Sheard, with help from Harry Strong and Brother Kevin Tidd. Parliamentary Debate will be run by Everett Rutan and Mark Lewis. All are nationally recognized and successful tab coordinators whose expertise will continue to be essential to our ability to run a smooth tournament.

The information provided within this packet and on our tournament website, http://yale.tabroom.com, should answer any questions that you may have about our tournament. If you need additional assistance, please email us at yale@tabroom.com or call us at the tab phone, (475) 201-1946.

We wish you all the best this weekend.

Sincerely, Zach Bakal and Sesenu Woldemariam Tournament Directors

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#### Varsity and Junior Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate

The resolution will be the September-October National Forensic League topic. Both LD divisions will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. Debaters will have 5 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, high/low adjusted points, double-adjusted points, opponent's record, total points, judge variance, and flip of a coin, in that order. There will be six rounds in both Varsity and JV; the break will be to double-octafinals in both LD divisions. If necessary, there will be a run-off in VLD of 4-2s.

Students in 9th or 10th grade, and those in 11th grade with less than two years debating experience, may enter JV LD, but should also feel free to enter VLD. Students with more than two year's experience and those in 12th grade should enter VLD. Any student who broke at a national tournament in JV LD last year should enter VLD. We strongly encourage coaches to choose divisions with the educational purpose of debate in mind. That purpose is hurt if overqualified debaters compete in JV. Students shouldn't enter JV LD to "win trophies;" JV LD is a learning division.



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#### **Policy Debate**

There will be a single, open division of policy debate using the 2012-2012 NFL resolution.

Teams will give 8-minute constructive speeches, 3-minute cross-examinations, and 5-minute rebuttals, and will have ten minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln Douglas Debate. The break will be to quarterfinals. We will host an open room with wifi available for collaborative tournament prep throughout the tournament. This room will stay open during Saturday rounds.

#### **Public Forum Debate**

There will be a single, open division of Public Forum Debate. We will follow all NFL rules, except that **each team will be given FOUR (4) minutes of prep time** during the round, not two. The tournament will be using the NFL topic for September of 2012. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln Douglas Debate. The event will break to double octafinals.

#### **Parliamentary Debate**

There will be a single, open division of Parliamentary Debate. We will follow Osterweis style with the 4-5-5-5-2-3 format. For a full style guide, please visit

http://www.yaledebate.org/osterweis/rules.html.

We will release the straight-link resolution fifteen minutes before the start of each round. There will be four rounds with a likely break to quarterfinals; the break will be determined based on the size of the field.

#### **Congressional Debate**

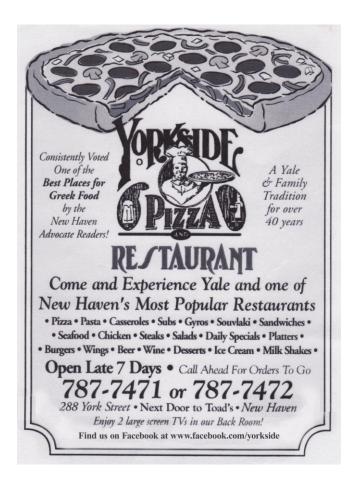
There will be a single, open division of Congressional Debate. Chambers will be comprised of no more than 20 members. Sunday's competition will again feature a semifinal round in the morning and a final round in the afternoon.



#### **Speech Events**

Students will be limited to entering a maximum of two events. We will again be scheduling **five preliminary rounds** instead of four.

Students may enter each event only once. Students may use the same source material in only one event; you cannot perform the same piece as a Prose and a DI, for example. Students performing the same source material in more than one event by tab's judgment will be disqualified from **both events**. Two works from the same collection, volume, or anthology won't count as "the same material" – but two cuttings from the same work



would. Feel free to email us in advance if you have questions about this rule.

Extemp, Oratory, DI, HI and Duo will follow
National Forensic League rules and guidelines.
Oral Interpretation of Literature will follow
National Catholic Forensic League rules and
guidelines. We will use the NCFL's guidelines for
published material in interp events. The grace
period will be 30 seconds for all speech events.
Any IE participant who exceeds the grace may not
receive a rank of 1 in the round; any further
penalty will be at the discretion of the judge. A
participant may only be penalized for a time
violation if the judge has used a precise timing
device and notes the penalty on the ballot.

