Mount Vernon Debate Derby

**Invitation**

# Welcome!

On behalf of the Mount Vernon Presbyterian School Debate Team and broader school community, I would like to cordially invite all schools to participate in Mount Vernon’s first ever policy debate tournament. This tournament is intended to continue the spirit of other excellent early season tournament of prior years that provide an introduction to the wonderful activity of policy debate for students at the beginning of their debate careers. Pertinent details are listed below, but please feel free to contact me with any additional information. We hope to see you **Saturday, September 2nd**.

-Zach Strother

Director of Debate

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# Dates and Schedules

The tournament will take place **Saturday, September 2nd, 2017.** We ask that you enter teams and judges on the tabroom website by **Wednesday, August 30th.**

**Tournament Day Schedule:**

8:00 On-campus registration opens
8:30 Opening Ceremony and judge meeting
9:00 Round 1
11:00 Round 2
1:00 Lunch Break
2:00 Round 3
4:00 Round 4
6:00 Awards Ceremony
7:00 End of Tournament

# Events

This tournament will offer **first-year policy debate** and **second-year policy debate** events. The Mount Vernon Debate Derby will use the Georgia Forensic Coaches Association definitions for these categories, which are as follows:

**Novice (first year) Competitors** are in their first year of high school competition. **Junior (second year) Varsity Competitors** are in their second year of high school competition regardless of grade level.

Novice competitors will follow the GFCA’s rule for novice policy debate, and will be restricted to evidence published for the GFCA’s novice packet.

# Judging

We ask that schools provide **ONE** qualified judge for each **TWO** teams they bring to the competition. The Mount Vernon Debate Derby considers students who have debated extensively on at least **two resolutions** to be qualified to judge novice debates; students who have debated extensively on at least **three resolutions** to be qualified to judge junior varsity debate.

Schools that cannot cover all of their entries to the tournament may request hired judging on a **first come, first served basis.** The cost of hired judging is **$50 per uncovered entry.**

# Registration Fees

The tournament costs include the following:

1. **A School fee of $20.00** per school registered, and
2. **A team fee of $20.00** for each 2-person team of competitors registered for the tournament.

The Mount Vernon Debate Derby requests that you bring a check with payment for registration costs and any fees for requested judges to the tournament, or mail it in advance of the tournament date. Checks can be made out to Mount Vernon Presbyterian School, and mailed to the address below:

ATTN: Zach Strother

510 Mount Vernon Highway

Sandy Springs, GA 30328

# Location & Parking

The Tournament will take place on the Glenn Campus of Mount Vernon Presbyterian School, located at **510 Mount Vernon Highway, Sandy Springs, GA 30328.**

Parking on campus is limited, but should be able to accommodate all competitors; please send us an email to let us know if you plan to bring a mini-bus or full-sized bus so we can plan to accommodate all competitors’ parking needs.