



September 21, 2019

The Detroit Urban Debate League, Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association, and Wayne State University debate team are pleased to invite you to the **Edward J. Pappas Memorial Debate Tournament** on Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12, 2019. 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 9, 2019 by 5 pm. Schools may enter as many teams/competitors as they wish with a few minor limitations.

REGISTRATION FOR ALL EVENTS WILL BE THRU tabroom.com. You will find the tournament listed as “**Pappas19**”. If you have difficulties or you aren’t familiar with tabroom.com, 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 sufficient judges to cover your entries).

***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 judge obligation fulfilled
*(Obligations: Policy=3 rounds per team, PF=1 judge per 2 teams, Leg=1 judge per 10 entries, or fraction thereof)	
All Meals	\$8 each meal - PLEASE PRE-ORDER for students/coaches/judges.

DUDL STUDENTS AND COACHES WILL HAVE THEIR MEAL COSTS COVERED BY THE TOURNAMENT.

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

If mailing a check, please send to: MIFA, 30238 Spring River Dr., Southfield MI 48076

Questions/Concerns – please contact:

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Sincerely,

Jon Becker, Executive Director MIFA

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POLICY DEBATE

TOPIC & FORMAT: Teams will debate this year's national topic - Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of arms from the United States.

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

***Jr Varsity Policy division (2-day/2-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: NOVICE POLICY IS NO LONGER A 4-PERSON FORMAT ON ONE DAY.

***Unrestricted Novice division (2-day/2-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 Packet Novice division (2-day/2-person)** Open to high school students in their first season of Policy competition. **Restricted novices will be limited to the DUDL novice affirmatives and evidence set as per DUDL rules. For this tournament, novices in the restricted/packet division may use the following files found at urbandebate.org under the "Teach Debate" link.**

ENTRIES: Schools may enter as many teams as they wish. Deadline for registration is October 9 (Wednesday), 2019 by 5pm. **Please make your entries through tabroom.com.** You will find the tournament listed as "**Pappas19**" If this is too difficult of a task because you aren't familiar with tabroom, please send entries to director@themifa.org.

JUDGING: Each team must supply THREE prelim rounds of judging per team. Additionally, 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 ask us if you can leave.

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

POLICY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

3:00-3:30 p.m.	Registration	Manoogian Hall
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 12, 2019

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
ASAP following	Awards	Manoogian 91
TBA	Elimination Debates	Manoogian Hall

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PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

TOPIC/FORMAT

The tournament will be using the September/October 2019 NSDA Public Forum Topic -

Resolved: The European Union should join the Belt and Road Initiative.

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 - SATURDAY ONLY/Two-person:** Open to high school students in their 2nd-4th season of PF competition.

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

***Novice PACKET Division - SATURDAY ONLY/Two-person:** Open to middle & high school students in their first season of PF competition. **Participants in the PACKET Division will be limited to the Pro & Con evidence packet which will be released on Saturday Sept 25, 2019 at the PF Workshop at West Bloomfield HS and online at themifa.org under Events>Debate>Pappas Invitational.**

***Middle Level Division - SATURDAY ONLY/Two-person:** Open to middle school students in grades 5-8 ONLY.

ENTRIES

Entries are only limited by the logistics of judging for the tournament. If you are entering 6 or more teams, in any division you will 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. You will find the tournament listed as “Pappas19” If this is too difficult of a task because you aren’t familiar with Tabroom, please send entries to 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 12, 2019

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

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LEGISLATIVE DEBATE

TOPIC/FORMAT

CALL FOR LEGISLATION! 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. The DEADLINE TO SUBMIT is FRIDAY OCTOBER 4th, 2019. The docket will be provided to you (and posted to the website) on MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2019.

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
Awards for Presiding Officer and Top 10 speakers.

DIVISIONS

***Varsity Division - SATURDAY ONLY/One-person:** Open to high school students in their 2nd-4th season of Legislative debate competition.

***Novice Division - SATURDAY ONLY/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).

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7:30-8AM	Registration/Check-In	State Hall - first floor lounge
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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: There is quite a bit of construction happening near Manoogian and the Parking Structure. This should not affect your ability to park, but it might disturb your walk from the structure to Manoogian or State Hall.

When you first arrive on campus Friday or Saturday, please pull up to Manoogian on the Lodge Service Drive (the second set of doors by the trash dumpsters) 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). 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. Parking on the street is not suggested as they are metered and Detroit loves giving out parking tickets. Please avoid that expense by parking in the structure or lot. For people in State Hall Saturday, we recommend dropping off your team at State Hall first (address is 5143 Cass Ave, Detroit, MI 48202) then park.

Wireless Access: Wayne State has changed its guest wireless system. All guests 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 Tabroom) how many coaches/judge meals you need to purchase (\$8 per meal).

Friday Dinner will be pizza, salad, dessert & beverage.

Saturday morning we will provide complimentary breakfast pastries, fruit, coffee

Saturday Lunch will be Middle Eastern food - assorted roll-ups, side salad/hummus, dessert & beverages.

STUDENT MEALS: Please PRE-ORDER! Indicate when registering online (via 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 and coaches are covered by the tournament.**

Friday Dinner will be pizza, breadsticks, salad, dessert, beverage.

Saturday morning we will provide complimentary breakfast pastries, fruit, coffee

Saturday Lunch will be Middle Eastern food - 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.

Drops/Adds/Changes: The deadline for drops/adds/changes is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:00 PM after which the following fees will be assessed in addition to forfeiting the original registration fee:

Drop/Add/Change = \$10

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

* Drops after the deadline 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.