ALFRED TUNA SNIDER INTERNATIONAL WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Unleash your voice through argument, debate and community

Friday – Sunday, October 27–29, 2017

REGISTER NOW
Tournament Details

Dates: Friday – Sunday, October 27 – 29, 2017
Location: Cornell University Main Campus (Ithaca, New York)
Registration: Registration form available at speechdebate.cornell.edu/tournaments under “Alfred Tuna Snider Tournament”
Contact: Maja Cimerman, Cornell University Assistant Debate Coach (mc2638@cornell.edu)

Tournament Structure

Debate format: World Schools Style format (debates will be conducted in English)
Maximum number of teams: No limit
Rounds: 6 preliminary debate rounds followed by elimination rounds (quarterfinals, semifinals and finals)
Note: Delegations must be accompanied by at least one adult (18 and over) who is also judging at the tournament.

Debate Topics

The tournament will include both prepared and impromptu topics. Prepared topics for the tournament are:
This house supports the establishment of an independent country Kurdistan.
This house would ban religious organizations from offering rehabilitation services to individuals suffering from drug and alcohol addiction.
This house would combat the gender wage gap by levying significant fines to those companies that do not show they are making progress in narrowing the gap in their workforce.
This house would hold multinational corporations liable for the actions committed by companies in their supply chain.

Registration Details

Tournament participants have the option of registering with or without accommodations. Prices will vary depending on the package you choose – details can be found at speechdebate.cornell.edu/tournaments.

Including accommodations, registration covers:
• Accommodations at Trip Hotel Ithaca
• Lunch & dinner on Friday/Saturday, lunch on Sunday
• Trophies and other tournament awards
• Travel from the hotel to the tournament venue
Without accommodations, registration includes
• Dinner on Friday, breakfast & lunch on Saturday/Sunday
• Trophies and other tournament awards

Registration deadline is October 4, 2017. Please email Maja Cimerman, Cornell University Assistant Debate Coach, at mc2638@cornell.edu with any questions.

Adjudication Panel

Sam Nelson, Tournament Director
Sam is the Director of Speech & Debate and ILR school senior lecturer at Cornell University. He graduated from the University of Southern California in 1984 and received a Juris Doctorate and master’s in Speech Communication from Syracuse University. Sam has over 25 years of coaching debate and speech, having taught debate and other speech communication courses at the University of Vermont, SUNY Geneseo, Syracuse University, the University of Rochester.

Maja Cimerman, Convener
Maja is a Master’s candidate at the Cornell ILR School and the Assistant Coach for Cornell Worlds Debate. She has represented Slovenia at the World Schools Debating Championships twice, winning Best English as a Foreign Language Team award. At university, Maja was an English as Second Language European Champion and Worlds Finalist. She has taught and adjudicated debate all over the world, including the European Universities Debate Championship.

Bojana Skrt, Chief Adjudicator
Bojana is the director of the Slovenian national debate organization, and has been professionally involved in national and international debate for the last 20 years. She has served as a coach for Team Slovenia for at WSDC for almost two decades. She is also the founder and a director of International Debate Academy Slovenia (IDAS) and the Worlds Schools Debate Academy (WSDA).

Syed Reefat Aziz, Chief Adjudicator
Reefat has over eight years of debate and adjudication experience, including selection to the elimination rounds of the Dutch World Universities Debating Championships and U.S. Universities Debating Championships in 2017. As a university debater, he was a two-time English as a Second Language Speaker at the Pan-American Championships, a finalist at the 2016 University of Vermont Huber Debates and a two-time semifinalist at the Cornell University IV.