



NYCUDL Citywide MS Tournament #5: The Presidential Debates

PS 180 Hugo Newman Prep and The Hamilton Grange School

On behalf of the New York City Urban Debate League, PS 180 Hugo Newman Prep and The Hamilton Grange School, you are cordially invited to the NYCUDL Citywide Middle School Tournament #5: The Presidential Debates on February 10th for a day of exciting, fun and intense debate. We will offer two debate formats, Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate, featuring three rounds of debate for all formats.

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

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 **Friday, February 9 at 5:00pm**.

You can access the permission slip here:

<https://go.debate.nyc/nycudl-student-permission-slip-ms-es>

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.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS 5PM on February 5th, 2018.

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 using NSDA rules for evidence in Public Forum. 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 Round 3.

Topics

Public Forum:

February Public Forum Topic: Tax Reform

Resolved: The United States should abolish the capital gains tax.

IMPORTANT DATES

To submit teams into Tabroom: Monday, February 5, 2018 by 5:00PM

Check-in / Day of tournament registration: Saturday February 10, 2018, 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

Parliamentary

Location: The Hamilton Grange School

Address: 500 W 138th St, New York, NY 10031

Trains: 1 train to 137th Street, OR A, B, or C train to 135th Street

Buses: M4, M5, M11, M100, M101

Public Forum and Big Questions

Location: PS 180 Hugo Newman Prep

Address: 370 West 120th Street, Manhattan, NY 10027

Trains: A, B, or C trains to 116th Street

Buses: M3, M10, M60+

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY – February 10, 2018 (both locations)

8:00 AM - Breakfast and Registration

9:00 AM - Registration Closes

Parliamentary Debate (at Hamilton Grange)

9:40 AM – Round 1 Motion Announced

10:00 AM – Round 1

10:55 AM – Round 2 Motion Announced

11:15 AM – Round 2

12:00 PM – Lunch

12:55 PM – Round 3 Motion Announced

1:15 PM – Round 3

2:30 PM – Awards

3:30 PM – Dismissal

Public Forum (at PS 180)

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