Dear Friends,

The University of Rochester Debate Union is pleased to invite you to the 2016 Brad Smith Debate Tournament! The tournament will be held Saturday, September 16th and Sunday, September 17th on the gorgeous University of Rochester campus (maps will be available at registration). Our tournament is named in honor of H. Brad Smith, a longtime and invaluable supporter of the University of Rochester Debate Union. We are lucky to have both Brad and Jane Smith joining us to help with judging and hospitality. The tournament will be CEDA and SAMBA sanctioned. As always, we will offer competition in the World Universities and Policy Debate formats.

**For Policy**:

We will offer 5 rounds of novice prelims, and 6 prelims in the JV & Open divisions. We will clear half of all teams entered, up to the limit of Octofinals. We will use the CEDA definition of "novice" and will use the 2017-2018 CEDA/NDT topic. The time limits will be 9-3-6 with 10 minutes of prep time. FYI we will be running four (4) novice rounds on Saturday to facilitate new debater workshops / watching rounds during the 5th Open/JV round.

**Please register your teams on** [**tabroom.com**](http://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Ftabroom.com%2F&h=6AQEGaNja&enc=AZP-jJDFXVA3SJL4KwqqEuVHisSq6dcs0GhqJuXlpegjDGKdfzXTSE_fGwsEjOT-h1s&s=1) **no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 12th.** Last minute policy registration questions can be directed to Joe Schatz, your tab master for the weekend: debate@binghamton.edu.

NOTE: Please enter any dietary or accessibility concerns for your students here: <https://goo.gl/forms/Le7EAQYBLiauWDQp2>

**For Worlds**:

Adjudication Team

CAs: Josiah Peterson (The King’s College) and Bexley Brown (University of Rochester)

DCAs: Graeme McGuire (UR), Brianna Terrell (UR), Anne Cheng (UR)

Equity Chair: tba very soon, stay tuned!

We will run 6 preliminary debates with appropriate elimination rounds to follow based on the number of entries. We will have a novice final breakout. A team is eligible for Novice if it is their first year of Worlds/APDA debate, or if they have entered four or fewer Worlds/APDA tournaments during their enrollment in college. **PLEASE** **specify novice/open in your entry** so we can have an accurate record for determining appropriate divisions.

**Please register via google form at:** <https://goo.gl/forms/nqRtXifR3ddujTcz2>

Email any registration questions or concerns to Bexley Brown at bbrown44@sports.rochester.edu. Undergraduates are welcome to serve as judges. The judging requirement will be N-1 to help us have a large enough judge pool. That judge pool will only be as strong as your judges, so please be good community members and bring your extraordinary critics! **Please** **enter your teams no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, September 13th.**

General:

As is the longstanding tradition of our tournament, University of Rochester students may be entered, but they will not advance to elimination rounds. They will be eligible to receive speaking awards.

The remainder of this invitation includes all the necessary information for registration and lodging, as well as the schedule. We hope to see you at our tournament in September – please let me know if we can do anything to help make that happen. I can be reached at (585) 755-5156 for any last minute questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brady Fletcher

Director, University of Rochester Debate Union

Registration

Entry fees will be $75 per two-person team. There is no participant fee. That fee will cover breakfast and lunch on both days.

Judging is n-1. There will be a $125 fee for each missing judge, but as hired judges are limited, we would rather have your judges than your money! If you have extra judging please make us aware when you register, as we may be willing to hire your extra critics.

Please make all checks payable to “University of Rochester.”

Lodging

Here are some room block rates we arranged – **book by Sept. 1!!!**

Staybridge (by far the most geographically convenient): $119/night, tell them the reservation is for “Brad Smith Debate” to get the rate

Holiday Inn Express (about a 10min drive): $109/night, use code “BSD”

Best Western (near airport, 5-10min drive from campus): $104.99/night, tell them the reservation is for “Brad Smith Debate Tournament”

Sexual Harassment and Discrimination

The University of Rochester will uphold the principle of debate in the atmosphere of civility and mutual respect. All our guests should be treated fairly without regard to race, creed, age, gender identity, sex, national origin, and sexual preference. Any incidences of harassment or discrimination should be reported to the tournament staff immediately.

Tournament Schedule (tentative)

**Policy**

Saturday

7:30-8:30: Registration and Breakfast in Hutchison Hall

8:30: Round 1 Start

11:00: Round 2 Start

1:30: Lunch in Green Lounge

2:30: Round 3 Start

5:00: Round 4 Start

7:00: Dinner in Green Lounge

8:00: Round 5 Start/New debater teach-in

Sunday

7:30-8:00: Breakfast

8:00: Open Round 6/Nov Round 5

10:30: Quarters Start (or Semis)/Nov Octos

12:00: Lunch in Green Lounge

1:00: Awards in Hubbell Auditorium

1:30: Semis Start (or Finals)/Nov Quarters

4:00: Finals Start (if Quarters)/Nov Semis

6:30: Novice Finals (if Nov Octos)

**Worlds**

Saturday

7:30-8:30: Registration and Breakfast in Hutchison Hall

8:30: Briefing in GA

9:00: Round 1 Draw

11:15: Round 2 Draw

1:30: Lunch in Green Lounge

2:30: Round 3 Draw

4:45: Round 4 Draw

7:00: Dinner in Green Lounge

8:00: Round 5 Draw

Sunday

7:30-8:30: Breakfast and Check-in

8:30: Round 6 Draw

10:45: Quarters Draw (or Semis)

12:00: Lunch in Green Lounge

1:00: Awards in Hubbell Auditorium

1:30: Semis Draw (or Finals) / Novice Final

3:45: Finals Draw (if Quarters)