

THE CHICAGO DEBATE SOCIETY:



2014 Novice
Tournament

Hello and welcome to the 2014 Chicago Debate Society Novice Tournament!

We are incredibly excited for you to join us! This packet outlines all of the necessary information to navigate the tournament successfully—but if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to direct them to our Tournament Director:

Emma Ashe: (646) 417-3643; em.asheot@gmail.com

Good luck, and enjoy!

SCHEDULE:

GA will be in Saieh Hall, Room 021.

Friday, October 10:

Registration: 3:00 – 5:00pm
Round 1: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Round 2: 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Round 3: 8:30 – 9:45pm
Party: 10:00pm – 2:00am*

Saturday, October 11:

Breakfast: 8:00-9:00 am
Round 4: 9:00am – 10:00am
Round 5: 10:30am – 11:30am
Semis: 12:30 – 1:30pm
Finals: 2:00 – 3:00pm
Awards: 3:30pm

FOOD:

Dinner will be pizza. Breakfast on Saturday will be donuts and coffee. Please let Emma know of any issues or concerns you may have.

HOUSING:

Your housing assignments will be given to you immediately after round 3 Friday evening.

*The Party will be held at 5438 S. Harper Avenue.

EQUITY POLICY

The Equity Officer for the tournament will be Jing Chai; feel free to discuss any concerns with her or email her at jchai@uchicago.edu.

Equity

1. Complaints may be made by speaking with the equity officer personally
2. The equity officer reserves the right not to respond to a complaint if it is trivial and/or irrelevant to Section 2 of the Code of Conduct, or frivolous and/or clearly not made in good faith.
3. The equity officer will investigate all complaints to the best of his/her ability in a timely manner. If necessary, she will consult APDA EOFs (equal opportunity facilitators) with names removed from the situation.
4. If the claim is found to have merit, the person implicated in the complaint will be informed and have time to prepare a written statement to explain his or her actions.
5. If, after speaking with the relevant parts, the equity officer feels that a violation of the Code of Conduct has occurred, one or more of the following repercussions may apply:
 - a. A verbal warning
 - b. Requiring the object of the complaint to issue an apology to the complainant
 - c. Banning the object of a complaint from tournament socials
 - d. Banning the object of a complaint from a future Chicago tournament or multiple tournaments
 - e. Reporting the object of a complaint to their school administrationThe punishment will reflect the gravity of the offense. I reserve the right to apply punishments not listed here if deemed necessary.
6. At the resolution of each complaint, we will inform all persons involved in the complaint of the decision reached.

In general, it is important to keep in mind that every weekend we want to make sure there is an atmosphere where everyone feels respected and comfortable coming forward to talk about any issues that may occur at any tournament.

I would love to talk to anyone who has thoughts/questions about the equity program or general equity issues on the league! Please feel free to come up and talk to me at any point during the tournament.

TAB POLICY:

Tab Director: Ben Bulow, (858) 922-7502, bbulow@uchicago.edu

Tab will be in ~~Saieh 102 on Friday and Saieh 101 on Saturday.~~

1. Round one will be randomly pre-paired.

2. Rounds 2-5 will be power-paired within brackets with ties broken on the following in descending order:

Team speaker points

Team ranks

No team will be assigned to one side more than four times in preliminary rounds.

3. When there are an odd number of teams in a bracket, the top team in that bracket will be paired against the “pull-up,” the bottom team in the bracket below. No team will hit or be the “pull-up” more than once.

4. Since there are an odd number of teams in the pool, the lowest team will receive a bye. No team may receive a bye more than once in the tournament. If a team receives a bye, it will earn a win and its members will receive their average speaks and ranks from all other rounds.

5. Ironperson teams are eligible to win inrounds and outrounds. Ironpersons are eligible to win speaker awards. Judges may assign two different scores to each of the “roles” that the ironperson speaks during a round. The ironperson will select which role will count for speaker awards prior to the round and indicate this to the judge.

6. The top four teams will break to semi-finals. Breaks will be high-low. Teams will be ranked according to the following criteria (in order):

Team Record

Total Speaker Points

Total Ranks Adjusted Points Adjusted

Ranks Opponents' Strength Double-
adjusted Points Coin Flip

Sides will either be locked (if the two teams met in preliminary rounds) or decided by coin flip.

8. Speaker awards will be determined by the following criteria: Speaker Points

Ranks

Adjusted Speaker Points

Adjusted Ranks

Double-adjusted speaker points

Double-adjusted ranks

Coin Flip

9. We are running an open tab for rounds 1 through 4, so asking your judges for full disclosure is encouraged. Round 5 will be closed tab.

10. Opposition teams that decide to counter-case must allow points of clarification.

SPEAKER SCALE:

Scores of 23.5 or lower and scores of 27 or higher must be justified to tab.

23

A speech that could use work; it may make some good arguments but needs improvement in argumentation, clarity, and delivery.

24

An average novice speech. On the right track, but contains areas for improvement in both argumentation and delivery.

25

A good novice speech. Contains solid argumentation, but has a few areas for improvement, both rhetorically and analytically.

26

A very good novice speech. This speech is engaging and compelling, and plays an important role in the round. Quite solid, with perhaps one or two flaws.

27

An amazing speech. This score is rarely given at a tournament. Near perfection.