

WUDC México 2018 will open registration on **March 27 2017 at 9:00 a.m. CST**. All matters related to registration, team allocation, payments, and deadlines are outlined below. We have set the team cap at **440 teams** to be allocated as specified below. The registration fee per judge and debater is set at **520 USD** each; the registration fee for observers is **1,020 USD**.

Institutions are allowed to register up to 4 team slots, 4 judge slots and 3 observer slots. All allocations will be made in accordance to our registration policy.

All institutions must be recognized by their country's education authority.

Furthermore, remember that it is each institution's responsibility to revise that their bracket information is correct; all corrections will be addressed prior to March 27.

REGISTRATION POLICY

The registration policy is in all substantive aspects similar to that used by WUDC Thessaloniki, with the exception of the last round of allocations for the last 30 teams.

Team Allocation Policy

1. We will release a list of all institutions that have been recorded on the team tab of the past three WUDC (Dutch, Thessaloniki, Malaysia)
 - a. The number of breaking teams will include breaking teams in all three breaks.
 - b. Israeli institutions will have the average of their breaking teams at Dutch, Thessaloniki, and Chennai
2. Institutions will have from March 27, 2017 (9:00 a.m. CST) to April 10 2017 (9:00 a.m. CST) to submit their requests for teams, judges, and observers. After the time period has expired, a list of institutions that submit requests will be made for consideration in future allocation periods.
3. Four brackets will be created (sorted first by break average, and then randomly):
 - a. Break average of 1.5 or higher
 - b. Break average between 0.0 and 1.5
 - c. Break average of 0.0 that has attended any of the past three WUDC

- d. Break average of 0.0 that has not attended any of the past three WUDC
4. During the first and second round of allocations, **410 team spots** will be allocated on the following basis until the team cap is exhausted.
 - a. All institutions applying will receive one team
 - b. Bracket A and B institutions receive their second team
 - c. Bracket C institutions receive their second team
 - d. Bracket A institutions receive their third team
 - e. Bracket B and C institutions receive their third team
 - f. Brackets A, B, C and D receive an additional team in the order of their average break rank.
5. On the third round on **July 12**, the remaining **30 team spots** will be **allocated** with special attention to:
 - a. Teams from underrepresented countries.
 - b. Newly-formed teams

Waiting List Selection:

The allocation for teams on the waiting list will be done as follows:

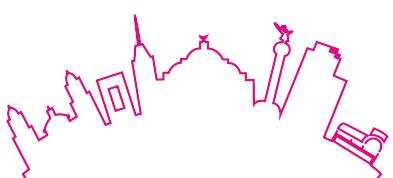
- a.) Priority will be given to teams from institutions that have not participated in WUDC before (bracket D).
- b.) After the previous criterion has been satisfied, the remaining slots will be allocated to teams following the same bracket system described in point 3 of the “Team Allocation Policy” (with the exception that those institutions in bracket D are the ones prioritized, as described above).

The waiting list will be released **4 days** after the payment deadlines, firstly on **May 19**, and secondly on **June 22**. The waiting lists for the remaining 30 team slots will be released on **August 17** and on **September 15**.

After the payment deadlines, we will release the waiting list on a monthly basis.

Institutional adjudicators

We will continue to enforce the '**n-1 judging requirement**'. In other words, if an institution sends 2 teams, they are required to send 1 judge; if an institution sends 1 team, they are not required to send any judges.



Institutions can register for an additional number of judges, and these will be taken into consideration after the completion of the registration process to consider availability to accommodate more institutional adjudicators.

Observers

Institutions can register a maximum of 3 observers. Requests at a later date will be taken into consideration pending availability.

PAYMENT POLICY

The payments can be made in full to the following bank account:*

Beneficiary's Bank Name: Banco Nacional de México S.A.

