

September 1, 2007

Friends and Colleagues,

The University of Georgia Debate Union is pleased to invite you to the Eleventh Annual Bulldog Debates which will be held in Athens, Georgia, on February 29th thru March 2, 2008. We wish to make this year's Bulldog Debates an enjoyable and instructive experience. Last year, our tournament drew more than 90 teams from ten states. We are a TOC Qualifier at the Semi-Final level.

There will be six (6) preliminary rounds of open and novice, switch-side debate. The national policy resolution will be used in both varsity and novice team debate (Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa). Entry fees will be \$50.00 per team. We expect to have a very small pool of hired judges available. Many of our students will be traveling to college tournaments of their own during our tournament and their judging will be limited.

We will have distinct Varsity and Novice policy debate divisions. Coaches will still be able to enter novice teams in the varsity division if they choose to do so. Such a decision will preclude a team from receiving awards designated for the novice division.

We look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new ones to our campus. Please call us if we can provide you with any additional information. We hope to adhere to the tentative schedule listed below. With the change in date, the size of the entry may result in an amendment of this schedule when we get closer to the tournament date.

Sincerely,

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GEORGIA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR IN-STATE PARTICIPANTS: ANY GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (GHSA) WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO COMPETE (This rule does not apply to out-of-state invitees).

Tournament Details

AWARDS

Permanent trophies will be presented to all teams reaching the elimination rounds. Speaker awards will be given on the basis of the number of entries.

JUDGES

Each school is responsible for providing three rounds of judging for every two debaters in the tournament, or five rounds for every four debaters entered. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED AS JUDGES. The University of Georgia has a limited number of hired judges available at a fee of \$20.00 per round for team debate. Schools needing to hire judges are encouraged to register early. All judging fees will be assessed as of February 26, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Schools needing to hire judges after February 26 will be placed on a waiting list. When we exhaust the available supply of UGA judges we will attempt to match schools with interest judges. Schools will be expected to pay these contracted judges directly.

CHANGES

Because alterations to teams' original entries have the habit of occurring, we request that you notify David Cisneros as soon as possible. David may be reached at 770-316-0464. You may also notify us of any changes via fax at 706-542-3245. We can also be reached via email at josue.cisneros@gmail.com.

FEES AND REGISTRATION

Registration will be held between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on February 29, 2008 in Phi Kappa Hall at the University of Georgia. Registration fees will be assessed as of Monday February 25, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. *Schools that register, but do not show, will be billed.*

TEAM LIMITS

Presently, we are limiting entries from one school to six teams in varsity and four teams in novice. If it is logistically possible, we will to remove this cap. **Please contact us early if you would like to bring more teams than the cap allows.** A waiting list will be kept for schools desiring to bring additional debaters. If there is room for additional teams, schools on the waiting list will be notified after 4:00 p.m. February 25, 2008. We define a policy debate team as two individuals debating together. Individuals choosing to debate alone in policy debate will be assigned losses in those debates.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS QUALIFIER

Based upon last year's tournament, the 2008 Bulldog Debates will be a TOC Qualifier. Teams in the semi-final rounds should qualify for the TOC to be held at the University of Kentucky in May of 2008.

HOUSING

The Holiday Inn Express has reserved a block of non-smoking double-double rooms for Friday and Saturday nights. The room rate is \$76. Call the Holiday Inn Express directly to make reservations. Please ask for the "UGA Debate Tournament" group rate. Their number is 706-546-8122. The Holiday Inn Express is located at 513 W. Broad Street. **IMPORTANT NOTE: RESERVE ROOMS EARLY.** The Holiday Inn Express will release unreserved rooms from our block after February 14th. Make your reservations now; it is always easier to cancel later.

Here is a list of other area hotels listed in the order of proximity to campus. We have not made any arrangements with these hotels.

Best Western-Colonial Inn	170 N. Milledge Ave.		706-546-7311
Comfort Inn	3980 Atlanta Hwy.	1-800-228-5150	706-227-9700
Courtyard	166 Finley Street		706-369-7000
Hampton Inn	2220 West Broad Street		706-546-8122
Howard Johnson Inn	2465 W. Broad Street	1-800-456-4656	706-548-1111
Holiday Inn Express	513 W. Broad Street		706-546-8122
Microtel Inn	1050 Ultimate Drive (Atlanta Hwy.)		706-548-5676

DIRECTIONS: Athens is approx 70 miles northeast of Atlanta.

From the South and West take Highway 316 off of Interstate 85 North from Atlanta. Highway 316 will become Epps Bridge Road at Athens Loop Route 10. Continue going straight on what is now Epps Bridge Road which will become Atlanta Highway/W. Broad Street as you come off the Epps Bridge ramp. Campus is located on Broad Street beginning at Lumpkin Street. From North on 85 exit at Commerce and follow Hwy 441 South to Athens.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA BULLDOG DEBATES
February 29 - March 2, 2008
REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY FEBRUARY 25, 2008

Name of High School _____

Coach _____

School Address _____

Phone Number: Cell _____ School _____

VARSITY POLICY TEAMS (Please provide first and last names)

TEAM 1: _____

TEAM 2: _____

TEAM 3: _____

TEAM 4: _____

TEAM 5: _____

TEAM 6: _____

NOVICE POLICY TEAMS

TEAM 1: _____

TEAM 2: _____

TEAM 3: _____

TEAM 4: _____

JUDGES (NO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS)

(Please provide first and last names/Indicate Varsity or Novice)

JUDGE 1: _____ Division: _____

JUDGE 2: _____ Division: _____

JUDGE 3: _____ Division: _____

HIRED JUDGES

A limited number of hired judges are available on a first come - first serve basis at \$20.00 per round. One hired judge covers two teams. The cost for covering one team is \$60.00. If you need to hire a judge please indicate the number below.

HIRED JUDGES NEEDED _____

NUMBER OF TEAMS TO BE COVERED _____

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
BULLDOG DEBATES**

February 29 – March 2, 2008

Tentative Schedule

Friday, February 29, 2008

Registration Phi Kappa Hall	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Opening Assembly/Pairings	4:00 p.m.
Round I	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Round II	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 1, 2008

Round III	8:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Round IV	10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Lunch (Provided by UGA)	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Round V	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Round VI	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 2, 2008

Elimination Rounds	8:00 a.m.
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Richard B. Russell Debate Scholarships at the University of Georgia

The Richard B. Russell Foundation was established in 1970 with the purpose of insuring that the contribution of this great Georgian live forever. Senator Richard B. Russell was an avid believer in the value of debate. He served 50 continuous years in public office including Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, Governor of Georgia and United States Senator for the last 38 years of his life. He was known as a skilled debater who was always prepared for arguments with his adversaries.

The Georgia Debate Union annually awards a \$2,500 scholarships to one successful Georgia high school debater. Recipients who actively participate in the Georgia Debate Union and maintain a 3.0 grade point average will be eligible for award renewal.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2008

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For more information on the Georgia Debate Union see:
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