



On behalf of the Northern Illinois University Parliamentary Debate Team and Staff,
you are invited to attend the

M. Jack Parker Parliamentary Debate Invitational

hosted on the campus of

Northern Illinois University

on October 4, 2014.

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to announce the Northern Illinois University Forensics Team will be hosting our annual debate tournament. The NIU Debate Team and coaching staff would like to honor the legacy of our former Director of Forensics, debate coach, and colleague Dr. M. Jack Parker. Dr. Parker created NIU's debate tournament with the goal of constructing a space where new debaters are able to learn the process of debate, and older debaters have the chance to hone their debate skills. It is in this spirit that we offer a debate tournament where novices can start their debate careers, and varsity debaters can begin their debate season.

The tournament will consist of four preliminary rounds, a quarter, semi, and a final debate round. Based off of the number of entries, the tournament director can add to the number of out rounds. This decision will be announced by Friday evening. The top two novice teams (who are not in the varsity out rounds) will qualify for the novice final.

Please use the entry form provided. Email the completed form to Lisa Roth at lroth1@niu.edu. When I receive the entry form, I will email you a confirmation. If you do not receive a confirmation, I did not get the entry form. **Entries due on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** Please email or call Lisa Roth (309-264-0933) with any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you on NIU's campus.

Sincerely,

Lisa Roth

Director of Forensics
Tournament Director

Yanelly Villegas

Debate Graduate Assistant
Asst. Tournament Director

Tournament Fees:

1. The entry fee for Parliamentary Debate will be \$30.00 for each covered team entered. Each school that is part of a covered hybrid team will be charged \$15.00.
2. The entry fee for an uncovered Parliamentary debate team will be \$50.00. Each school that is part of an uncovered hybrid team will be charged \$25.00.
3. A \$30 nuisance fee will be assessed for team dropped after 5:00 p.m. on October 3rd. Drops made at registration will cost \$75.00 per team. When you know you have a drop, please contact Lisa Roth (309) 264-0933.
4. A \$30 nuisance fee will be assessed for judge drops after 5:00 p.m. on October 4th. A \$100.00 fee will be charged for a judge drop at registration. When you know you have a drop, please contact Lisa Roth (309) 264-0933.
5. Make checks payable to: *Lisa Roth*

Judges:

All schools are asked to provide enough debate-qualified judges to cover their slots: 1 judge for every 2 teams entered. All judges must remain to judge at least one round past the elimination of their last team.

Tournament Rules:

1. Each team shall consist of two people prepared to debate for either the Government or the Opposition.
2. Three resolutions shall be presented to the opposition at the start of the round. One of those topics will be struck by the opposition. The government will select the resolution for the round from the remaining two resolutions. After topic strikes, the debate proposition shall be announced by the judge in the room at the beginning of the round time.
3. Each team shall be allotted fifteen (15) minutes total preparation time for the debate. The preparation time shall begin after the judge has announced the topic in the room. Either team may leave the room during the preparation period. The judge has the ultimate determination when it comes to time.
4. The speaking format shall be:
 - Prime Minister (Gov) - 7 minute constructive
 - Leader of the Opposition - 8 minute constructive
 - Member of the Government - 8 minute constructive
 - Member of the Opposition - 8 minute constructive
 - Leader of the Opposition - 4 minute rebuttal
 - Prime Minister - 5 minute rebuttal
5. There is no preparation time allowed between the speeches for either team.
6. People not involved in the specific debate round may take notes as long as the note taker has the permission of the contestants.
7. Judges **should not** disclose decisions, and there will be no warm room.
8. No reference material, other than a dictionary, may be consulted during prep time.

9. There will be no coaching during prep time.
10. Only one maverick will be allowed at the tournament. Coaches are able to select hybrid pairings with other teams before the entry is turned into the tournament director. Make sure the hybrid is indicated on your entry form. If you are sending an individual student without a partner, they will be assigned to a hybrid pairing by the tournament director. The hybrid teams will be assigned in the order the entries come in and the coach will be notified of the pairing.
11. Individual Speaker Awards will be given to the top 5 varsity, and top 5 novice speakers.
12. Team Awards will be given to all teams in out rounds.
13. A novice is defined as a competitor in their 1st year of collegiate debate competition (no more than 2 tournaments previously competed at in past years). Anyone with more experience will be considered a varsity competitor. If you have questions, please direct them to the tournament director.
14. The tournament director has the right to update, adapt, add, and interpret all of the rules of the tournament.
15. The tournament will follow the spirit and style of the Lincoln Parliamentary Debate League. If you have questions, please consult the webpage (<http://iifa.us/lincoln-parli-debate-league.html>), or contact the tournament director.

2014 Tentative Tournament Schedule

*Schedule may change due to entries and need for quarter and semi-finals.

7:45-8:30	Registration, Watson Hall 237
8:30	Round 1
9:45	Round 2
11:00	Round 3
12:15	Round 4
1:15	Lunch Break
2:30	Quarter-Final Round
4:00	Semi-Final Round (Novice Final Round)
5:30	Final Round
ASAP	Awards

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ENTRY FORM

School Name:

Coach:

Phone Numbers at which coach attending the tournament can be contacted:

Office:

Cell:

Other (if applicable):

Please provide full names of teams. Please indicate if the team (both members) is novice.

Team #1:

Team #2:

Team #3:

Team #4:

Team #5:

Team #6:

Team #7:

Judge #1:

Cell #:

Judge #2:

Cell #:

Judge #3:

Cell #:

Judge #4:

Cell #:

Fees:

Number of Debate Teams entered: _____ x \$30 = _____

Number of Judges attending: _____ (each judge covers two teams)

Number of uncovered teams: _____ x \$50 = _____

Drop Fees

Late Judge Drop _____ x \$30 (\$100 at Registration) = _____

Late Team Drop _____ x \$30 (\$75 at Registration) = _____

TOTAL FEES DUE = _____