



September 12, 2016

The Detroit Urban Debate League, the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association, and the Wayne State University debate team, are pleased to invite you to the Edward J. Pappas Debate Tournament on Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8, 2016. We will be offering Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate and Legislative Debate with multiple divisions in each event.

**ENTRIES:**

**Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 5, 2016 by 5 pm.** Schools may enter as many teams/competitors as they wish with a few minor limitations.

**Policy Debate** - Please make your entries through **speechwire.com**. You will find the tournament listed as “**WSU Pappas/Detroit Urban Debate League #2**”. If this is too difficult of a task because you aren’t familiar with Speechwire, please send entries to Kelly.Young@wayne.edu.

**Public Forum Debate and Legislative Debate** - Please make your entries through **tabroom.com**. You will find the tournament listed as “**WSU Pappas Tournament**.” If this is too difficult of a task because you aren’t familiar with Tabroom, please send entries to director@themifa.org

**FEES:** We are committed to making this the most affordable tournament in the state. Entry fees cover the cost of awards, parking, room use, and tournament administrative expenses. If entry fees will keep your program from attending, please contact us and we will make every effort to accommodate you. All Fees for Detroit Urban Debate League members are covered by the DUDL (although DUDL teams should provide some judging).

**\*NOTE: Your school does not need to be a MIFA member to participate in this invitational event.**

Base School Fee	\$ ZERO
Policy Entry	\$20 per 2-person team
Public Forum Entry	\$20 per 2-person team
Legislative Entry	\$10 per competitor
Hired Judges	\$100 per obligation fulfilled (Policy=3 rounds per team, PF=1 judge per 2 teams, Leg=1 judge per 10 entries)
All Meals	\$8 each meal - <b>PLEASE PRE-ORDER</b> Fri dinner OR Sat lunch for students/coaches/judges

Please make checks payable to Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association (MIFA).

If a check needs to be mailed, send to: MIFA, 30238 Spring River Dr., Southfield MI 48076

**Questions/Concerns** – please contact:

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John Lawson, Executive Director DUDL	248-310-5909	<a href="mailto:JLawson@birmingham.k12.mi.us">JLawson@birmingham.k12.mi.us</a>

Sincerely,

Jon Becker, Executive Director MIFA

## POLICY DEBATE

**TOPIC & FORMAT:** Teams will debate this season's China topic - Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China. The format for **ALL policy divisions will be 5 preliminary rounds (2 on Friday, 3 on Saturday)** and two elimination rounds on Saturday (depending on entries), except Super Novice which is 2 rounds on Saturday only. Time limits for speeches/rounds will be: 8 minute constructive, 5-minute rebuttal, 3-minute cross-examination periods and 8 minutes' total preparation time for each team. Awards for teams reaching elims and Top 10 speakers.

### DIVISIONS

\***Open Policy division - Two day/Two-person:** Open to high school students in their 2nd-4th season of Policy competition.

\***Jr Varsity Policy division - Two day/Two-person:** Open to high school students in their 2nd-4th season of Policy competition. Typically those with limited tournament experience (compared with those in the Open division).

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE: NOVICE POLICY IS NO LONGER A 4-PERSON FORMAT ON ONE DAY.**

\***(Unrestricted) Novice division - Two day/Two-person** Open to high school students in their first season of Policy competition. **Unrestricted novice means these novices can use any evidence and affirmatives.**

\* **(Restricted) Novice division - Two day/Two-person** Open to high school students in their first season of Policy competition. **Restricted novices will be restricted to the DUDL novice affirmatives and evidence set as per DUDL rules (see below).**

**PLEASE NOTE: SUPER NOVICE IS A 2-PERSON FORMAT ON SATURDAY ONLY.**

\***(Beginner) Super Novice division - ONE DAY/Two-person** with **2 preliminary rounds on Saturday only**. This division is for first time students using the restricted set of DUDL evidence found on the NAUDL website under the "For Debaters" link. The website address is: [urbandebate.org](http://urbandebate.org). The files are South China Sea affirmative and negative, topicality, exclusively China counterplan, Xi Credibility and Japanese Rearmament disadvantages.

**ENTRIES:** Schools may enter as many teams as they wish. Deadline for registration is October 5 (Wednesday), 2016 by 6 pm. **Please make your entries through Speechwire.com.** You will find the tournament listed as "WSU Pappas/Detroit Urban Debate League #2." If this is too difficult of a task because you aren't familiar with Speechwire, please send entries to [Kelly.Young@wayne.edu](mailto:Kelly.Young@wayne.edu).

**JUDGING:** Each team must supply THREE prelim rounds of judging per team. All judges are required to judge one round beyond the elimination of their school from the tournament. While we understand that some teams must use current high school students to judge for their school, please understand that this places tremendous strain our ability to have enough judges for open or JV elimination panels. This year, we may use single-judge panels for the first elim or other options should we have too few eligible judges to make 3 judge panels for the first open/JV elim. Thus all judges must be available for the first elimination round in each division. Please do not leave on Saturday without checking with the ballot table or tab room first to notify us that you are leaving the tournament.

