

GLENDALE COLLEGE DOTCOM DEBATE CLASSIC, 2011

**Wind Up The OLD High School Debate Season And Kick
Off The NEW High School Debate Season By Becoming
An UNDISPUTED CHAMPION In The Debate Event(s)
Of Your Choice!**

1. WHAT?

The 2nd Annual Glendale College “DOTCOM Debate Classic”

“DOTCOM” = “Debate-Only Tournament – Champions of May”

A Two-Day, Six-Event, Spring Debate Festival!

2. WHEN?

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011 (Debate Pattern “A”- Team Policy Debate,
Standard N.F.L. Lincoln-Douglas Debate & N.F.L. Public Forum Debate);

AND/OR

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011 (Debate Pattern “B”- Team Parliamentary
Debate, **Parliamentary L-D Debate [NEW!]**, & Student Congress)

3. WHY?

- **GREAT TROPHIES** for Schools and/or “Clubs,” Teams, and
Individual debaters (with 8 different ways to win them);

- **A UNIQUE COMBINATION of NEW and TRADITIONAL DEBATE EVENTS**, geared to educate and entertain this year's graduating debate **SENIORS**, next year's returning debate veterans, and the future's debate Rookie Sensations alike;
- **OPPORTUNITY** to score scads of N.F.L. points in just two days at a reasonable cost;
- **ONE LAST CHANCE** to use that Spring 2011 LD and PF evidence you/your debaters worked so hard on; and,
- **THE YEAR'S FIRST COMPETITION** (before "Summer Debate Camp") on the 2011-2012 policy topic ("Space Exploration")!

4. WHERE?

GLENDALE COLLEGE

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Language Arts Division

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Administered by an expert tournament staff – combining more than 100 years of debate coaching experience with the latest in tournament-management technology, and **custom-designed** to be "maximum user-friendly" to the widest range of coaches/debaters...

from all kinds of debate organizations,
competing in all kinds of distinctive debate forums,
possessing all kinds of debate talent, experience, and expertise, and
having all kinds of debate "resources."

5. EVENTS AND RULES:

Events - (Novice/Open Divisions in each):

Friday, May 6, 2011: Pattern “A”: (Your choice of one)

Team Policy Debate on the NFL 2011-2012 topic
 (“Space Exploration”);

OR

Standard N.F.L. Lincoln-Douglas Debate on the
 March /April 2011 topic – (“Private Military Firms”) –
 the same topic as State;

OR

N.F.L. Public Forum Debate on the April 2011 topic -
 (“Organ Donation”) – the same topic as State.

The exact wording of each topic is posted at:

<http://www.nflonline.org/StudentResources/Topics>

Saturday, May 7, 2011: Pattern “B”: (Your choice of one)

Team Parliamentary Debate;

OR

Parliamentary Lincoln-Douglas Debate (NEW!);

OR

Student Congress (“Congressional Debate”)

Rules: [PLEASE NOTE: WE ASK YOU READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY.
 WE HOPE AND BELIEVE THESE RULES WILL MAKE THE “DOTCOM DEBATE
 CLASSIC” DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER INVITATIONAL DEBATE
 TOURNAMENT YOU/YOUR STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED.]

A. IN GENERAL:

California High School Speech Association (“CHSSA”) Rules for all events – where applicable (“Parli-LD,” for example, is a totally new event) - will serve as basic guidelines. This general rule is especially pertinent to (1) **STANDARD N.F.L. LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE**, (2) **N.F.L. PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE**, and (3) **STUDENT CONGRESS**. For the specific wording and details of CHSSA Rules, please refer to:

<http://www.cahssa.org/about/constitutionbylaws>

and click on Article XI for “Debate,” and/or Article XIII for “Student Congress.”

However, in all of the events at the DOTCOM DEBATE CLASSIC, **student initiative/innovation in research and the use of contemporary, state-of-the-art information technology is encouraged (subject to the limits set forth in this Invitation), rather than discouraged.**

Simply stated, we wish to empirically test – in actual tournament competition - the existing suppositions/assumptions/fears, etc. about the interaction/impact of cutting-edge information technology with the time-honored traditions of academic tournament debating.

