**■ Cornell University - Policy Debate Tournament, “The Tournament of Love” ■**

October 7-8, 2017

Cornell University, Ithaca New York

**■ Competition**

You are invited to compete in Cornell’s policy debate tournament, “The Tournament of Love”, on the weekend of October 7-8. The topic for debates will be the 2017-2018 resolution (Resolved: The United States Federal Government should establish national health insurance in the United States). Debaters will use the 9-3-6 speech time format, with 10 minutes of prep for each side. We will have 6 prelim debates and break to the number of elim debates warranted by number of teams entered (i.e. partial octos or quarters). Entries will be accepted in 2 divisions: novice and open (note: given the general composition of regionally-traveling teams in D8, the open division is likely to be comprised of mostly jv debaters and is thus a collapsed jv/open division).

Rounds for this tournament will take at Cornell University (central campus). Over the weekend you should be able to find free parking throughout campus. The closest possible parking to Ives Hall is street parking on Garden Avenue, between Tower road and Campus road. The next best street parking is on Tower road, east of Garden Avenue. There is also a university parking garage next to Hoy Field (a baseball field). This parking garage is a less then 10 minute walk from any of the main buildings on central campus. See a map online here: http://www.cornell.edu/about/maps/

If you have any questions, contact Sam Nelson ([smn33@cornell.edu](mailto:smn33@cornell.edu)) or Armands Revelins ([aor4@cornell.edu](mailto:aor4@cornell.edu), 607-339-9485).

**■ Registration, Fees, and Judging**

Free registration deadline: if you register teams on tabroom by Saturday 9/21/17, then registration is free. You can even enter TBA slots on tabroom by that date to ensure free registration.

Paid registration deadline: if you register teams between Friday 9/22/17 and Wednesday 10/4/17 12pm, then registration will cost you $25 per person. (i.e. $50 for each 2-person team, $25 for each judge, etc). The tabroom.com registration deadline is listed as 10/4/17.

Fines: if any registered teams no-show for a paired round, the school for that team will be fined $50 for each missed round. Illness and emergencies can be obvious exceptions.

Each school must bring one judge for every two teams that are registered. Our geographic region significantly constrains our access to hired/extra judges. If we have extra/hired judges available, it will be a very limited amount. We encourage you to bring senior varsity debaters as judges.

On Friday 10/6/17 (the day before the tournament, i.e. where you would arrive for your hotel stay) we ask that you check-in by sending us an ‘arrival’ email by 9:00 pm to indicate that everyone arrived and to notify us of any registration changes (teams, judge, etc). Send the email to Armands Revelins (aor4@cornell.edu)

**■ Hotels**

Trip Hotel , 1 Sheraton Dr, Ithaca NY 14850 (607) 257-2000

Note: hotel space is extremely limited in Ithaca in the fall due to density of various campus events in a fairly remote part of upstate New York. We have a block of rooms available here – please book them asap.

**■ Schedule**

This is an approximate schedule:

Friday, Oct 6

* (x - 9:00 pm) – check-in registration by email. See above.

Saturday, Oct 7

* (6:45 am) - pairings released for R1 and R2
* (7:00 – 8:00) light breakfast (provided)
* (8:00 -10:00) - round 1
* (10:00 -12:00) - round 2
* (12:00 - 1:30) - lunch (provided)
* (1:30 - 3:30) - round 3
* (3:30 - 5:30) - round 4
* (5:30 - 6:30) - dinner (provided)
* (6:30 - 8:30) - round 5

Sunday, Oct 8

* (7:00 am) - pairings released, light breakfast also provided
* (8:00 - 10:00) round 6
* (10:30 - 11:00) awards ceremony
* (11:30) elimination debates begin