

US UNIVERSITIES NATIONAL OPEN

INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE FORMAT

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – 3, 2010

Dear Colleagues:

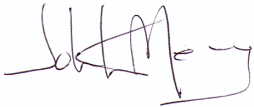
On behalf of Claremont McKenna College and the Claremont Colleges Debate Union, you are cordially invited to attend the **US Universities National Open Debate Tournament**, featuring competition in the British parliamentary format. **The tournament is open to US and international colleges and universities.** The event provides an opportunity to participate in national caliber competition in the BP format.

The tournament features 8! preliminary debates and up to three elimination debates. Like other intercollegiate events sponsored by the Claremont Colleges Debate Union, the tournament will offer genuinely outstanding competition and judging, beautiful site and facilities, the finest tournament amenities, and a relaxed schedule and atmosphere.

Registration for the tournament begins on Sunday, August 15, 2010, 12:00 PM (PST). Places will be allocated in order of registration date and time. Please consider registering early.

If you have any questions or require supplemental information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you this fall for an event that will be extraordinarily challenging and fun.

Sincerely yours,



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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Additional details

LOTS! of outstanding debating (8 preliminary debates – debate early and often this fall) and überjudging (all judges qualified as ultra, quantum, 3.0), extraordinary hospitality, aromatherapy, great food, fantastic traditional awards and periodically distributed gifts (e.g., Cold War Unicorns, Learn to Yodel CDs, Carl Jung and Crazy Cat Lady Action Figures, Make Your Own Commie Beard Kit, Scientology Playing Cards, Affirmation Gum, Bacon Wallet, Knight Rider Lunchbox, iPods – yes, iPods, and much, much more...), relaxing atmosphere, transparency (tab operates in the general meeting area, oral adjudication in all debates), challenging topics to best prepare attendees for later tournament competition, and **MORE!**...It's fun, it's furious, and it's ON TIME!

1. Team Entries

Registration dates and deadlines

Entries open on August 15, 2010, 12:00 PM (PST). The final deadline for entries is Monday, September 27, 2010, 6:00 PM (PST), although space may be unavailable at that time. You should register early. All fees will be assessed at the September 27 deadline.

Email your registration

Entries are accepted exclusively by email. Send entries to john.meany@cmc.edu. Please note "USU Registration" in the subject line. You will receive an email confirmation within 48 hours. Please confirm all entries by email or telephone if you do not receive entry verification.

Eligibility to register

Participants must attend an accredited degree-granting post-secondary institution. If an individual attends more than one institution, he or she must register as a participant for the institution granting the higher degree. Hybrid teams are not eligible to participate.

2. Judging

Number to register

N-1 rule applies.

Eligibility to judge

Judges **MUST** attend the adjudicator briefing session. Any adjudicator failing to attend the session will not be permitted to judge debates and their institution will be required to hire a judge at double the applicable fee. Those institutions without sufficient or qualified judges must pay the hired adjudicator fee to participate in the competition.

IMPORTANT – Participating schools must note any judging conflicts when submitting registration materials. Judges with conflicts announced at the tournament will not be considered as qualifying for the pool. Please ask your judges for information regarding any and all conflicts to avoid this problem. [Conflicts include any previous coaching, debating, financial, or personal association with another institution or its staff or contestants that may create a bias or the appearance of a bias]. The tournament director reserves the right to deny participation to any judge. Teams are not considered to have an entered judge without tournament approval for the listed judge.

3. Debate Rules and Awards

Format

Barring an unusual event, the tournament will follow WUDC guidelines (<http://www.debating.net/wudc/articles&docs/rules.php>), with the following noted exception: the tournament will have oral disclosure in all debates.

Awards

At a minimum, all elimination round teams will receive awards. There are additional, special awards at the tournament (e.g., as in the past, there are non-competitive awards, including drawings for door prizes throughout the event).

4. Day of Tournament registration

Financial and Attendance Registration will take place in Bauer Forum, Claremont McKenna College. Registration is from 12:15 – 1:00 PM. Registration will close prior to the adjudicator briefing. Directions to registration are included. All outstanding fees must be paid at this time.

