

## Cal Parli Invitational Tournament Policy

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### **Entry Policy**

1. The tournament will have a novice division and an open division . A team is eligible to compete in the novice division if neither partner competed in any form of high school or middle school debate before the 2017-18 season.
2. Competitors must be a currently enrolled in 7th-12th grade to compete.
3. Hybrid teams are allowed, but the tournament does not guarantee that they will be protected against hitting another team from a constituent school.
4. Students must enter under their school. A school/district-approved chaperone must be present on the tournament campus at all times, and must be on-call if Tab has any questions.

### **Tab Policy**

1. The Tab Director for the tournament will be Joel Jacobs. The Tab Observer will be Artem Raskin.
2. The tournament will consist of 5 preliminary rounds. If we have sufficient rooms to run both divisions simultaneously, we may revise the schedule and add a 6th prelim.
3. The tournament will break to octofinals. We reserve the right to break to quarterfinals in light of final tournament size, judge pool, and schedule.
4. Round 1-2 will be randomly paired, and rounds 3-5 will be power matched using tabroom's SOP setting.
5. Teams will generally alternate Gov and Opp in Rounds 1-4, and then be randomly assigned a side in Round 5. Side constraints may be broken in Round 4 and 5 in order to avoid breaking brackets.
6. If there are an odd number of teams in a division, a bye will be awarded randomly to a team in the bottom bracket. No team may receive more than one bye.
7. The tournament will apply a strict forfeiture rule. A team that is not in the room 15 minutes after prep time expires will forfeit, receiving a loss and speaker points of either zero or their tournament average, at the discretion of tab based on the reason for the forfeit. Teams that are present in the round when their opponents forfeit will receive a

win and will have their points and ranks averaged. Tab reserves the right to award a double bye or double forfeit when unusual circumstances justify it.

8. The break will be determined on the following metrics:
  - a. Win-Loss Record
  - b. Total Points
  - c. Total Ranks
  - d. Single-Adjusted Points
  - e. Single-Adjusted Ranks
  - f. Opposition wins
  - g. Opposition points
  - h. Head-to-Head
  - i. Z-score
  - j. Computer Generated Coin Toss
9. Elim seeding will be determined by the above metrics, with teams being ranked 1-16, with the highest seed hitting the lowest seed in the octofinal round.
10. Any concerns about a rules violation must be raised with tab by a coach at the earliest possible opportunity.

### **Prep Rules**

1. 20 minutes prep. Teams are expected to go straight to their rooms after being released.
2. Teams may use devices prep, which may be connected to the Internet. The network name is "Cal Visitor," and requires no password.
3. Teams may not prep with debaters, coaches, or any other person besides their partner, either in person or through devices.
4. In rounds, teams must use only written materials prepared during prep time.

### **Debate Rules**

1. Teams may not use devices in rounds for any purpose other than a timer. Laptops or other electronic devices may not be used for flowing/notes, unless the debater in question has contacted tab requesting an exemption on account of a disability.
2. Competitors are expected to show an appropriate level of decorum during the round (no texting, don't interrupt another debater's speech, don't make a disturbing amount of noise, etc.).
3. Competitors are expected to refrain from using hateful speech, including speech that is racist, sexist, xenophobic, or significantly offensive in other respects. Students that wish to raise a complaint may do so with the tournament Equity Officer.
4. Competitors are asked to refrain from using explicit language or speech that harasses the other competitors.

5. Topic areas for rounds 3 and 5 will be released one week prior to the tournament.
6. The tournament will have at least one fact, value, and policy motion in the preliminary rounds.

### **Judging Guidelines**

1. Judges must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Be able to understand English at a conversational level of fluency.
  - b. Be high school graduates at least 18 years of age.
2. Judges are encouraged to have accounts on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). The account should contain information about all school and competitor conflicts the judge has (including any school affiliations, past or present, or coaching or social relationships with debaters). If a judge does not have an account, coaches should enter any judging conflicts when registering the judge on [tabroom](http://tabroom.com).

