



February 4, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

The University of Chicago invites you to attend the United States Universities Debating Championship (USUDC), hosted at the University of Chicago from April 17th – April 20th, 2020. The USUDC is one of the most prestigious events ever to grace our University and city, and we are happy to have teams come and debate fantastic motions in front of some of the most impressive members of the debate community. The University of Chicago is located in Hyde Park, a historic neighborhood home to some of Chicago's biggest names, such as Muhammad Ali and the Obamas. Campus is only twenty minutes away from downtown Chicago ('The Loop') and as such competitors can explore America's third largest (and best) City.

We hope you will be able to grace our campus with your skills, talents, and efforts. Registration fees will be \$150 per team, \$75 per judge, \$150 per uncovered team (based on n-1 rules), and \$150 per observer. Preliminary rounds will take place on University campus and the tournament hotel will be the W Chicago, located at 644 North Lake Shore Drive in downtown Chicago. Rates for the hotel have been set at \$150/night for double rooms as per a block agreement between our team and the hotel.

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Our tournament's tentative schedule is below:

Friday, April 17th: America's Cup, taking place at the W hotel.

Saturday, April 18th: Preliminary rounds 1 – 4, taking place on UChicago's campus, as well as a gender minorities night.

Sunday, April 19th: Preliminary rounds 5 – 8, taking place on UChicago's campus, with a separate break celebration.

Monday, April 20st: Elimination rounds, taking place at the W hotel. Finals will likely take place at a large event space on University campus in order to have finals be open to the public, as is tradition.

- Open break to octofinals (32 teams)
- Novice break to semifinals (8 teams)
- An ESL and/or Community College break depending on registration

We are currently planning to organize limited bussing options from the tournament hotel to preliminary rounds in the morning. Additional details about transportation logistics will be posted to the tournament page in the weeks to come. We are currently projecting registration and payment forms to open Wednesday, February 12th, barring complications. We will be accepting credit cards for payments through our University.

Sincerely,

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