**LOCATION & SCHEDULE:** All policy debate rounds will occur in Manoogian Hall (906 W Warren Ave, Detroit, 48201).

### **POLICY SCHEDULE**

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016**

3:00-3:30 p.m.	Registration	Lobby, General Lectures Bldg.
4:00 p.m.	Round 1	Manoogian Hall
5:30 p.m.	Dinner Break	Manoogian Hall
7:00 p.m.	Round 2	Manoogian Hall

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016**

9 a.m.	Round 3 (power-paired)/Super Novice Round 1	Manoogian Hall
10:45 a.m.	Round 4 (power-paired)/Super Novice Round 2	Manoogian Hall
12 noon	Lunch Break	Manoogian Hall
1:00 pm	Round 5 (power-paired)	Manoogian Hall

## **PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE**

### **TOPIC/FORMAT**

The tournament will be using the September/October 2016 NSDA Public Forum Topic -

Resolved: In United States public K-12 schools, the probable cause standard ought to apply to searches of students.

Format: 5 preliminary rounds (1&2 preset, 3 lag paired, 4 & 5 power paired), Quarters (if necessary), Semis and Finals Awards for teams reaching elimination rounds and Top 10 speakers.

### **DIVISIONS**

**\*Varsity Division - ONE DAY/Two-person:** Open to high school students in their 2nd-4th season of PF competition.

**\*Novice Division - ONE DAY/Two-person:** Open to high school students in their first season of PF competition.

**\*Middle Level Division - ONE DAY/Two-person:** Open to middle school students in grades 6-8 ONLY.

### **ENTRIES**

Entries are only limited by the logistics of judging for the tournament. If you are entering 6 or more teams you may have to hire unaffiliated judges or have the tournament hire them to cover (at least part of) your obligations.

**Please make your entries through [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com).** You will find the tournament listed as “**DUDL/MIFA/WSU Pappas HS Tournament.**” If this is too difficult of a task because you aren’t familiar with Tabroom, please send entries to [director@themifa.org](mailto:director@themifa.org)

### **JUDGING**

Judges: One judge for every (2) two-person teams or fraction thereof PER DIVISION. Any adult high school graduate, regardless of debate experience, may judge this division. Lay judges are encouraged. If you are entering 6 or more teams you may have to hire unaffiliated judges or have the tournament hire them to cover your obligations.

### **LOCATION & SCHEDULE**

All public forum rounds will occur in State Hall (5143 Cass Ave, Detroit, 48201).

## **PUBLIC FORUM SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016**

7:30-8AM	Registration/Check-In	State Hall - first floor lounge
8:00AM	General Meeting	State Hall
9:00AM	Round 1 (preset)	State Hall - various
10:00AM	Round 2 (preset)	State Hall - various
11:00AM	Round 3 (lag-paired)	State Hall - various
12 noon	Lunch Break	State Hall - various
1:30PM	Round 4 (paired)	State Hall - various
2:30PM	Round 5 (pointed)	State Hall - various
~4:00PM	Awards	State Hall
~5:00PM	Semi-Finals	State Hall - various
~6:00PM	Final Round	State Hall - various

# LEGISLATIVE DEBATE

## TOPIC/FORMAT

CALL FOR LEGISLATION for Legislative Debate State Finals. All participating schools must submit at least one bill or resolution for legislative action at the tournament. Please email your bill or resolution to [director@themifa.org](mailto:director@themifa.org). The DEADLINE TO SUBMIT is SATURDAY OCTOBER 1st, 2016. The docket will be provided to you (and posted to the website) on MONDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 2016. Supplemental bills from NSDA may be used to fill out the docket at the discretion of the tournament directors. Details regarding preparing legislation are below:

"Participating schools are required to submit at least one piece of legislation for legislative action at each tournament. The tournament director shall confirm receipt of legislation. Legislation format: All legislation must be on one (1) page, using a traditional twelve (12) point font and double spacing. Each line should be numbered. Components for the bill include a statement of the policy, a definition of key terms in the policy, the date of implementation, the government agency responsible for the administration of the bill, the mechanisms for enforcement or compliance and funding issues. Resolutions include a series of reasons for a specific recommendation. The reasons for the resolution are captured in a series of "Whereas" statements. The recommendation is a "Therefore" statement. The resolution should contain a clear statement of the appropriate action. Bills and Resolutions must be national in scope and impact. The tournament director may reject legislation deemed inappropriate because of content, inflammatory language choice, or incorrect formatting. If the tournament director rules the proposed legislative item of a school unacceptable, the director should provide a rationale for the decision. If the bill or resolution is rejected, the school must provide an alternative item to participate." (excerpted from Speech Activities)

2 Preliminary rounds and a Super Session final round  
Docket deadline Oct 1st, 2016. Docket available - Oct 3rd, 2016.  
Awards for Presiding Officer and Top 10 speakers.

