

# Capitol Beltway Fall Classic

October 21st-October 22nd, 2017

Tournament Held at Sheraton Tysons Corner

Tysons Corner, VA



Dear Colleagues,

Capitol Debate cordially invites you to the 11th Annual Capitol Beltway Fall Classic on **October 21st and 22nd, 2017**. The tournament will be hosted at the **Sheraton Tysons Corner**. We are pleased to announce that **all debates will be held in the hotel!** Registration opens Friday September 1st on [Tabroom](#).

We will offer varsity competition in Public Forum Debate, Lincoln Douglas debate, and Policy Debate. We are pleased to announce that the tournament has been designated by the TOC as a **Finals bid qualifier in Public Forum debate and a Semis bid in Lincoln-Douglas**. There will be 6 preliminary debates in all divisions and then a requisite amount of elimination debates based on the number of participating teams in each division. Policy and LD debate will offer mutually preferential judging and the tournament will invest in hiring an exceptional judge pool. Students will debate the October topic in both LD and PF.

Be sure to stay in the tournament hotel - Sheraton Tysons Hotel as all debates will be held in that hotel. We have negotiated a group rate of \$99 per night with the hotel (see invite below).

Look forward to seeing you!

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## **HOTEL AND FOOD**

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Sheraton Tysons Corner on Friday October 20th, and Saturday, October 21st, at a great rate of **\$99 per night**. The room block will open on Wednesday September 6th. The block link and information can be found on Tabroom.

**The block rate will close on October 1st.** We have a limited number of rooms under said block rate so book now. The tournament is held in the hotel so we highly advise booking at this location. The Sheraton is only a 15 minute drive from Dulles International Airport and a 25 minute drive from Ronald Reagan International Airport. D.C. proper is only 20 minutes from our tournament and hotel location. Food will not be provided but there are many restaurants and locations within walking distance. The hotel has a grab-n-go market and Starbucks onsite.

## **ENTRY FEES**

- Policy Debate: \$120.00 per team
- Public Forum Debate: \$120.00 per team
- LD Debate: \$80.00 per entry.

Entries are due at 11:00 PM ET on Friday, October 6th, 2017. After this time, all fees will be frozen and schools will be charged full registration for any drops. Payments for Policy, LD, and PF debate should be made payable to "Capitol Classic Debate." For your convenience, we have set up an online portal here to accept credit card payments. Payment must be received by Friday, October 6th, 2017 to be entered in tournament.

We will not have in-person registration on Friday, October 20th; we will instead have online registration available through Tabroom.com. Online registration will be open from 12pm to 9pm Friday. Each school must register during that time to confirm that its coaches and judges are in the area. Please do not register unless you are actually in the area.

## **JUDGES**

Schools must provide judging sufficient to cover their entries. All judges must be available to judge through at least the first elimination round or 1 round past the round in which their team has been eliminated. Judges must be available for both days of the event. Judge obligations are as follows:

- Policy Debate: One qualified judge per every two Policy teams.
- Lincoln Douglas Debate: One qualified judge per every three LD entries (no partial coverage).
- Public Forum: One qualified judge per every three PF teams (no partial coverage).

A limited number of judges are available for hire. Judges for LD and PF cost \$100 per covered entry and policy judges cost \$125 per covered entry. Thus, two LD debaters with no judge will incur a total of \$200 in judge costs.

LD AND POLICY JUDGES MUST SUBMIT THEIR JUDGING PHILOSOPHIES TO: <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/>. A judge cannot be in the pool without a judging philosophy, and teams whose judges fail to provide philosophies will lose their MJP preferences.

## **Competition Schedule**

### Friday, October 20th

12:00-10:00 PM - Online registration via Tabroom.com

### Saturday, October 21st

8:00 - 8:30 AM - Onsite Check-in

8:30 AM - Pairings

9:00 AM - Round 1

11:00 AM - Round 2

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:30 PM - Round 3

4:00 PM - Round 4

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:00 PM - Round 5

### Sunday, October 22nd

7:00 AM - Breakfast

8:00 AM - Round 6

10:30 AM - First elimination round

12:00 PM - Lunch

12:30 PM - Awards Ceremony

1:00 PM - Remaining elimination rounds