Accordingly, as a general rule, in all six (6) events **debaters will be permitted to use any legitimate “information technology” as they wish in preparing for, and competing in, their rounds.**

HOWEVER:

(1) In their actual oral presentations (“speeches”), the debaters ALONE must do ALL the SPEAKING - no recorded voices, and NO help from “partners,” etc.

(2) “Prep time” WILL NOT be extended in ANY way (that is, no “set up/take down” time). And Judges will be expressly instructed to hold the time intervals between speeches to the standard recognized MINIMUMS – including timing of “ROADMAPS.”

(3) Glendale College is NOT responsible for providing internet access - or any other kind of technical support - and Glendale College MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS about the availability of such access or support.

Bottom Line: It is our intention and hope that THE DOTCOM DEBATE CLASSIC will become a springtime tradition in which the debaters **innovate** and **communicate**, and in which the Judges **evaluate** and (by their ballots) - **educate**.

B. SPECIFIC RULES FOR TEAM POLICY DEBATE:

- (1) As previously noted, the “new” topic for 2011-12 (“Space Exploration”) will be used.
- (2) “Retro” time limits – **8-3-4** – will be employed.
- (3) Four (4) minutes of total prep time per side – strictly enforced.
- (4) NO IN-ROUND DISCLOSURE OF DECISIONS! Judges violating this rule are subject to being removed from the Judging pool.
- (5) ORAL CRITIQUES (if any) are to be LIMITED TO FIVE (5) MINUTES OR LESS! By contrast, Judges will be encouraged to write comprehensive ballots.

Otherwise, standard CHSSA Rules for Team Policy Debate apply. (Note: CHSSA Rules, among other things, strictly prohibit “tag-team” cross examination. It might be wise to review CHSSA Rules with your policy debaters.)

C. SPECIFIC RULES FOR PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE (BOTH “TEAM PARLI” AND “PARLI-LD”):

- (1) The same topics will be used in both Team Parli and Parli-LD.
- (2) The speaking times for Team Parli are the standard CHSSA **7-7-7-7-5-5**.
- (3) The speaking times for Parli-LD they are the same as for standard N.F.L. Lincoln-Douglas: **6-3-7-3-4-6-3**.
- (4) There is NO in-round “Prep Time” in either Team Parli or Parli-LD. There should be a delay of NO MORE THAN THIRTY (30) SECONDS between speeches.
- (5) IN DIRECT CONTRAST TO RULES/CUSTOMS/TRADITIONS employed at other tournaments, Parli debaters – both in Team Parli and Parli LD - **will** be permitted to use “evidence” to provide factual support for their arguments. **HOWEVER**, the weight given by the Judges to such “evidence” is purely a matter of judicial discretion. Judges will be advised by this reference, by tournament staff during the competition, and on the ballots that **“evidence” in Parli Debate should be evaluated in much the same manner that “evidence” is allegedly evaluated in N.F.L. Public Forum Debate – that is, evidence should be “supportive of, but not a replacement for, persuasive oral argumentation.”**

(6) To facilitate all of the above, the DOTCOM DEBATE CLASSIC will employ **SPECIAL PROCEDURES re: “TOPIC ANNOUNCEMENT.”** Specifically:

- There will be six (6) rounds of Parli Debate – all held on Saturday, May 7. (See attached schedule.) All teams/competitors will compete in all six rounds, and each team/competitor will debate three (3) PRO/Affirmative rounds and three (3) CON/Negative rounds – sides to be assigned at random.
- Seven (7) Parliamentary Debate Topics – chosen from the field of controversial current events – will be prepared in confidence by the tournament staff **and will be published online as well as emailed to all registered Schools/Clubs between 5 and 7 p.m. on SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011.**
- One of the topics will be drawn by lot ten minutes before each round is posted and will be posted simultaneously with the pairings.

As such, the traditional public “topic announcement,” and/or “topic strike system,” and/or “preparation period” and/or “Parli Prep Room” are **ARE ELIMINATED! Parli debaters – both Team and LD – are expected arrive at the tournament already “prepared” to debate EITHER side of ALL of the seven potential topics.**

It is our hope that these new procedures for Parliamentary Debate will encourage fact-based contests which reward general knowledge, intelligence, extemporaneous research, and oral argumentation skills, rather than either highly-scripted “brief battles” or trivialized flights of fancy. Time and experience will tell.

