

Dear Directors & Coaches,

On behalf of the New York City Urban Debate League, we welcome you to participate in the New York City Urban Debate League State Tournament. The tournament is open to all schools that are members of the NYCUDL. If you are interested in joining, please let us know

Dates: March 19-20, 2016

Location: Bronx High School of Science

Events: Varsity & Novice Divisions in Lincoln Douglas, Policy Debate, and Public Forum

**This tournament is for students in grades 9-12. If you have middle school students, please join us for our middle school state championship in May.

Resolutions: The tournament will be using the following resolutions

Public Forum – Resolved: The United States should withdraw its military presence from Okinawa.

Lincoln Douglas – Resolved: The United States ought to promote democracy in the Middle East.

Policy – Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance.

Fees:

\$50/school

\$40/team (Public Forum & Policy)

\$25/person (Lincoln Douglas)

If you need assistance with the fees, please contact the NYCUDL.

Meals:

2 meals per day will be provided for coaches, judges, & students as part of your entry fee.

The tournament will provide:

Saturday – Lunch & Dinner

Sunday – Breakfast & Lunch

Qualification/Entry:

Students can qualify in two ways

(A) Earn two awards at one-day tournaments (two awards, two different days)

(B) Reach the elimination rounds at a 2-3 day tournament

- For events that require a partner (Policy, PF), both partners must meet these qualification standards.
- The tournament will only accept qualified entries until March 1, 2016.

- After March 1, the tournament will accept entries from other students until the tournament is full, with a March 10 cut-off

Schedule:

Saturday, March 19, 2016

8:00am — Registration
9:00am — Round 1
11:00am — Round 2
1:30pm — Round 3
4:00pm — Round 4

Sunday, March 20, 2016

8:00am — Round 5
10:00am — Awards Ceremony
11:00am — Octafinals
1:00pm — Quarterfinals
3:00pm — Semifinals
5:00pm — Finals

We will accelerate the schedule for PF & LD by using single flights if there are enough judges to do so.

Sincerely,
Erik Fogel, Executive Director, NYCUDL
Aubrey Semple, Director of Programming, NYCUDL

Stefan Bauschard & Brian Manuel
State Tournament Tabroom Directors