

January 10, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

The Vanderbilt University Debate Team and the Department of Communication Studies invites you and your teams to the 3rd Annual Vanderbilt British Parliamentary Debate Tournament to be held March 11-13, 2022. All schools are welcome.

The CA's for the tournament will be Gina Iberri-Shea (Air Force), Rob Margesson (Regis), and Rebecca Poole (Clemson).

Will Silberman has graciously agreed to run the tab room.

The tournament will have an Open division of BP debate. If numbers warrant, we will have separate elimination rounds and speaker awards for Novice and English-as-a-Second-Language speakers. Entries will be due by 11:59pm Central on March 6, 2022. Entries will be done at: <https://forensicstournament.net/vanderbiltbp/22>.

We will provide breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Snacks will also be provided throughout the tournament.

We have secured a rate of \$159 a night at the Holiday Inn Nashville-Vanderbilt. This is a good rate for the Vanderbilt area and I encourage you to make reservations there. The deadline to make reservations in the room block is January 31, 2022. This hotel is within walking distance (10-15 minutes) of competition rooms, close to several good places to eat, and a quick Uber/Lyft ride away from most of Nashville.

We look forward to seeing you all in March.

Sincerely,

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Entries: We will be using Forensics Tournament for entries:

<https://forensicstournament.net/vanderbiltbp/22>. Deadline is 11:59pm Central on March 6, 2022.

Divisions: Open BP. Please send novice (within first year of college debate) and ESL designations to john.p.koch@vanderbilt.edu before March 6 at 11:59pm Central. If numbers warrant, we will have separate break rounds and speaker awards for those divisions.

JUDGES: We will use n-1 for determining judging commitment, except all teams are required to provide one judge. For example, if you have 1 team, you will need to provide 1 judge. If you have 2 teams, you will need to provide 1 judge. If you have 3 teams, you will need to provide 2 judges, etc. All judges are obligated 1 break round after their teams are eliminated. There will be a \$150 judge fee for each uncovered team (See below for more about fees.)

AWARDS: All teams reaching elimination rounds will receive awards. In addition, speaker awards will be given to the top 10 speakers (in each division, if numbers warrant).

FEES: Entry fees of \$75 per person (including judges and observers) will be collected at registration. We will be able to accept cash, check, or credit card. These fees help cover the cost of four meals, snacks, trophies, and hiring judges. There is also a \$150 judge fee for uncovered teams. If these fees will prevent you from attending, please contact ML Sandoz (ml.sandoz@vanderbilt.edu) to discuss the possibility of fee reductions and waivers for your program.

DEADLINES: 1.) All teams must be entered on Forensics Tournament, 2.) All designations of novice and ESL must be sent to john.p.koch@vanderbilt.edu, and 3.) All dietary restrictions or accommodation requests should be communicated to john.p.koch@vanderbilt.edu by March 6, 2022 at 11:59pm Central.

TRANSPORTATION: Nashville and Vanderbilt are easily accessible by I-24, I-40, and I-65. In addition, Nashville Airport (BNA) is serviced by most major airlines. You are likely to find the best rates and times through Southwest Airlines, as roughly 60% of all flights in and out of BNA are through them.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE to HOTEL: We recommend using Airport Express (615) 275-1180. Lyft/Uber are also readily available in Nashville.

RENTAL VEHICLES: As noted above, Lyft/Uber are readily available at all times of the day in Nashville. Additionally, the tournament hotel is within walking distance of competition buildings/rooms. It is possible then to not rent a vehicle for this tournament. If you want one though, BNA has most major rental car company options.

TOURNAMENT HOTEL: We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Nashville-Vanderbilt from 3/11-14. This hotel is within walking distance of the tournament and dining establishments. It is also an Uber/Lyft ride away from the restaurants and night life of downtown Nashville. The room rate is \$159 a night and must be booked by 1/31. Link will be posted soon. If you would prefer to call: 615-327-4707 and reference the block code **BPD**.

COVID: It is our plan to host this event in-person. We have permission from Vanderbilt University to host this event. However, as we all know, the situation is continuously changing. The only promise we can make to you is that unless Vanderbilt changes its policies, which is out of our control, we will be hosting this event in-person. Everyone on-campus will be required to wear a mask, unless eating or speaking (while maintaining 6ft of distance). If something were to change, we would communicate that to you immediately and the event would be moved online.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday March 11, 2022

6pm-8pm: Screening of the film “Debaters without Borders” and discussion afterwards with the Filmmaker in Wilson 103 (Vanderbilt Students will be in lobby of hotel at 5:30pm to walk your group from the hotel to the event).

8pm-10:30pm: Registration and Coaches Reception at the Holiday Inn Nashville-Vanderbilt Hotel 14th Floor

Saturday March 12 (Buttrick Hall)

8:45am: Sign-in and Breakfast (Students will be in lobby of hotel at 8:30am to walk you to competition rooms)

9:15: Judge and Debater Briefing

9:45: Round 1 Motion

11:45: Round 2 Motion

1:45: Lunch

2:30: Round 3 Motion

4:30: Round 4 Motion

Sunday March 12 (Buttrick Hall)

9am: Sign-in and Breakfast

9:30: Round 5 Motion

11:30: Round 6 Motion

1:15: Lunch, Breaks, and Awards

2pm (or earlier if we are able): Quarters, Novice (semis or finals), ESL (semis or finals)

TBD (as early as possible after quarters): Semis for Open BP (Finals if necessary in other break-out divisions)

TBD (as early as possible after semi's): Open BP Finals