



NYCUDL Citywide High School Tournament #1: The October Surprise Institute for Collaborative Education (ICE)

On behalf of the New York City Urban Debate League and ICE, you are cordially invited to the NYCUDL Citywide High School Tournament #1: The October Surprise on October 21st for a day of exciting, fun and intense debate. We will offer two debate formats, Public Forum and Policy Debate, featuring three rounds of debate for both formats.

Judges' training will be available for individuals interested in judging Public Forum and Policy Debate.

Political history is littered with the charred remains of late-in the-election bombshells that scramble political calculus just as the stakes are at their highest. An "October surprise" can be happenstance or deliberately orchestrated; international (e.g. the outbreak of war) or domestic (e.g. a massive economic rally). Sometimes it's personal, with a long-hidden skeleton spilling out from a candidate's closet. It can save a political campaign as quickly as it can wreck one. And occasionally, it can even decide an election and set the course of the nation.

In the spirit of the "October Surprise", this tournament will feature a forum during lunch for participants to discuss the salient political issues that are affecting them and their communities. We encourage coaches and students to take part and lend their voices to these critical conversations during the lunchtime forum.

All questions, concerns and/or issues about the tournament should be directed to:

Operations Director: Jessica McIntosh – 347-440-5658 or jessica@debate.nyc

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Aubrey Semple – Senior Programming Director, New York City Urban Debate League
Jessica McIntosh – Operations Director, New York City Urban Debate League

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Registration

Registration will take place on Tabroom. We are listed as the NYC Urban Debate League circuit. If you do not have an account with Tabroom, you can easily set up through tabroom.com

Permission Slips: One permission slip per year is legally required for each student. This permission

slip protects and promotes our debaters – they enable us to track attendance and record accurate debate results which are necessary for National Speech & Debate Association points and qualification for competitive tournaments. We are requesting that coaches turn in all permission slips by **the Wednesday before each student's first Saturday tournament**. For this tournament, please turn in permission slips by **Wednesday**, October 18th.

You can access the permission slip here: <http://go.debate.nyc/nycudl-student-permission-slip>

The NYCUDL will not accept any permission slips on the day of the tournament. Without a permission slip, a student cannot debate. No exceptions.

Judges

Each school requires one judge for every two teams competing. Failure to provide enough judges will result in us having to drop your teams from the tournament.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS 5PM on Monday October 18th

Points will be on the scale of 30 points, within the range of 25-30 points. Mavericks will have their points averaged.

We will provide awards for top speakers, top teams and sweepstakes points for top schools.

We will be following NSDA rules for evidence in Public Forum and Policy Debate. These rules can be found on their website.

There will be an automatic loss for all of your teams if a judge from your school does not show up for their round.

We will be offering Tabroom drop-in help hours during lunch on Saturday.

We will have a coach's meeting during lunch.

Topics

September / October Public Forum Topic: Korean Peninsula - Resolved: "Deployment of anti-missile systems is in South Korea's best interest."

Policy Topic: Education – Resolved: "The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States."

IMPORTANT DATES

To submit teams into Tabroom: October 16th 2017 by 5:00PM

Check-in / Day of tournament registration: October 21st 2017, by 9:00AM (latest)

Once registration closes (at 9:00 AM) – those that are late will forfeit the first round and will debate rounds two and three – they can still observe and flow debates in round one.

WE MUST ENFORCE THIS RULE IN ORDER TO HAVE AN EFFICIENT, TIMELY AND WELL-MANAGED TOURNAMENT. PLEASE OBLIGE TO THIS REQUEST.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO THE TOURNAMENT

Location: Institute for Collaborative Education

Address: 345 E 15th St, New York, NY 10003

Trains: 4, 5, 6, N, Q, R to 14th St-Union Square, L to 1st Ave

Buses: BM1, BM2, BM3, BM4, M1, M101, M102, M103, M14A, M14D, M15, M15-SBS, M2, M23, M3, M34A-SBS, M8, M9, X1, X10, X10B, X12, X14, X17, X2, X27, X28, X37, X38, X42, X5, X63, X64, X68, X7, X9

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY – October 21st 2017

8:00 AM - Breakfast and Registration

9:00 AM - Registration Closes

Policy Debate

9:30 AM – Round 1

11:30 AM – Round 2

1:30 PM – Lunch

2:00 PM – Round 3

4:30 PM – Awards

5:00 PM – Dismissal

Public Forum

9:30 AM – Round 1 (Flight 1)

10:30 AM – Round 1 (Flight 2)

11:30 AM – Round 2 (Flight 1)

12:30 PM – Round 2 (Flight 2)

1:30 PM – Lunch

2:00 PM – Round 3 (Flight 1)

3:00 PM – Round 3 (Flight 2)

4:30 PM – Awards

5:00 PM – Dismissal