

NCPDL is pleased to announce the Second Annual Northern California Parliamentary Debate Championship!

Section 1: Dates (all times are PST)

The tournament will be held April 23 and 24.

Entries will open March 1, and will close April 18 at 5pm. Drops after the deadline will incur a \$25 nuisance fine.

Drops must be made by April 20 at 5pm.

Judge entries due by April 20 at 5pm. Hire requests must be made by April 18.

Section 2: Varsity Entries

The varsity entry fee is \$60 per team.

Each NPD L member school located in CHSSA Area 1 or Area 2 may enter 4 students, selected by the head coach.

In addition, wildcard entries will be granted to ANY high school student in good standing, regardless of school location, who has 32 points or more in the [annual NPD L rankings](#) by the entry deadline.

The students entered by the school must attend that school. Hybrid entries are allowed, and each student will count against the total number of entries for their school. All students must be registered under their school or designated as "[SCHOOL NAME] Independent".

Section 3: Novice Entries

The novice entry fee is \$30 per team.

A novice is considered any high school or middle school student in their first year debate.

Any school may enter novices up to a soft cap of eight students, with efforts being made to clear waitlists as resources allow.

The students entered by the school must attend that school. Hybrid entries are allowed, and each student will count against the total number of entries for their school. All

students must be registered under their school or designated as "[SCHOOL NAME] Independent".

Section 4: Judging

Schools must provide 1 judge per two teams (divisions assessed separately).

We will guarantee each team 2 judge strikes. Strikes will be entered on a per-team, rather than per-school basis. You will not be able to enter strikes unless your school has fulfilled its judging obligation (counting both your judges and approved hire requests). We will attempt to adjust available strikes upward OR implement mutually preferred judging if field size allows.

Tournament-hired judges will be available at the rate of \$125 per day.

If the cost of hired judges is prohibitive for your school, you can request a fee waiver by emailing NorCalPDL@gmail.com by April 18 at 5pm.

The missed ballot fine will be: \$50 each for prelim rounds, \$100 each for elim rounds.

A qualified judge for the varsity division

- must provide a written paradigm indicating judging preferences searchable on tabroom.com
- must be a high school graduate AND
- must be debate coach or have competed in the varsity division of high school or college debate OR
- must have previously judged the varsity division of at least four high school debate tournaments

A qualified judge for the novice division

- must be a high school graduate OR
- must be a high school junior or senior with at least 250 NSDA merit points.

Section 5: Staff

Those interested in serving as staff may self-nominate by emailing NorCalPDL@gmail.com

All positions must be approved by the majority of the 2021-2022 Council (Julie Herman - MVLA, Mariel Cruz - Notre Dame, James Gooler-Rogers - unaffiliated).

The tournament staff will consist of but may not be limited to:

- Equity Officer
- Chief of Topics
- Tab Staff
- Protest Committee Chair

The NCC Director may add additional positions and members with Council approval.

Section 6: Competition Rules

Prep time shall be 20 minutes. Debaters may access any materials during prep time but may only work with their partner. No access to additional preparation materials should occur once the Prime Minister begins the first speech.

Teams must arrive at their rooms by 25 minutes after the topic is announced, or they will forfeit the round.

Teams will have 5 minutes of "tech time" to resolve major technical difficulties. If issues persist after tech time has elapsed, the teams will forfeit the round.

Mavericking is allowed for up to 2 preliminary rounds. Mavericking is not allowed in elimination rounds.

Tiebreakers will be: [Win/Loss record] > [Opponent seed] > [Speaker points - 1H/L] > [Speaker points - 2H/L] > [Total speaker points] > [The cruel hand of fate]

Where otherwise not specified, CHSSA online round rules ([Original Document](#) | [Online Rule Changes](#)) will be used.

Section 7: Schedule

Topics will be announced at the times listed on the schedule. Debates will start approximately 20 minutes after.

All rounds are single-flighted.

Postings will be out 15-20 min prior to listed times.

Saturday, April 23

8 AM - Registration

8:15 AM - Judge check-in

9 AM - Round 1

10:45 AM - Round 2

12 PM - Lunch

1:15 PM - Round 3

3:15 PM - Round 4

5 PM - Round 5

Sunday, April 24

9:00 AM - Round 6

11 AM - League Meeting/Second Breakfast

12 PM - Elim Round 1

2 PM - Elim Round 2

4 PM - Elim Round 3

6 PM - Elim Round 4 (if needed)

Section 8: Topic Area

There will be a topic area and packet used for two rounds. The topic area and packet will be released no later than April 1.