



PAN-AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP (PUDC) 2016

TOURNAMENT DESCRIPTION & REGISTRATION POLICY

The Pan-American Universities Debating Championship (PUDC) is a hemispheric debating championship for debating teams at universities in North, South and Central America and the Caribbean regions. The format of debate is the British Parliamentary (BP) format. The winners are crowned the Pan-American Champions.

Robust debate is not limited to any one language. To celebrate debate in the two dominant languages in the Western Hemisphere, Pan-Ams is a bilingual tournament. It offers two separate debating divisions: one English-speaking division and one Spanish-speaking division. Debates are conducted in the language of the respective division. Both divisions debate the same motions simultaneously.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

DATE: March 24-28, 2016

LOCATION: Montego Bay, Jamaica – a resort city on Jamaica’s north coast

HOST: The Jamaican Association for Debating and Empowerment (JADE), a registered NGO established to deepen debate and critical discourse. JADE includes a coalition of local universities committed to debating. Key universities supporting Pan-Ams 2016 are the University of Technology Jamaica, the University of the West Indies and the Montego Bay Community College. Debates will take place on the spacious grounds of the Montego Bay Community College.

FEES: US\$290 per participant (ALL inclusive). This fee is broken down in the following manner: 1) US\$90 – standard registration fee; 2) US\$200 – all-inclusive accommodation. The all-inclusive fee covers:

- Accommodation: FOUR (4) nights at the tournament hotel
- Food: THREE (3) full meals per day. Meals will be catered, enjoyable cuisine
- Transportation: Guaranteed transportation TO and FROM all rounds. Pan-Ams will likely offer airport pickup depending on demand.
- Entertainment: break night party & welcome reception as well as organized excursions in Montego Bay, Jamaica
- Beach passes: to beaches 5-mins away from the hotel
- **Significant subsidies** to world-class adjudicators

For the entire tournament, the all-inclusive accommodation works out to UUS\$50 per night for hotel accommodation, food and transportation in Jamaica.

There will be six (6) preliminary rounds and elimination rounds starting at quarterfinals. Additionally, Pan-Ams aims to merge enjoyment with competition, as such, rounds will not commence before 10:00 AM, and check-in will take place at the tournament hotel. There will be three rounds per day, enabling participants to engage in as much exploration and recreation as possible. Organized excursions will also be offered.

ADJUDICATION CORE:

Chief Adjudicator: **David Alatorre López**

Chief Adjudicator: **Alejandro Jose Garcia Noguera "Tito"**

Chief Adjudicator: **Sharmila Parmanand**

Chief Adjudicator: **Rodjé Malcolm**

Kindly **refer to the tournament *Adjudication Policy*** for detailed information regarding judging, rounds and applications for independent adjudicator positions. That document contains vital information about adjudication at Pan-Ams.

REGISTRATION

Teams consisting of students enrolled in institutions of higher learning in the Western Hemisphere are eligible to register. As general rule, hybrid teams will not be allowed to enter. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Registration will take place in two phases: early registration and regular registration.

Early (priority) registration will open on April 2, 2015 and end on September 31, 2015. This option is strongly recommended. Regular registration will open on October 1, 2015 and close on December 31, 2015. Teams will be allotted on a rolling basis. Diversity in nationality, regional origin, ethnicity, gender and competitive history may be considered in allocating team spots in the likely event that registration requests are greater than available spots. Pan-Ams will communicate team allotment at periodic intervals during each registration cycle.

EARLY REGISTRATION: Early registration is available for teams that are **secure** in their commitment to attending Pan-Ams. At the end of the early registration period, the first set of team allotments will be made. A **maximum of two teams per institution** will be allotted during early registration. Teams not allotted during early registration – including teams from institutions which requested more teams than they were allotted – will be considered during the regular registration period.

Teams allotted during early registration will be required to make a percentage payment by November 15, 2015 (tentative). More details on payment schedules will be provided once regular registration commences. Lack of payment will result in loss of registration status and placement on registration waitlist. Teams can register in English using [this form](#) and in Spanish using [this form](#)

REGULAR REGISTRATION: All teams interested in attending Pan-Ams are expected to register during the regular registration period. Registration instructions will be disseminated. Teams will be accepted on a rolling basis. Team allotments will be announced at the end of each month during this registration period. Teams accepted during the regular registration period will be required to make a percentage payment by January 31, 2016 (tentative). Lack of payment will result in loss of registration status and placement on registration waitlist. More details on payment schedules will be provided once regular registration commences.

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