5. Travel

Air Travel Information: If you are arriving by air, you should make arrangements to arrive at **LA/Ontario Airport** (formerly named “Ontario Airport” but to add to confusion for travelers, the Los Angeles Airport Authority has added “Los Angeles” to all regional airports under its control – **LA/Ontario Airport is NOT LAX!**) The airport, in the City of Ontario, is only 10-15 minutes from the City of Claremont. Taxi and shuttle transportation is approximately \$15-25 to Claremont. **Driving Directions:** To reach Claremont McKenna College: Take the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) to Indian Hill Boulevard (Exit 47). Drive north on Indian Hill Boulevard for approximately 1 mile to the Arrow Highway. Proceed right to Claremont Boulevard (second light). Left on Claremont Boulevard for 3/4 mile to the college entrance at 9th Street. Please park in the first parking lot on the left – the lot closest to the campus entrance. Bauer Center is directly west of this parking lot (the same direction that you drove into the campus). Bauer 31 is located on the second floor of the circular, southern section of Bauer Center. Do not park in the lot designated “Faculty/Staff Parking” immediately adjacent to the Bauer Center. Your vehicle will be towed from this lot. **Driving Directions from the Doubletree Hotel:** Travel east on Foothill Boulevard (to the left from the front of the hotel, facing Foothill Boulevard). Turn right on Claremont Boulevard. Right on Claremont Boulevard for 3/4 mile to the college entrance at 9th Street. Follow the directions above.

Accommodation Information: The Doubletree Hotel in Claremont has a special rate for the tournament. The Doubletree is located at 555 W. Foothill Boulevard at Indian Hill Boulevard, Claremont. The hotel rooms include high-speed internet connections, 32” LCD flat panel televisions, refrigerators, and hypoallergenic down bedding (according to its website, the hotel no longer provides a ‘bed’ to guests – each room now offers a ‘sleep experience.’) You may register for rooms at the tournament rate, \$109.00 per night for a double/double room, by calling the hotel or Doubletree’s national reservation phone number and referencing “Claremont McKenna Debate 1.” **THE HOTEL BLOCK CLOSSES ON AUGUST 29.**

There are other excellent hotels and values at LA/Ontario Airport, noted on myriad websites. These hotels are approximately 10-15 minutes from the campus by freeway. For those interested in other options in Claremont: Claremont Lodge, (approximately \$65-80 per single/double), 736 S. Indian Hill Boulevard, Claremont, (909) 626-5654; The Hotel Claremont (formerly the Ramada Inn, approximately \$65-85 per single/double), 840 S. Indian Hill Boulevard, Claremont, (909) 621-4831; and Howard Johnson Express Inn, (approximately \$65-85 per single/double), 721 S. Indian Hill Boulevard, (909) 626-2431. These hotels are at the intersection of I-10 and Indian Hill Boulevard. The Hotel Claremont is south of the freeway; the other hotels are located north of the freeway. There are restaurants clustered near these hotels. These are located about 3 miles from the campus.

Contact John Meany with requests for limited crash accommodations for international teams.

6. Fees

\$100 per team and \$30 per judge, coach, and observer. The hired judging fee is \$150 per judge. There is a \$150 fee for each team leaving the tournament prior to the completion of preliminary debates. All checks are payable to Claremont McKenna College. All fees are due no later than event financial registration.

7. Tournament Schedule

Friday, October 1

12:15-1:00 PM	Financial Registration, Bauer Forum, Claremont McKenna College
1:00-1:30 PM	Adjudicator and Common Briefings; Announcement of Motions in Bauer Forum
1:30 -3:30 PM	Round 1
3:45-5:45 PM	Round 2
5:30-6:00 PM	Reception
6:00-8:00 PM	Round 3

Saturday, October 2

8:30 AM	Round 4
10:45 AM	Round 5
12:45 PM	Lunch
1:45 PM	Round 6
4:00 PM	Round 7
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Round 8

Sunday, October 3

8:30 AM	Elimination Debate 1
11:00 AM	Elimination Debate 2
1:15 PM	Elimination Debate 3 (if necessary)

TO ENTER

Email john.meany@cmc.edu with school name, student director/coach name or other contact information, team entries and judge names, with full names of each participant. Please use the subject line "USU Registration." Include the names of all additional attendees—coaches, judges, students, and observers. Please note in your registration document if you need to hire judges to cover the team entry.