Beneficiary's Bank Address: Suc. 4144 Paseo de Laureles, Prol. Bosques de Reforma 1813, Col. Vista Hermosa, Del. Cuajimalpa, C.P. 01210, Ciudad de México

Beneficiary's Name: Asociación de Debate y Pensamiento Crítico de México A.C.

Beneficiary's Address: Montes de Oca 69, Interior 602, Col. Condesa, Del. Cuahtémoc, C.P. 06140, Ciudad de México

SWIFT: BNMXMXMM

National Account number: 002180701034852564

* We have confirmed with *Citibanamex* (our bank in Mexico) that Mexico's financial institutions do not use IBAN or ABA codes for international wire transfers (ABA codes were recently discontinued). If your bank is requesting you to transfer funds using IBAN, please clarify to them that they should use our SWIFT reference code for the transfer, or try (if possible) the PayPal payment options which accepts credit and debit cards as payment methods.

Note: There is a transaction fee **of 23.20 USD (20.00 USD + 16% VAT)** that the bank charges per international deposit. This means participants must assume all transfer costs; the final amount received in our account should be the registration payment in full.

E.g "Reg. Fee = 100.00", Deposit required ="123.20", Amount in our account = "100.00".

We recommend participants to avoid making multiple international transfers/deposits to minimize the costs, and avoid repeatedly paying for the transaction fee.

Furthermore, your bank may have its own **transaction fees**, these must be covered by **yourselfes**.

Alternatively, for the first time, you will be able to make payments via **PayPal**, thanks to our registration platform, *Ticketopolis*. **Please be aware that there is a transaction fee added to all transfers which has to be covered by each institution as follows:**

For Mexican deposits: +3.5%

Total deposit : 520 USD + 18.20 USD

For foreign deposits: +4.0%

Total deposit: 520 USD + 20.81 USD

Deadlines

The agreed deadlines on our policy and those agreed with our financial will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply with these can result in the following consequences:

- Teams that go unconfirmed after 72 hours will be reallocated to institutions on the waiting list
- All deadlines are set at 23:59 CDT. Proof of payment should be received by this time.

Payment deadlines can be found on the **Registration Timeline** available at <http://wudc2018.mx/registration.html>, and on the first page of the "**Payment Verification Protocol**" available at <http://wudc2018.mx/payment.html>. The payment deadlines are as follows:

- a) 1st Round of Allocations: Monday May 15th. Payment deadline of the non-refundable deposits (50%) for the first round of allocations.
- b) 2nd Round of Allocations: Sunday June 16th. Payment deadline of the non-refundable deposits (50%) for the second round of allocations.
- c) Full registration fee payment deadline and payment deadline for slots of underrepresented countries (50%) - Friday August 11th.
- d) Full registration fee payment deadline for slots of underrepresented countries - Monday September 11th.

Please note that there are **no refunds** on payments according to our policy. However, we will assist teams in reallocating slots that have been already paid for; this process **may only be done** through us as intermediaries, and with **prior authorization** from our Registration Department. We will assist in reallocating slots using the bracket system described previously in this registration policy.

Furthermore, in case your registration suffered changes and you have already paid some “extra” slots that your institution will no longer use, then, on the full registration final payment date (**August 11th**) we can contemplate the possibility of deducting the “extra” payments already made from your total payment. Nevertheless, this must be done with the **prior authorization** from the Registration Department, which will evaluate each individual case. For example, they will take into account if there is no conflict with the “n-1” rule, etc.

Surcharges

Failure to meet the deadline will result in a surcharge of 10% on the amount owed by the time of the deadline.

Extensions

If an institution cannot pay on the deadline, they can request an extension to registration@wudc2018.mx and finance@wudc2018.mx. The request must include institution name, proposed deadline extension and a detailed description for the request. Extensions should be requested with at least two weeks of anticipation in order to consider your case.

CONTACT

For questions on registration, please contact registration@wudc2018.mx

For questions on finance, contact finance@wudc2018.mx

For other inquiries, we encourage you to contact us on our social media pages.