

2026 "EDITH KANAKA'OLE" HAWAI'I ISLAND DEBATE TOURNAMENT

WHAT: Asian Parliamentary Intercollegiate Debate Competition (3x3)

WHERE: University of Hawai'i, Hilo, 200 W. Kāwili St., Hilo, 96720

WHEN: Saturday, April 25th, 2026

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries due by Friday, April 17th, 2026 at 5pm.

PARTICIPATION: Open to all colleges and universities. Students must be registered in a speech and or debate class with the affiliated high school, college, or university.

RULES:

- each speech is 5 minutes and replies/rebuttals are 2 minutes
- prep time is 20 minutes
- students will receive 3 topics, negative gets first strike
- internet use and phones are not allowed in prep time
- POIs allowed after first minute and before last minute of constructive speeches

SPEAKER ORDER and Position Names:

- AFF Speaker 1-Prime Minister
- NEG Speaker 1-Opposition Leader
- AFF Speaker 2-Government Deputy
- NEG Speaker 2-Opposition Deputy
- AFF Speaker 3-Government Whip
- NEG Speaker 3- Opposition Whip
- NEG Rebuttal-Opposition Reply Speaker
- AFF Rebuttal-Government Reply Speaker

REGISTRATION:

Registration must be processed using forensicstournament.net. Please direct all changes to your registration and questions regarding registration to Dana Van Winkle, Tournament Director. You can e-mail her at dvanwink@hawaii.edu or call her at **808-365-7813** (cell).

FEES: The Spring 2026 Hawai'i Island Debate Tournament will be free of charge.

FORENSICTOURNAMENT:

While this tournament is being held in-person, the tournament will be run using forensicstournament.net. This means all coaches, competitors, and judges must have devices able to access the internet to receive postings and fill out ballots.

HOUSING: <https://hilo.hawaii.edu/housing/conference.php> Contact Dana Van Winkle with requests for conference housing at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.

FOOD:Bring snacks. The host will provide coffee, doughnuts, fruit, and pizza.

JUDGES: Schools must provide one (1) judge for every two (2) entries.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY: Schools are responsible for all their students and volunteers. By registering for this tournament, the coach releases UH, Hilo of any medical and or legal liability for the actions of their students and volunteers.

SCHEDULE Saturday, April 25th, 2025

7:30AM Registration/school check-in
8:00AM Round 1
9:30AM Round 2
11:00AM Round 3
12:30PM Lunch
1:00PM Semi-finals
2:30PM Finals
4:00PM AWARDS

AWARDS:

Medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded to students in semi-final and final rounds. Certificates will be awarded to the top 10 speakers.

DROPS/NO - SHOWS: Make the correction on forensicstournament.net. Please contact Dana Van Winkle, Tournament Director, with all drops/no shows. You can e-mail her at dvanwink@hawaii.edu or call her at **808-365-7813** (cell). All means will be used to reschedule the drops/no-shows prior to the start of the tournament. However, if rescheduling will result in extensive delays, the first round will commence with the no-shows included.