## DIVISIONS

**\*Varsity Division - ONE DAY/One-person:** Open to high school students in their 2nd-4th season of Leg competition.

**\*Novice Division - ONE DAY/One-person:** Open to high school students in their first season of Leg competition.

## ENTRIES

The only limitation on the number of entries is that all participating schools must submit at least one bill or resolution for legislative action at the tournament. Schools with multiple entries will have students placed in sections per MIFA Speech Activities.

## JUDGING

One judge for every ten entries or fraction thereof.

## LOCATION & SCHEDULE

All legislative debate rounds will occur in State Hall (5143 Cass Ave, Detroit, 48201).

### \*\*\*LEGISLATIVE DEBATE\*\*\*

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

7:30-8AM	Registration/Check-In	State Hall - first floor lounge
8:30AM	General Meeting	State Hall
9:00AM	Round 1 (preset)	State Hall - various
11:00AM	Round 2 (preset)	State Hall - various
1:00PM	Lunch Break	State Hall - various
2:15PM	Super Session	State Hall - various
~4:30PM	Awards	State Hall

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## **ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT DETAILS**

**Debate Locations:** All Policy debate will occur in Manoogian Hall (906 W Warren Avenue, Detroit, 48201). All Legislative & Public Forum debate will occur in State Hall (5143 Cass, Detroit 48202).

**Parking:** Please pull up to Manoogian on the Lodge Service Drive and send someone from your school to get a single-use parking card to use at Parking Structure 2 (the large structure immediately north of Manoogian). We will have additional cards for you to pick up later for Saturday parking in the same structure. If you have 12-15 passenger vans, they will not fit in the structure and you should park in Lot 50, which is the large surface lot on Warren Avenue, just across the Lodge Freeway from Manoogian.

**Wireless Access:** Wayne State has finally (yay!) changed its guest wireless system. Rather than needing those complicated usernames and passwords, all guest now login to our WSU-Guest wireless system and open a web browser. Do not ask for WSU-Secure access once the WSU page appears, just continue to the public wireless. You will be asked to agree to WSU usage policy and you are into the system.

**COACH/JUDGE MEALS: Please PRE-ORDER!** Indicate when registering online (via Speechwire or Tabroom) how many coaches/judge meals you need to purchase (\$8 per meal).  
Friday Dinner will be pizza, pasta, salad, dessert & beverages.  
Saturday morning we will provide complimentary breakfast pastries, fruit, coffee etc.  
Saturday Lunch will be boxed lunch from La Pita Fresh - assorted roll-ups, side salad/hummus, dessert & beverages.

**STUDENT MEALS: Please PRE-ORDER!** Indicate when registering online (via Speechwire or Tabroom) how many student meals you need to purchase. A very limited number of additional meals will be available to purchase on site. Meal tickets will be in your packet at pickup. **Meal costs for DUDL students are covered by the tournament.**  
Friday Dinner will be pizza, pasta, salad, dessert, beverage.  
Saturday morning we will provide complimentary breakfast pastries, fruit, coffee etc.  
Saturday Lunch will be boxed lunch from La Pita Fresh - assorted roll-ups, side salad/hummus, dessert, beverage.

If pizza or hummus isn't your thing, there is Subway located across the Lodge Freeway and Jimmy John's across Anthony Wayne Dr. There is also a Starbucks, Panda Express, Taco Bell, and Wingstop located inside the north end of the Student Center.

**Housing:** If you will need hotel arrangements, try any of the following:

**Best Western Greenfield Inn (the pink hotel right off I-94)**

3000 Enterprise Dr., Allen Park, MI 48101-3529 (313) 271-1600

**Hampton Inn Detroit/Dearborn @ Greenfield Village**

20061 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, USA 48124 Tel: +1-313-436-9600 Fax: +1-313-436-8345

**Double Tree Dearborn**

5801 Southfield Service Dr., Dearborn MI 48124 \$104/ any room type  
Mimi Sion @ 313.336.3340

[http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DTTDBDT-MIF-20161007/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DTTDBDT-MIF-20161007/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

**Town Place Suites**

6141 Mercury Dr., Dearborn MI 48124 \$110  
Catherine Sanctorum @ 313.271.0200

**Hotel St. Regis**

3071 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit MI 48201 \$99 - ask for Wayne State rate  
313.873.3000

**Drops/Adds/Changes:** The deadline for drops/adds/changes is 5:00PM on Wednesday, October 5 at 5:00PM after which the following fees will be assessed in addition to forfeiting the original registration fee:

Drop/Add/Change (2 days to 1 day prior) \$10

Drop/Add/Change (day of event) \$20

\* Drops after 5:00PM October 5, 2016 do not decrease your judging obligations.

\* Drops which involve judges hired at the coach's request by the tournament will be assessed their full fee for the judge regardless of the time at which the drop occurs.