D. SPECIFIC RULES FOR STUDENT CONGRESS:

- (1) There will be three (3) sessions of Student Congress on Saturday, May 7. All competitors will compete in all three sessions.
- (2) Four (4) bills will be prepared in confidence by tournament staff. They will be modeled after four bills controversial bills currently pending before the United States Congress. **The four bills will published online as well as emailed to all registered Schools/Clubs between 5 and 7 p.m. on SUNDAY, May 1, 2011.**
- (3) One bill will be chosen for debate by lot ten minutes before the seating chart for each House of Congress is posted for each session.
- (4) There will be three (3) Judges assigned to each House of Student Congress. One of these Judges will act as Presiding Officer to avoid any inference of favoritism.

- (5) No House of Student Congress will have more than 20 competing members.
- (6) **No session of Student Congress will be adjourned until EVERY competitor has been offered the opportunity to make a three-minute presentation for or against the Bill.**

6. DIVISIONS/ELIGIBILITY

NOVICE: any competitor with one school year (two semesters) or less of high school speech and debate tournament experience of any nature (including individual events). By definition, any student who has not yet completed the 9th Grade qualifies as a “Novice.”

OPEN: experienced competitors (as defined above – two or more semesters of high school speech and debate tournament experience) who have not graduated from high school, and/or any other student(s) wishing to enter.

PLEASE NOTE:

- (1) Home-schooled debaters/teams as well as “Debate Clubs” are welcome and will be eligible to enter. Formally-recognized “Debate Clubs” will be treated as “schools” for “School Sweepstakes Awards.”
- (2) “Hybrid” teams will be permitted to enter; **however, their wins will not be counted toward Awards for “School Sweepstakes.”**
- (3) We reserve the right to combine/collapse divisions IF the number of entries in any division is fewer than ten (10) competitors AND there are fewer than three (3) different schools entered. **However, in any “combined” Division, the top Novice competitors will receive the same trophies/awards/recognition they would have received if a Novice Division had been held.**

7. ENTRY LIMITS:

Six (6) teams per division and/or six (6) competitors per division in N.F.L. Lincoln-Douglas, and/or Parli LD, and/or Student Congress. If these limits create a problem for any School/Club, the Coach should contact the tournament administrators, Jean Perry or Michael Miller, to discuss the difficulty.

8. AWARDS/TROPHIES:

- Trophies will be awarded to the top five (5) teams/competitors in all events other than Student Congress.
- Trophies will be awarded to the top ten (10) competitors in Student Congress.
- In all events except Student Congress, SPEAKER AWARD trophies will be awarded to the students with the five highest total speaker points.
- INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES trophies will be awarded to those competitors with the top-5 **best combined records** in Pattern A and Pattern B events.
- SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES trophies will be awarded to the three schools with the best cumulative records.

(NOTE: The precise method of tabulating/computing results, breaking ties, etc. will be provided to Coaches at the time of tournament Registration.)

9. ENTRY FEES/JUDGING REQUIREMENTS:

Fees:

SCHOOL FEE:	\$30.00
ENTRY FEES: Team Debate (Policy, Public Forum, Parliamentary)	\$20.00
Individual Debater (LD, Parli-LD, Student Congress)	\$10.00

JUDGING “BUY-OUT” FEES (see explanation below):	Per team \$25.00
	Per solo debater \$15.00
DINNER TICKETS: (Friday – May 6)	\$ 7.50
LUNCH TICKETS: (Saturday – May 7)	\$ 5.00

Judging Requirements:

- (1) Each school, regardless of the number of entries, **MUST** provide AT LEAST ONE (1) Judge for EACH DAY of competition. (Like the “School Fee,” this rule is basic.) This Judge satisfies the “Judging Requirement” for up to any combination of 6 teams/competitors for that day.
- (2) For every **additional 6 teams/competitors – OR FRACTION THEREOF – per day of competition**, each school must provide an additional judge OR exercise the “buy out” option listed above.
- (3) Any person eligible to vote in the State of California as of May 1, 2011 is considered competent to serve as a Judge of any event at this tournament. Coaches, teachers, parents are all welcome. However, we will make every effort to assign school-affiliated Judges to events they prefer. PLEASE notify us of the preferences(s) of your Judge(s) at or before Registration.

10. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011:

Note: (1) ALL debates will be “single-flighted.” (2) “Power matching” will be done on a “high-low-within-brackets” basis. However, (3) SCHOOL WILL NOT HIT SCHOOL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES; if the power-matching has to be adjusted to avoid school hitting school, so be it. (4) A STRICT, FIFTEEN (15)-MINUTE FORFEIT RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT. SO PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE – BE ON TIME!

9:00-10:30 a.m.	Registration/Orientation
10:45 a.m.	Policy Debate - Round 1 (random pairing)
1:00 p.m.	Policy Debate - Round 2 (power-matched)
2:00 p.m.	Public Forum and NFL-LD - Round 1 (random pairing)
3:30 p.m.	Policy Debate – Round 3 (power-matched); Public Forum and NFL-LD – Round 2 (power-matched)
	DINNER BREAK
5:45 p.m.	Public Forum and NFL-LD – Round 3 (power-matched)
6:15 p.m.	Policy Debate - Round 4 (power-matched)
7:00 p.m.	Public Forum and NFL-LD – Round 4 (power-matched)
Circa 7:45 p.m	AWARDS ASSEMBLY – beginning with Awards in Team Policy Debate, followed by the Awards in Public Forum and NFL-LD Debate.

SATURDAY, May 7, 2011

Note: (1) The rules regarding single-flighting, power-matching, and forfeiture from Friday's Schedule remain in effect. (2) As used in this Schedule, "Parli Debate" refers to both "Team Parli" and "Parli-LD."

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Registration/Orientation
8:30 a.m.	Parli Debate – Round 1 (random pairing)
	SESSION ONE of Student Congress is convened.
9:45 a.m.	Parli Debate –Round 2 (power-matched)
10:00 a.m.	SESSION ONE of Student Congress is adjourned; SESSION TWO of Student Congress is posted
10:30 a.m.	SESSION TWO of Student Congress is convened.
11:00 a.m.	Parli Debate – Round 3 (power-matched)
12:00 p.m.	Session Two (2) of Student Congress is adjourned.
	LUNCH BREAK – approximately 30 minutes
12:30 p.m.	Parli Debate – Round 4 (power-matched); SESSION THREE of Student Congress is posted.
12:45 p.m.	SESSION THREE of Student Congress is convened.
1:45 p.m.	Parli Debate – Round 5 (power-matched)
2:15 p.m.	SESSION THREE of Student Congress is adjourned
3:00 p.m.	Parli Debate – Round 6 (power-matched)
Circa 4:00 p.m.	AWARDS ASSEMBLY – beginning with the results from Student Congress – begins. Student Congress Awards will be followed by the Parli Debate Awards, Individual Sweepstakes Awards, and School Sweepstakes Awards - in that order.

11. FOOD AND LODGING:

FOOD:

As you can observe, the tournament runs on a tight schedule, and we are going to bust a gut to keep it. Therefore, we STRONGLY ENCOURAGE you and your students to buy DINNER TICKETS for Friday and LUNCH TICKETS for Saturday if possible. Dinner on Friday will be catered Mexican food. Lunch on Saturday will be pizza and beverages. Complete information regarding meals/tickets will be provided at Registration.

If we can't sell you on meal tickets, there are a few fast-food establishments near the campus, and the City of Glendale has some fine restaurants. These will be identified for you at Registration – **but PLEASE REMEMBER you/your students are responsible for being on time to all rounds.**

Finally, of course, you may bring your own refreshments; BUT PLEASE be as tidy as possible. The Glendale College Speech & Debate Team is being held strictly accountable for maintaining the condition of the Campus.

LODGING: The tournament schedule should allow for an easy commute avoiding most traffic; however, should you prefer to stay in the area, please contact **Michael Miller** at 818-952-6271 or at sonofshasta1970@yahoo.com for lodging suggestions.

12. ENTRY INFORMATION:

Entries Open:	<u>APRIL 18, 2011</u>
Entries Close:	<u>9:00 p.m. – Tuesday, MAY 3, 2011</u>
Drops without penalty:	<u>9:00 p.m. – Wednesday, MAY 4, 2011</u>

PLEASE make your entries through the computerized system at:

<http://www.forensicstournament.net>

Should you have any questions or concerns, and/or require assistance of any kind regarding THE DOTCOM DEBATE CLASSIC, please contact one of us at the telephone numbers/email addresses listed below.

We look forward to seeing you in May!

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