Speech events will break to either quarterfinals or semifinals based on the size of the events; an event with 60 or more competitors will break to quarterfinals. Speech tabbing will be cumulative throughout the tournament, with the worst prelim score dropped. As logistics permit, we will advance as many students tied on ranks to each consecutive elim round as we can; if there are too

many tied competitors to advance all competitors with a given cumulative score, reciprocal ranks will be our next tiebreak. Students on the edge of breaking who are tied on both ranks and reciprocals will always be advanced to the next elim round.

The Extemp final round will feature crossexamination in accordance with NFL rules.

#### **Source Integrity**

All students must bring copies of all sources, which must include the full context of the citation, not simply a retyped list of short sentences and quotes.

Debaters must make said sources available to either their opponent(s) in the round, and/or their judges after the round upon request. Debate

entries failing to do so, or debaters who significantly misrepresent sources in the round may be disqualified at the discretion of Tab.

Speech contestants should have the full original source of all material in interpretive events available at the tournament, in addition to their cutting. Oratory and Extemp students should have the text of any material they cite in their speeches available at the tournament. Students misrepresenting sources or using sources not available may be disqualified at the discretion of Tab.

All rules are subject to change. The tournament will make you aware of any changes at registration.



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Judges in all divisions are obligated to stay and judge one round past any round in which their students are actively competing. We will assume judges are staying past their obligation unless we hear otherwise; let us know if you are leaving.

Schools whose judges fail to appear for an assigned round will be fined \$25 for a prelim or \$50 for an elim round. Judges fined may work it off by judging rounds beyond their assignment. We don't want your money, we want judges to show up. However, schools with unpaid fines will not be given ballots or awards, and will be prevented from registering at other tournaments we run (and that's a lot of them) until those fines are paid.

#### Results

We will publicly post the results of each round in PF, LD and Policy after each round is tabbed, to serve as a double-check. Judges in debate events are encouraged, but not required, to give feedback and critiques to the debaters and disclose their decisions. However, please be sure the tab room knows the results of the round before you give

extended critiques. We may use an optional textmessaging system to allow you to quickly send results into the tab room.

#### **Ballots and Awards**

Awards will be given to all competitors reaching eliminations. Please pick them up during the awards ceremony, or arrange to have someone else do so on your behalf. **We do not mail trophies**. If we had a nickel for every time we had to repeat this, we'd all be retired right now, enjoying our very own Caribbean island.

We also do not release ballots early to teams who cleared entries into elim rounds. Non-clearing teams can pick up ballots, but they won't be ready & sorted until Sunday morning after the first elim round. If you anticipate leaving early, bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope of sufficient size and postage to mail your ballots, label it with your school name, and deliver it to tab. We will put your ballots into the envelope and send it after the tournament. Please don't just staple enough money to the envelope; bring actual postage; our asking for stamps is a time/hassle thing, not a money thing.

#### **Adult Supervision**

All students must be accompanied by their parent/legal guardian, a school-approved adult guardian, or a teacher or coach who is empowered to deal with emergencies, medical or otherwise. The adult guardian in question must be a high school graduate; high school students who have passed their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday do not count. All registrants must provide a name and phone number for an adult contact who will be present at the tournament and is responsible for the students in case of an emergency.

#### **Safety**

The tab room phone number is (475) 201-1946. Please make all your students and judges aware of this number, so they can contact Tab. This number is for on-site issues only, and will not be answered except during the tournament.

