

Adlai Stevenson Invitational Tournament

Tournament Information, 2016

The Princeton Debate Panel is pleased to invite you to attend APDA Elections at the 2016 Adlai E. Stevenson Memorial Debate Tournament, which will take place at Princeton University on April 1-2, 2016.

We are very excited to announce that this year's Adlai will take place in partnership with National Constitution Center, the only national nonprofit dedicated to expounding and debating the values that underwrite the U.S. Constitution. This year's Adlai champions will win an expenses-paid trip to Philadelphia as featured speakers in the National Constitution Center's Freedom Day celebration on Wednesday, April 13th. We strongly encourage our champions to take advantage of this opportunity!

Basics:

The tournament will consist of five preliminary rounds followed by a break to varsity octofinals and novice semis. As in previous years, we will have straight-link motions. We will be awarding trophies to the top five novice/varsity speakers, novice semifinalists, and varsity quarterfinalists; the tournament's top speaker will take home the famous Bronze Tiger award.

Dinos are permitted to debate.

We will once again offer one of the deepest judging pools of any tournament on the circuit. Princeton will cover reasonable transportation cost and provide free hotel rooms for dino judges. If you are a dino who would like to judge, please contact Bharath Srivatsan at bharaths@princeton.edu or Anirudh Dasarathy at anirudhd@princeton.edu.

Anirudh Dasarathy will be our Tab Director, and Rich Weisbach will be our tab observer. We'll post our full tab policy soon.

Food and Sleep:

We'll be offering dinner on Friday night and breakfast on Saturday morning. Housing will be provided on Friday night in the lovely (and nearby) Princeton dormitories. If you are traveling from far away and need housing for Thursday or Saturday night, shoot us an email at princeton.adlai.2016@gmail.com and we'll try our best to accommodate you.

In order to keep costs and registration fees low, we will not offer a banquet on Saturday. There is plenty of cheap, delicious food available on Nassau Street for you all to enjoy on Saturday afternoon for lunch.

Elections:

Princeton is proud to be hosting APDA Elections, which will begin after rounds on Friday evening in GA.

Payment:

Reg will be free for the first team from each school, then \$125 per team. You can pay us in cash, with a check (made out to Princeton Debate Panel), or with a credit card.

As always, we're willing to offer generous reg breaks to teams who need them. If you are traveling a long distance to attend Adlai, if your team is under financial duress, or if you've never attended Adlai before, please contact us at princeton.adlai.2016@gmail.com to discuss reg breaks.

We will be PAY-TO-PLAY. This means that if you do not pay us on or before Friday March 27 or make a prior arrangement with us, your teams will be dropped from tab. In addition, we will not be accepting pre-registration from teams that still owe us from last year. If you are one of these teams and have questions about your debts, please email our Financial VP (Carolyn Liziewski) at cl4@princeton.edu

Late Policy:

Teams who arrive late impose an externality on those who don't. To correct for this externality, Princeton will levy a Pigouvian tax of \$25.00 on every team that fails to arrive on time.

We also will not accept discretionary scratches from late teams; if you're particularly late, we reserve the right to drop you from Round 1 tab.

Equity:

Rachel Sommers and Drew Latimer will be our equity officers. They'll post their equity policy closer to the date of the tournament.

Registration:

We will hard cap at 120 teams, with a soft cap of 5 teams per school. If you plan on bringing more than 5 teams, register more than 5, but indicate which teams have priority in case we hit our cap. We will do our best to accommodate all entries.

We will have a judging requirement of $(n-1)/2$ rounded up, and charge \$45 for every missing judge. Judges should have previous APDA experience. Please indicate said experience in your registration email - i.e, "John Doe - Princeton sophomore, 12th DOTY," or what have you.

All teams need to register before midnight on Sunday, March 23, 2015. Registration this year will be done on Google Forms; please follow the link below to register teams. Note that you will require all of the following information:

1. For each team:
 - a) Team Name
 - b) Names of individual debaters
 - c) Varsity/Novice status
 - d) Seed status
2. Names of judges and which rounds they are available
3. Cell phone number of each debater and judge attending the tournament
4. Number of people requiring housing
5. Main contact information
6. Relevant dietary concerns
7. Method of payment (check, cash, or credit card)

Register here: <http://goo.gl/forms/8eO1Xnpc6Y>

Please email any changes to your team's registration directly to princeton.adlai.2016@gmail.com (do not submit multiple forms). Email us with any questions!

