TRAINING AND TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
China Open
Harbin University of Commerce
May 8-10, 2015

This year’s China Open, hosted by Harbin University of Commerce (HUC), has the potential to be the largest in China Open history with a team cap of 400 teams as well as the largest debate tournament in Chinese history. As in the past, the tournament will have three divisions: English, Chinese, and Moot Court. Our tournament cap per division is 200 teams in the English Division, 200 teams in the Chinese Division, and 24 speakers in Moot Court.

The Moot Court division will be held May 15 – 17, 2015. This division also will be held on the HUC campus.

ELIGIBILITY

Any person who is a regularly enrolled student is eligible to participate in the China Open. Teams consisting of two native English speakers are eligible to compete in preliminary rounds but are not allowed to advance to elimination rounds.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: VERY IMPORTANT PLEASE READ THROUGHFULLY

As usual, there are no registration fees charged, but expenses of lodging and accommodations are the responsibility of the participants.

Registration will open November 1, 2014, and will close on March 1, 2015. In order to register you must create an account on forensicstournament.net. Instructions for registration can be found at:

http://willamette.edu/cla/china_debate/doc/china%20open%202015/FTregistration instructions.pdf

Once you have registered on Forensicstournament please send a confirmation email to china-debate-education-network@willamette.edu. Your email must include the
name and contact information (phone and email) of the leader of the school’s delegation and all of the following information:

- Name of school:
- Name of school’s delegation leader:
- Phone number for school’s delegation leader:
- Electronic contact (email, QQ, and/or Wechat) for school’s delegation leader:
- Names of debaters representing no more than 2 English teams (debaters’ names may be changed later if needed)
  - Team One:
  - Team Two:
- Names of debaters representing no more than 3 Chinese teams (debaters’ names may be changed later if needed)
  - Team One:
  - Team Two:
- Names of students registered as moot court participants (Names can be changed later if needed)
  - Participant One:
  - Participant Two:
- Names of debaters representing English waitlist teams (debaters’ names may be changed later if needed).
- Names of debaters representing Chinese waitlist teams (debaters’ names may be changed later if needed).
- Names of students representing moot court waitlist participants (Names can be changed later if needed).
- Names of judges representing your university. Remember, you must have 1 judge for every 2 teams (or portion thereof) entered in the tournament.

Once we receive your email, we will send you a confirmation email. We also ask that you join the QQ group 208677102. You will receive notifications by QQ and email, so if anything is wrong with your entry we will be able to contact you.

Keeping with past China Open rules for every two teams that are entered the school must provide one judge. This is the n/2 rule. For every n (number of teams,) you must bring n/2 judges (always round up the number of required judges). The n/2 rule is described in the chart below:

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If you are not able to provide enough judges there will be a charge of 300RMB for each uncovered team (a group with four teams and one judge would have to pay a fee for one uncovered team for a total of 300RMB). This fee is charged so that we can hire independent judges to cover the missing judges, so that two or three judges will judge each debate.

If you have missing judges on Forensicstournament.net on the close of registration, March 1, 2015, you will be emailed by Zeng Qingxi or Teresa Green. If you do not reply to the email within a week and either add judges or agree to pay the 300RMB fee, then the uncovered teams will be dropped (if you have four teams and one judge, and do not respond to the email, then one of your teams will be dropped, so that you meet the n/2 rule). The fees for uncovered judges will be collected no later than March 16. Please contact Zeng Qingxi for instructions on paying fees using Alibaba.

We genuinely want to provide all programs the chance to participate. Please contact Robert Trapp, the tournament director, at trapp@willamette.edu if you want to attend the tournament but are concerned about the fees. We may be able to waive or negotiate a reduced judge fee.

FEES AND DEPOSIT

No participation fees will be charged for any part of the China Open. However, to ensure that everyone keeps their commitment to show up after they register, all schools will be required to pay a fully refundable security deposit of 200 RMB for each debater and judge. This deposit will be refunded in full in Harbin after the schools have fulfilled their commitment. Fees will be charged using Alibaba. Zeng Qingxi will be in charge of collecting and returning these deposits. The deadline for deposits will be 2 weeks after the registration deadline to allow for those who secure additional teams to deposit after their additions are confirmed.

SCHOOL CAP

The initial school cap is 2 teams in English, 2 teams in Mandarin, and 2 individuals in Moot Court. Any school wishing to enter additional teams may ask that these teams be placed on a wait list. The wait list should be noted in your confirmation email. If, after the registration deadline, the overall tournament cap has not been met, we will add teams from the wait list.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to semi-finalists and finalists in both divisions. Speaker awards will be presented to the top ten debaters in each division. Certificates will be presented to all participants who finish the competition.