



August 24, 2024

Dear Coaches:

The Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association is pleased to invite you to the **MIFA Edward J. Pappas Memorial Debate Tournament** on **Saturday, September 21, 2024**. We will be offering several divisions of Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate and Congressional Debate. We will also be offering a Public Forum workshop to introduce new students to the activity. The event will take place in person on the campus of Wayne State University.

In keeping with our mission to prepare future leaders, we are also continuing to facilitate voter registration. Students as young as 16 can pre-register to vote during lunch in the lobby of Manoogian Hall. They just need ID.

We hope you're able to join us!

Sincerely,

Jon Becker, Executive Director MIFA

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The MIFA Edward J. Pappas Memorial Debate Tournament

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFO

Register & Entry Fees: You will find the tournament HERE: <http://mifapappas.tabroom.com>

Registration for ALL EVENTS will be thru tabroom.com. Deadline for ALL EVENTS is 5pm on TUES SEPT 17, 2024.

Please pay online HERE: [http://www.themifa.org/store/p11/Tournament Registration Fee.html](http://www.themifa.org/store/p11/Tournament+Registration+Fee.html)

Or Venmo: @themifa

Or check payable to: Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association (MIFA)

Mail to: MIFA, 30238 Spring River Dr., Southfield MI 48076

Events/Divisions	Fees	Format	Notes / Limitations:
Policy Divisions: Open Novice	\$30/team Entry Fees waived for UDL teams	All Divisions: 4 prelims (SAT ONLY, breaks TBD) on the NFHS national Policy topic: "The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks."	> Teams in Novice must not have debated more than 5 rounds in the prior year.
Public Forum Divisions: Open Novice Middle Level Workshop	\$30/team \$7/indiv	Open & Novice Divisions will have 4-5 prelims breaking to Semis. Middle Level will have 3 prelims break to Semis/Finals as needed. ALL Divisions use the Sept/Oct NSDA PF topic: "Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially expand its surveillance infrastructure along its southern border." Workshop participants will be introduced to the activity, receive instruction on the fall topic as well as speech best practices.	Schools may provide a maximum of 6 affiliated judges. Schools registering 12+ teams TOTAL (across all divisions), will need to hire additional judges thru tournament. No limit on the number of workshop participants.
Congressional Divisions: Open Novice	\$15/indiv	Each Division will have 2 prelim sessions breaking to 1 Super Session. All Divisions will use the NSDA September Congress docket (released 9/1)	Schools may enter a max of 10 contestants per division.

Change Fees: After the event registration deadline a \$15 "nuisance" fee will be assessed for each change (drop, add, name change, division change etc.) in addition drops will forfeit the registration fee. Changes after the tournament begins are \$50. Keep in mind, drops after the deadline do not reduce judging obligations.

Judge Requirements: Schools must provide sufficient judges to meet these obligations or hire through the tournament:
 Obligations: Policy = 2 rounds per team | Public Forum = 1 judge per 2 teams | Congressional = 1 judge per 10 entries
 > ALL judges must have a tabroom.com account and a device with internet access to facilitate online judging/balloting.
 > Any judge your school provides must have passed your district's background check policy.
 > ALL judges are expected to be available to judge any round including eliminations.
 > Any judge may be asked to judge Public Forum, regardless of what event they're registered for.

Hired Judges: If you are unable to provide sufficient judges to meet your school's obligation, a limited number may be available for hire through the tournament (ALL judges are \$125). Please indicate your need to hire when you register. If you have insufficient judges listed when registration closes it will be treated as a request to hire. Hire requests will be fulfilled in the order received to the best of our ability.

Location: The tournament will be held in Manoogian Hall on the campus of Wayne State University.

Schedule: The [schedule is posted here](#).

Hospitality: A variety of boxed lunches (turkey, Italian, veggie) will be available at \$15/person. Please include your order to **feed your students, judges and coaches** on tabroom.com registration under 'Concessions'.