Schedule:

Friday

1:30 pm-3:30 pm Registration
4:30 pm Round 1
5:30 pm APDA meeting
6:30 pm Round 2
7:30 pm Dinner
8:30 pm Round 3
9:45 pm Housing/Elections

Saturday

8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Round 4
11:00 am Round 5
1:30 pm Octofinals / Novice Semifinals
3:00 pm Quarterfinals / Novice Finals
4:30 pm Semifinals
6:00 pm Finals

Directions/Parking:

Here's a map of the campus (Google Maps also displays campus buildings):
<http://m.princeton.edu/map/campus>

Parking for the Adlai Stevenson Debate Tournament will be in Lot 21. These directions take you there from basically any direction. Once you have parked in Lot 21, there are shuttle buses that will take you to the Woodrow Wilson stop, which is across the street (Washington Rd) from McCosh. Alternately, you can walk to McCosh by heading in the direction of the Stadium, then making a right once you reach Washington Road (it's a 10-15 minute walk, though).

Driving from the NORTH/NEW YORK CITY:

Take the New Jersey Turnpike south to Exit 9 (New Brunswick). After the toll booths, take the first right turn onto the ramp for Route 18 north. Soon after you enter Route 18, take the left side of a fork in the road, staying in the right lane. Immediately bear right for an exit to U.S. Route 1 south/Trenton. Drive south on Route 1 for about 16 miles to the Washington Road exit, which is a traffic circle. Take the first right off the circle (between the gas stations) toward Princeton. The campus is located approximately a mile straight ahead. Heading north on Washington Road (away from Route 1), turn right onto Faculty Road. After passing Jadwin Gym, turn left on FitzRandolph Road and then take the first left turn into Lot 21.

Driving from the WEST: Drive east on Interstate 78 into New Jersey. Exit onto southbound Interstate 287 (toward Somerville). Follow signs for Routes 202/206 south. Drive south on 202 for a short distance and then follow signs to 206 south, which will take you around a traffic circle. Go south on 206 for about 18 miles to Nassau Street (Route 27) in the center of Princeton. Turn left onto Nassau Street, and follow it to the third traffic light. Turn right onto Washington Road, then turn left onto Faculty Road. After passing Jadwin Gym, turn left on FitzRandolph Road and then take the first left turn into Lot 21.

Driving from the SOUTH:

If you are coming from southern New Jersey, we recommend that you take Interstate 295 north (instead of the New Jersey Turnpike). Take Exit 67 to Route 1 north. Travel about three miles north on Route 1 to the Washington Road exit, which is a traffic circle. Go three quarters of the way around the circle and turn right (between the gas stations) toward Princeton. The campus is located approximately a mile straight ahead. Heading north on Washington Road (away from Route 1), turn right onto Faculty Road. After passing Jadwin Gym, turn left on FitzRandolph Road and then take the first left turn into Lot 21.

Driving from the EAST:

Take Interstate 195 west (toward Trenton) to the exit for Interstate 295 north. Drive seven miles to the exit for Route 1 north (exit 67). Travel about three miles north on Route 1 to the Washington Road exit, which is a traffic circle. Go three quarters of the way around the circle and turn right (between the gas stations) toward Princeton. The campus is located approximately a mile straight ahead. Heading north on Washington Road (away from Route 1), turn right onto Faculty Road. After passing Jadwin Gym, turn left on FitzRandolph Road and then take the first left turn into Lot 21.

Driving from the PHILADELPHIA AREA:

Take Interstate 95 north into New Jersey and exit at Route 1 north (exit 67). Travel about three miles north on Route 1 to the Washington Road exit, which is a traffic circle. Go three quarters of the way around the circle and turn right (between the gas stations) toward Princeton. The campus is located approximately a mile straight ahead. Heading north on Washington Road (away from Route 1), turn right onto Faculty Road. After passing Jadwin Gym, turn left on FitzRandolph Road and then take the first left turn into Lot 21.

Train from NYC: Take the northeast corridor line NJ Transit from New York Penn to Trenton. Get off at Princeton Junction. Catch the 5-minute “Dinky” train to Princeton (it will be on your right as you get off the train).

Train from PHILADELPHIA: Take the northeast corridor line NJ Transit from Union Station to NYP. Get off at Princeton Junction. Catch the “Dinky” to Princeton (about 5 minutes).

Don't hesitate to contact us with questions at princeton.adlai.2016@gmail.com.

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