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**INTER-SECONDARY
SCHOOLS POLITICAL
SCIENCE DEBATE SUMMIT**

MESSAGE FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Warm greetings!

As a collegiate debater, I've always been infatuated with the idea of hosting a tournament with the additional challenge of organizing it with my non-debate organization friends (Just so they understand why I light up whenever someone mentions "debate"). The idea of assembling a team with no prior idea of how debate competitions look like and toss them into organizing a full-blown competition is a stupidly crazy yet endearing idea. And thus, we ended up with this: our first attempt of hosting a debate tournament with a fresh team with no know-how of how debate competitions work. It's both terrifying and exciting.

With the theme, **Make Your Move**, the main message we want all participants to take away from the experience is that, more than ever, we need people to become active instruments of social change. Our organization, UP POLITICA, strives to establish political science as an independent discipline of its own; that the discipline is not only pegged as a pre-law course and that we have an individual niche that solely we can fill. To parallel that idea, we thought that a debate tournament would be a perfect avenue for participants to make their first move: by introducing new conversations, re-opening boxed conversations, and resuming heated conversations.

The tournament is open to all high school students (even recent graduates), featuring four preliminary rounds, a separate debate cup for novice debaters, and four break series. With that, if you have any queries, you can message us at 0921 281 0664 or email us at politica.upd@gmail.com.

With that, we hope to see all of you soon!

Kind regards,

Marky Torres

Tournament Director



TOURNAMENT DETAILS

DEBATE FORMAT

Asian Parliamentary

DEBATE ROUNDS

4 Preliminary Rounds

1 Novice Debate Cup (Semifinals, Finals)

4 Finals Series (Octofinals, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, Grand Finals)

TOURNAMENT CAP

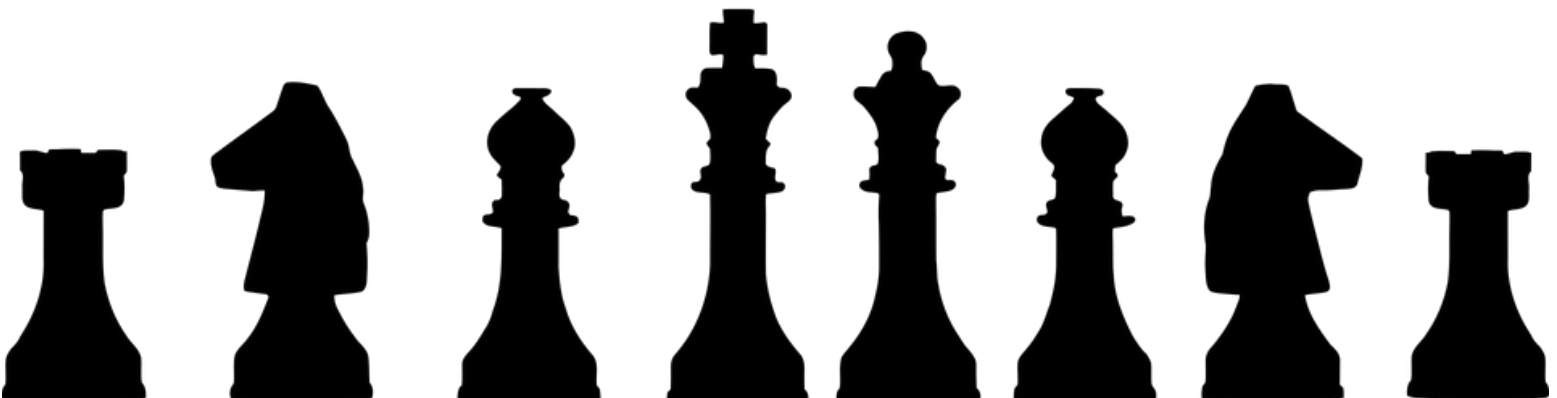
The tournament can only accommodate up to fifty teams.

BREAK CAP

There is no limit to the number of teams per institution eligible to advance to the finals series.

INSTITUTION CAP

An institution can send a maximum of five teams to compete in the tournament.





TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DAY 1

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Registration
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Debate and Adjudication Orientation
9:30 – 11:30 AM	Round 1
11:30 – 12:30 NN	Lunch
12:30 – 2:30 PM	Round 2
2:30 – 4:30 PM	Round 3
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Break
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Round 4
7:00 PM	Announcement of Breaks

DAY 2

8:00 – 9:00AM	Registration
9:00 – 11:00AM	Octofinals
11:00AM – 12:00NN	Lunch
12:00NN – 2:00PM	Quarterfinals; Novice Debate Cup Semifinals
2:00PM – 4:00PM	Semifinals; Novice Debate Cup Finals
4:30 – 6:30PM	Grand Finals
6:45PM	Awarding

THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Phase One (February 12 - February 28, 2018)

Pre-register the number of teams and observers you will be sending to the tournament at: <https://goo.gl/forms/CPLd2iuiKq9JgwnN2>

Phase Two: (March 1 - March 17, 2018)

Registration Fee: Php 800 per debater; P500 per observer (Registration fee is inclusive of kits and lunch for two days)

You are required to deposit at least 50% of your total registration fee by the assigned deadline. A scanned or a clear copy of the deposit slip should be sent to politica.upd@gmail.com

The Communications team will be sending you a form by the start of Phase Two where you fill up your final list of teams, team members, observers, dietary requirements, other special needs, etc.

Failure to comply for Phase Two will result to the imposition of a sanction of Php100 for each participant.

Teams are allowed to pull-out and are eligible for refunds from earlier transactions up to March 17.

Phase 3: (March 18 - April 4, 2018)

You are required to pay the remaining 50% of your total registration fee. A scanned or a clear copy of the deposit slip should be sent to politica.upd@gmail.com

Teams are allowed to pull-out by Phase Three but they are not entitled to a refund for their registration fees.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1) Is there a required attire for the debate tournament?
 - Nope, there is no required attire for the tournament. As much as possible we'd want you to argue to your heart's content in comfortable clothes. And if you lose a round, you look great! WERQ IT!

- 2) Are we required to send in adjudicators?
 - What are adjudicators? Adjudicators are the arbiters of every debate round, who provide meaning to the debate, and judge which side wins and which side loses. The organizing committee is still deliberating whether to open slots for highschool adjudicators as other debate competitions traditionally would have collegiate adjudicators judge rounds (But we sort of want to start you guys young, right?). We'll have our decision and post registration for adjudicators by the end of Phase One.

- 3) The registration fee is expensive. What can I do?
 - We understand how hard it is for some institutions to gather necessary funds for registration. Worry not, for the organization committee is gathering up a plethora of ways to subsidize registration fees for some teams. We'll be posting updates on this soon!

- 4) We might be needing accommodations during the tournament proper. What can we do?
 - If teams need nearby lodging services, the organization committee would be happy to assist you in finding an accessible place nearby and provide the necessary arrangements for your transport to and fro your place and the debate venue.

- 5) Are composite teams allowed?
 - Yes! Teams composed of students from different schools or institutions are allowed. Simply indicate at the "Institution" blank of the pre-registration form that you are a "Composite Team" and make sure you accomplish the rest of the necessary information, especially your assigned contact person.