## Topic Committee Members

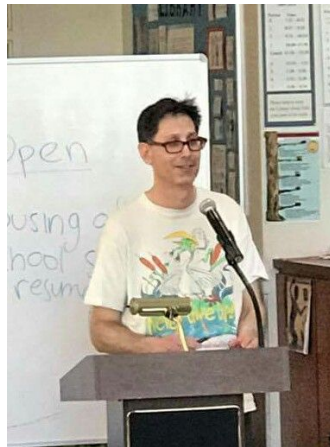


**Sebastian Miller:** Sebastian Miller is a Junior at the University of California, Berkeley, who majors in Philosophy. He competed in parliamentary debate for Windsor High School all four years of his high school career, and taught at the Windsor Debate Institute for three years during the summer. His competitive successes include winning the 2012 UOP invitational, placing 5th at the 2015 State Championship, and being ranked as the top parliamentary debater by the National Speech and Debate Association for the 2014-2015 debate season. Additionally, during his senior year, he reached quarterfinals or better at every invitational he attended, including the Long Beach Invitational, the UOP Invitational, the Colt Classic, the Wolf Pack Invitational, the MLK Invitational, the Stanford Invitational, the 2015 Tournament of Champions, and the 2015 California State Championship, while also winning top speaker at MLK.



**Bryan St. Amant:** Bryan St. Amant co-founded Windsor High School's parliamentary debate program in 2007. Under his leadership, Windsor has won or reached the final round of parliamentary debate at UOP, James Logan, Claremont, Bishop O'Dowd, Santa Clara Spring, the Windsor Invitational and the California State Championship. Five Windsor parliamentary debaters have finished in the top-10 in of the NSDA's national ranking, including the 1st & 2nd

ranked parliamentary debaters in the nation. Bryan's unique perspective on persuasion and argumentation draws from his distinguished career as a marketing executive/CEO in addition to his experience as a national-circuit policy debater -- winning the California State Championship for Damien High School and serving as captain of the UC Berkeley debate team. Bryan holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from UC Berkeley, an MS in Management from MIT, and is Founder & CEO of VinterActive LLC.



**Joel Jacobs:** Joel Jacobs has been involved with debate for more than three decades, as a competitor, judge, and coach. He competed in APDA parliamentary for four years, where he won the tournaments at Williams and New York University. He made semifinals at Harvard and UPenn, and took top speaker at Harvard, what was then the largest tournament in APDA history. He now coaches debate at El Cerrito High School and the Debate Society of UC Berkeley.



**Ali Berl:** Ali Berl competed in LD, Congressional Debate, and Domestic Extemp at Los Alamos High School in Los Alamos, New Mexico. She went to NSDA Nationals twice and picked up five State Championship titles. She has been serving as President of the Debate Society of Berkeley for two years.



**Violet Sinnarkar:** Violet Sinnarkar competed in Lincoln-Douglas and Parliamentary debate for Evergreen Valley High School in San Jose, California. She qualified to the Tournament of Champions in parliamentary debate as a junior, after competing in semifinals at SCU and quarterfinals at Stanford. In LD, she reached elimination rounds at Berkeley, College Prep, Stanford and Yale. She now serves as the Communications Chair for the Debate Society of Berkeley.



**Kevin Klyman:** Kevin Klyman competed in Public Forum Debate for Evanston Township High School in Evanston, Illinois, and, as a senior, served as co-president of the team. Kevin won Glenbrooks, Middleton, and the Illinois State Championship, finaled at Blake, semifined at Harvard and Dowling, quarterfinalled at Apple Valley, and octafined at the Tournament of Champions and Catholic Forensic League nationals. He coached for the Speech and Debate team at the Nueva School during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years. In 2016, he coached the first co-champions in Public Forum in the history of the Cal Invitational at Berkeley; in 2017, he coached the winning team at the TOC in Public Forum. Kevin has also worked at summer debate camps including the Stanford National Forensics Institute and the National Debate Forum. He currently serves as the Chair of the Debate Society of Berkeley's American Parliamentary Debate Team.