**2017 District One NDT Qualifier & Pacific Championships**

**Tournament Dates:** February 25-26, 2017 (Saturday-Sunday)

**Host Site**. University of Southern California

**Divisions**

**NDT Qualifying Division** - The qualifying division is open to teams who fulfill the eligibility requirements for participating in the 2017 NDT qualification process. There will be six preliminary debates and runoffs, as necessary, to determine NDT qualification.

**Pacific Championships Open Division** – This division will largely be populated by junior division eligible debaters, but the division is open to any team not attempting to qualify for the NDT and is accordingly recognized as an open division. There will be six preliminary debates and elimination rounds as determined by tournament schedule and CEDA rules.

**Pacific Championships Novice Division –** The novice division is eligible to debaters who satisfy the CEDA novice eligibility requirements. The champion of the division will receive the Winebrenner Trophy. There will be six preliminary debates and elimination rounds as determined by tournament schedule and CEDA rules.

Programs outside the District One area are welcome to enter the non-qualifying divisions.

**Entries -** Please enter through tabroom.com. District bid allocation will be based on teams entered; subsequent entries may not count in the allocation process. If you submit teams for a first-round at-large bid, please enter them in the district tournament by the deadline date, and then drop them should they receive a first-round bid. Teams may not enter the qualifying division after the declaration date. The deadline for entering the open and novice divisions is February 21.

**Fees**

Per Person Fees - $30 per person attending the tournament. These fees include entries, awards, and hospitality.

NDT Qualifier Team Fees - $30 for each team entered in the qualifying division. This is to cover the cost of hiring and using highly preferred judges beyond their commitment in the qualifying division.

Hired judging in the Pacific Championship divisions - $100 fee per uncovered team in the non-qualifying divisions. If you cannot provide judging, please let Kiran (kirankdhillon@gmail.com) and/or Gordon (stables@usc.edu) know ASAP and we will work to try to identify rounds for hire. District rules require you to cover your commitment for teams entered in the qualifying division.

**Judging**

Expectations - All judges are required to vote for one and only one team. Judges will have 2 hours and 45 minutes from the start of the debate to cast their ballot. Should they fail to do so by this time the tab room will flip a coin to determine the winner. Points at the tournament can be given on a scale of 1-30 using decimal points and without ties in each debate.

Commitments - You are committed to providing one judge for every two teams you enter in the tournament, or portion thereof. Bringing additional judges, particularly those prepared to be included in the qualifying division pool, would be appreciated. Hired judges will be paid at $30 per round. Since it is difficult to arrange for qualified hired judging, please cover your Open/Novice commitment if at all possible. Your judges may be assigned to rounds in divisions you have not entered. Unless otherwise noted in your entry, all judges will be placed in the Qualifying Division MPJ pool. Please do not place judges in JV or Novice only if they meet the qualifications for judging in the qualifying division.

Judging beyond commitments - To facilitate mutually preferred judging, district protocol requires that all judges in the judge pool must be prepared to judge beyond their school’s commitment. Judges will be compensated at a rate of $30 per round for each additional round judged. The tab room will make every effort not to abuse this requirement.

Elimination rounds and run-offs - Judges from schools entered in the Qualifying Division may be assigned to any or all preliminary rounds and any and all run-off rounds, as necessary. Judges from schools entered in the Open and/or Novice Divisions must be available for elimination debates.

Six round minimum - Any judge who has heard fewer than six rounds on the topic prior to the tournament will not count toward fulfilling your commitment, but will be included in the judge pool, used as much as possible, and compensated as a hired judge. You have an affirmative obligation to identify any of your judges who have not met the six round minimum.

Philosophies - All judges are requested to provide a judging philosophy statement. Posting those philosophies to tabroom.com is the best way to ensure full access to all participants.

The USC Radisson (3540 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90007) will be the tournament hotel at a rate of $139 per night that includes parking and wifi. To make reservations either:

* Go online at [www.uscradisson.com](http://www.uscradisson.com/) and use the booking code DEB702.  The promotional code is valid only for checking in during the dates in the contract. If guest need to stay a day or two earlier or after these dates, please have them make reservations through the hotel directly at 213.748.4141.
* Call the central reservation line at 800.333.3333. The name of event is “USC Debate National Qualifiers Group.”
* Last day to make reservations under the groups discounted rate is February 10th 2017.

**Tentative Schedule**:

**Saturday, February 25**

8:00 a.m. Pairings released, breakfast (provided)
9:00 a.m. Round 1 all divisions
11:00 a.m. Lunch (on your own)
12:30 p.m. Round 2
3:30 p.m. Round 3
5:30 p.m. Dinner (on your own)
7:00 p.m. Round 4

**Sunday, February 26**

7:15 a.m. Pairings released, breakfast (provided)
8:00 a.m. Round 5
11:30 p.m. Round 6
2:30 p.m. Awards

3:15 p.m. Elim I

Necessary Elims continue ASAP