The policy of the Yale Tournament concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, illegal use of controlled substances, vandalism, and destructive, and other illegal or disorderly behavior shall be: (1) to disqualify involved contestants from further competition, (2) to communicate the offending incident to the contestants' on-site guardians and/or parents, (3) to require financial reimbursement for all damages or liabilities caused directly or indirectly by the incident, (4) to notify the local legal authorities. The precise remedy or remedies selected will remain at the discretion of the tournament staff. Every student must be accompanied to the tournament by an adult empowered by the student's school and/or parent to care for that

student in the event of a medical or other emergency. The contact information for this adult must be given to the Tab Room on registration. The Yale Tournament can take no responsibility for the health and safety of students beyond notifying this accompanying adult of concerns or problems as we become aware of them. The Yale Invitational Tournament staff reserves the right to refuse entry to the tournament to anyone, be they competitor, judge or observer, at its sole discretion.

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*Rooms:* 214-728-4646

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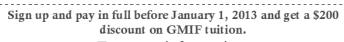
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All times and events are subject to change. In particular we will try again to accelerate LD on Sunday to have finals before awards. Any changes will not significantly affect the starting or ending times of the tournament. Coaches will be given a final schedule at registration. Please remind your competitors to be on time for their events. The rounds will begin at the scheduled time with or without them present. A 15 minute forfeit rule applies in debate.

#### **Tournament Schedule: Congress**

#### **Friday**

6:00-7:00 PM: Optional Registration if you have no LD/PF debaters, or call in to (475) 201-1946

#### Saturday – Yale Campus

Judge call will occur in LC 211, 20 minutes prior to the start of each session.

8:15-11:30 Session I

12:30-3:30 Session II

4:00-7:00 Session III

8:30 Breaks Posted in LC & Online

#### **Sunday – Yale Campus**

8:00 AM Judge Call

8:15 – 10:45 Semifinal Session

11:45 – 2:45 Super Session

3:30 Awards & Ballot Distribution

#### **Tournament Schedule: Speech**

#### **Friday**

6:00-7:00 PM: Registration if you have no LD/PF debaters, or call in to (475) 201-1946 10:00 Preliminary Rounds Posted Online

#### Saturday – Yale Campus

Judge call will occur in LC 211, 20 minutes

before the start of each round.

Time Slot (TS) 1: 8:00AM - DI, Ex OFF

TS 2: 9:45AM - OI, HI OFF

TS 3: 11:30AM - Ex, Duo OFF

TS 4: 1:30PM - DI, OI OFF

TS 5: 3:00PM - **Duo, HI OFF** 

TS 6: 4:30PM - **OO OFF** 

TS 7: 6:30PM - **OO OFF** 

10:00 Elims Posted (Online & at LC Hall)

#### **Sunday – Yale Campus**

8:30 Extemp	Draw
9:00 Speech	Quarterfinals
11:00 Extemp	Draw
11:30 Speech	Semifinals
1:00 Extemp	Draw
1:30 Speech	Finals

3:30 Awards and Ballot Distribution

#### **Tournament Schedule: LD**

#### Friday-Wilbur Cross HS

2:30-4	1:00PM:	Registration	n at Dwight Hall
4:45		Or	ening Assembly
5:00	Varsity and	JV LD	Round 1
7:00	Varsity and	JV LD	Round 2

#### Saturday- Hillhouse HS

8:00	Varsity LD	Round 3
8:30	JV LD	Round 3
10:30	Varsity LD	Round 4
11:00	JV LD	Round 4
1:00	Varsity LD	Round 5
1:30	JV LD	Round 5
3:30	Varsity LD	Round 6
4:00	JV LD	Round 6
6:00	Varsity LD	Run-Off (all 4-2s Break)
6:30	JV LD	Double Octos

~10:30 VLD Advancing Debaters Posted (Online & at LC Hall)

#### **Sunday- Yale Campus**

Judge call will occur in LC 211, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

#### All VLD judges are obligated for Double Octos

8:00	Varsity LD	<b>Double Octos</b>
10:30	JVLD & VLD	Octofinals
12:30	JVLD & VLD	Quarterfinals
2:00	JVLD & VLD	Semifinals
3:00	JVLD & VLD	Finals
3:30	Awards and Ballot Distribu	ution

#### **Tournament Schedule: PFD**

#### Friday- Yale Campus

2:30-4	1:00PM:	Registration at Dwight Hall
4:45		Opening Assembly
5:00	PF	Round 1 (double-flighted)
7:30	PF	Round 2 (double-flighted)

