



Dear DANEIS coaches,

We cordially invite you to the Roxbury Latin (Virtual) Parliamentary Debate on Sunday, September, 19, 2021. There will be three rounds of parliamentary extemporaneous debate with **straight resolutions** and **points of information** in both the novice and advanced division conducted entirely on Zoom.

Each school may register **one novice four-person team and one advanced four-person team**. Each school must provide one judge per four-person team. Roxbury Latin will *not* supply judges. In the advanced division, adult judges are required. Parents of students debating in the advanced division should judge **ONLY** in the NOVICE division. Students judging in the novice division must have competed in DANEIS tournaments at the advanced level. Roxbury Latin intends to provide only Speakers & Timekeepers in each Zoom room.

**To register, please RSVP to Stewart Thomsen [stewart.thomsen@roxburylatin.org](mailto:stewart.thomsen@roxburylatin.org)** indicating your team requests along with the names and school email addresses of all debaters and judges. **The deadline for registration is Friday, September 10.** We recommend that you register before this deadline. Sorry, but no observers will be permitted.

Prior to the day of the tournament, you will receive an email with the Zoom details for the debates (one Zoom Meeting for novice and one for Advanced) as well as the team and judge codes for all participants. By 9:00am EST on the morning of the tournament please email [stewart.thomsen@roxburylatin.org](mailto:stewart.thomsen@roxburylatin.org) to confirm your team names or to notify us of any changes. Judges' ballots and resolutions will be sent out during the Zoom meetings at the start of the rounds.

The preliminary schedule for the tournament is as follows:

9:00 AM	<b>Confirmation of Participants</b> (coaches please email <a href="mailto:stewart.thomsen@roxburylatin.org">stewart.thomsen@roxburylatin.org</a> )
9:30 AM	<b>Judges and debaters codes sent out</b>
10:30 AM	<b>Participants Log-In</b> to Adv/Nov Zoom Meeting Rooms
11:00 AM	<b>Participants Briefing</b> in Adv/Nov Zoom Meeting Rooms
11:30 AM	<b>Round One</b> in Zoom Breakout Rooms
12:30 PM	<b>Break</b> in Adv/Nov Main Zoom Meeting Rooms
12:45 PM	<b>Round Two</b> in Zoom Breakout Rooms
1:45 PM	<b>Break</b> in Adv/Nov Main Zoom Meeting Rooms
2:00 PM	<b>Round Three</b> in Zoom Breakout Rooms

The length and order of speeches are as follows:



Prime Minister - 5 minute constructive  
Member of the Opposition - 8 minute speech  
Minister of the Crown - 8 minute speech  
Leader of the Opposition - 8 minute speech  
Prime Minister - 3 minute rebuttal

A 30-second grace period will be allowed for each debater, after which the speech will be terminated. The Government will be given 2 minutes to define the terms in the room with the Opposition and the judge, followed by a 10-minute preparation time for both teams. Debaters are strictly forbidden from consulting any reference materials (electronic or otherwise) during the preparation period or during the debate. Violation of this rule will warrant disqualification from the tournament.

Information on rules, scoring, points of information, etc. can be found in the rules section of our league website at [www.daneis.org](http://www.daneis.org). Please see the five PDFs under the heading "DANEIS Parliamentary Debate with POIs." We ask that your debaters and judges be thoroughly familiar with all of this information prior to the tournament as we will have just a short time for the judges' and debaters' briefing on the day of the debate.

There will be no exhibition round and no plaques or trophies (only emailed certificates), and there will be no fees for the tournament. We certainly hope you can join us for our tournament.

Sincerely,

Stewart Thomsen, RL Debate Coach  
Vishnu Emani, RL Debate President