Dear Colleagues,

Capitol Debate cordially invites you to the 2nd annual International Club Debate National Tournament. This year's tournament will be held May 5-6, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency – Morristown in Morristown, NJ. We will offer competition for both High School & Middle School Classical Debate. We will be hosting 6 preliminary debates in all divisions and then a requisite amount of elimination debates based on the number of participating teams in each division. Students will debate the May Topic which is "Resolved:Free Speech should not protect Hate Speech."

Registration is now open. Entries are due by 11:00 PM ET on Friday, April 27, 2018. All entries will be initially placed on a waitlist. Full payment must be received before teams can be taken off the waitlist. To expedite being removed off the waitlist, we can send teams a link upon request to pay via credit card or you can send a paypal payment directly to bratt@capitoldebate.com.

Fees are as follows:

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Teams can request for an 80 percent refund until Friday, April 27, 2018. After that date, absolutely no refunds will be provided. If you must pay via check, please make payable to Capitol Debate and mail to: 2100 Palomar Airport Road Ste 211 Carlsbad, CA 92011 Please advise if you mailed a check so that we can keep our eyes out for your check. We will have online on-site registration available through Tabroom.com. Online on-site registration will be open from 12 pm to 9 pm 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.

## **Tournament Schedule:**

Friday, May 4, 2018

12PM - Online Registration Opens

9PM - Online Registration Closes

#### Saturday, May 5, 2018

7:30AM - 8:00AM - Judge Training 8:00AM - 8:30AM - Opening Ceremony

- 8:30AM 10:30AM Round 1
- 10:30AM -12:30PM Round 2
- 12:30PM 1:30PM Lunch
- 1:30PM- 3:30PM Round 3
- 3:30PM 5:30PM Round 4

#### Sunday, May 6, 2018

7:30AM - 8:00AM - Judge Training 8:00AM - 10:00AM - Round 5 10:00AM - 12:00PM - Round 6 12:00PM - 1:00PM - Quarterfinals 1:00PM - 1:45PM - Awards Ceremony 2:00PM - 3:00PM - Semi-Finals 3:00PM - 4:00PM - Finals

# Location Booking:

We have been able to secure a great group rate at the Hyatt Regency in Morristown from 5/4 - 5/5 at \$135/night . To book your stay please go to the following link <u>HERE</u>. Please book your stay as soon as possible to guarantee space for your students, coaches, & judges. The room rate will be closed on April 4.

# Age Separation:

The tournament is divided into two division U13 for students ages 11-13 and U16 for students ages 13+. To find out where you students should be entered calculate their birthday in accordance with the tournament month. If your student is 13 but turns 14 in the next 6 months they should be in the U16 division. If your student is 13 but turns 14 in the next 7+ months they should be in the U13 division.

## Format:

As stated earlier, we will be participating in a separate format from interscholastic debate. This format was made specifically for club based students and will be the exclusive format at all Capitol Debate

Club League Tournaments. To learn more about the Club format click the link <u>HERE</u>. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us.

We look forward to seeing you!

- Capitol Debate Team

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