#### Saturday- Wilbur Cross HS

Judge call will occur in WC Library, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

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9:00	PF	Round 3 (double-flighted)
11:30	PF	Round 4 (double-flighted)
2:00	PF	Round 5 (double-flighted)
4:30	PF	Round 6 (double-flighted)
7:00	PF	Triple-Octos (double-flighted)

#### **Sunday- Yale Campus**

Judge call will occur in LC 211, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

8:00	PF	Double-Octos (single-flighted)
9:30	PF	Octos (single-flighted)
11:00	PF	Quarters (single-flighted)
12:30	PF	Semis (single-flighted)
1:30	PF	Finals
3:30	Awards an	nd Ballot Distribution

#### **Tournament Schedule: Policy**

#### **Friday- Yale Campus**

2:30-4:00PM: Registration 4:00-8:00PM: Open Prep Room w/ WiFi

#### Saturday- Hill Regional Career HS

Judge call will occur in HRC Library, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

9:00	Policy	Round 1
11:30	Policy	Round 2
2:00	Policy	Round 3
4:30	Policy	Round 4

#### **Sunday- Yale Campus**

Judge call will occur in LC 211, 20 minutes before the start of each round.

8:30	Policy	Round 5
10:30	Policy	Awards
11:00	Policy	Quarterfinals
1:30	Policy	Semifinals
3:00	Policy	Finals

#### **Tournament Schedule: Parliamentary**

#### **Friday**

6:00-7:00 PM: Registration if you have no LD/PF debaters, or call in to (475) 201-1946.

#### Saturday – Wilbur Cross HS 8:45 Judges/Coaches Meetin

8:45	Judges/Coaches Meeting	
9:00	Parliamentary	Round 1
11:00	Parliamentary	Round 2
1:00	Parliamentary	Round 3
3:00	Parliamentary	Round 4
5:00	Parliamentary	Round 5

#### **Sunday- Yale Campus**

9:00	Parliamentary	Quarterfinals
11:00	Parliamentary	Semis
1:00	Parliamentary	Final
3.30	Awards and Rallot Dietribution	nn .

#### **General/Transportation Schedule**

#### Friday, September 21st

2:30-4:30 PM: Debate Registration 4:00-4:45 PM: Shuttles from Yale to Wilbur Cross (LD) 4:45 PM: Opening Assembly Speech/Congress Registration 6:00-7:00 PM: Shuttles from Wilbur Cross to Yale 8:20-9:40 PM: Shuttles from Yale to 8:00-9:45 PM: Clarion Hotel 8:30-10:00 PM: Shuttles from Yale to Hampton Hotel

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### Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

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6:30-7:15 AM	Shuttles from Hampton Hotel to
	Yale
7:00-8:15 AM	Shuttles from Yale to
	Hillhouse High School (LD)
7:55-8:50 AM	Shuttles from Yale to Wilbur Cross
	(PF and Parli)
8:10-8:45 AM	Shuttles from Yale to Hill Regional
	Career (CX)
6:20 PM - 9:00	Shuttles from Hillhouse High
	School to Yale
6:30 PM -7:15	Shuttles from Hill Regional Career
	to Yale
6:30 PM - 9:10	Shuttles from Wilbur Cross to Yale
7:15 PM - 9:30	Shuttles from Yale to
	Clarion Hotel
7:30 PM - 9:30	Shuttles from Yale to Hampton
	Hotel

#### Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:40-9:00 AM Shuttles from Clarion Hotel to Yale campus
7:15-8:15 AM Shuttles from Hampton Hotel to Yale
3:30 PM Awards and Ballot Distribution,

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Shuttles arrive and depart from Yale at Phelps Gate on Old Campus (across from LC).

#### **Partner High Schools**

Wilbur Cross High School 181 Mitchell Drive New Haven, CT 06511

Hill Regional Career High 140 Legion Avenue New Haven, CT 06519

James Hillhouse High School 480 Sherman Pkwy New Haven, CT 06511

## <u>Notes</u>

If lost or locked out, please call with questions at (475) 201-1946.

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