



AMICITIA AMERICAN SCHOOL

Dear debate teachers,

I am happy to present to you the official invitation to the Amicitia debate tournament in Fes Morocco at Amicitia American School. The tournament will be held Saturday November 18th at 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM, and then Sunday morning from 8:00 AM, and then aiming to have the award ceremony around 2:30 PM. We will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies for most events, depending on the number of contestants in a given event.

Food

Lunches will be available Saturday and Sunday at school for 35 MAD per student. Any chaperones, coaches, or judges you bring will eat lunch free. You will pay for the lunches when you register. The tight schedule will make leaving campus to get food close to impossible without missing a round.

Saturday night at 7:00 PM we will have a **free banquet** and bonfire at the school. We hope everyone is able to attend this wonderful annual celebration! Come hungry and ready to have fun!

Fees and Registration

The fees for the tournament are 200 dirhams per student. Registration is due November 4th. Registering a student past this date will cost 250 dirhams. This gives us two weeks to orchestrate the schedule. November 13th will be the final day I will accept any changes. If you a student wants to swap events after registering, there will be a 75 dirham fee. If a student drops from the tournament during the week of registration, we will still charge a 100 dirham fee.

The fees help us pay for trophies, and free food for judges.

Missing a Round

If a student is 15 minutes late to a round, they will forfeit the round. If there is an extenuating circumstance or a mistake on our part, we will of course attempt to make exceptions and do our best to accomodate each contestants opportunity to debate and perform, and finish in a timely manner.

Events Offered

Which brings us to events! Contestants may register for **one** of the following debates: Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, or Policy Debate and may also register for **any two** of the following individual events: Original oratory, Informative speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Program of Interpretation (POI), and DUO, extemp.

High school Resolutions for the tournament will be as follows:

Lincoln-Douglas : **Resolved: Wealthy nations have an obligation to provide development assistance to other nations.**

Public Forum : **Resolved: The United States should require universal background checks for all gun sales and transfers of ownership.**

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

Accommodations

The closest hotel we recommend are Hotel Narjiss. They are located at Lot Hicham #2/5 Ave. Moulay Rachid on Tarik Sefrou, at 0 535 73 09 14, hotelnarjiss@menara.ma. It is a 5 min. drive to the school, down Shariah Beirut, or a 21 min. Walk.

We have had debate teams stay at 3-Star Hotel Splendid. 0 535 62 21 48. About a 20 minute taxi ride to the school.

Debate teams also stayed 3-Star Zahrat al Jabal. 0 535 94 46 46. About a 20 minute taxi ride to the school.

The Royal Mirage near the mall is also about 20 minutes by taxi from the school but on the more expensive side. They can be reached at 0 535 93 09 09 and <http://royalmiragehotels.com/fes/fr/index.php>.

Please let me know if you need additional assistance with accommodation.

Rules

We will of course be following the rules as outlined in the NSDA unified manuals located at <https://www.speechanddebate.org/rules-forms-manuals/>. Please remember that the focus of the tournament should be for students to engage in debate and speaking activities, not to test to see how well they know the rules of the NSDA. In the instance of a grievance, the student should continue the round and then the coach (or school sponsor) should speak with me directly and we will work through the grievance.

In order to increase the efficiency of check-in, we will not be checking ISBN/ etc. for each interp piece. However, if there is a challenge to the piece, it will need to be produced.

We are truly looking forward to seeing you and your students again! I pray good health and hard work for you and all of your students!

Sincerely,
Chris Roberds
HS Debate Coach