



# National

# 全国大会 in Tochigi 2023

## 連絡会

**10時開始 Starts 10AM**

1. 全国大会募集要項 ルール変更
2. 選抜基準 Standards for Selection
3. Debate Topics
4. US Exchange Debate Event (June 18th Sunday)

# Offline Tournament (Finally)

Legacy of Online tournaments:

Paperless (Tournament information, matchings will be announced through Portal sites, LINE)

Judge decision will be using google forms: With some more double, triple checks

(All judges must have a smartphone/tablets)

Some YouTube live (only in some rooms)

# Important Dates before Dec 16/17th

11月5日(日) 合同予選会Online (必要な場合のみ開催)

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Joint Preliminary Prefectural Tournament (If necessary)

応募期間は10月2日-11月8日

**Entry Deadline Nov 8th**

12月3日(日)

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)

ジャッジ・顧問説明会Online

Online meeting for Judges/Teachers (for the Participating Schools before the Nationals.

No Judges meeting, just roll calls at the Tournament day)

# Rule change: Joint school teams

- 特例措置：合同チーム（※今大会からの追加規定）
- 同じ都道府県に所在する2つの学校が，ともに選手不足の場合，合同チームを組んで予選および全国大会に応募することを認める（ただし合同チームとして全国大会に応募する際には，予選出場時点のチーム構成を変更することはできない。また3校以上による合同チームは認められない）

Joint team: Two schools from the same prefecture only if neither can participate by their own, can form a team.

# 選拔基準

## Selection Standards

No significant change from last few years.

“Joint teams” will be treated and counted as one school.

“Inter-prefectural” tournaments

b) >10 schools c) Same prefecture teams < 40%

\* Every teams should be counted as equally participating (No “Shadow” schools, please )

# Debate topic

- Resolved: That the Japanese government should legalize gestational surrogacy.
- 日本政府は、代理出産を合法化すべきである。是か非か。

# 1. “Surrogacy”

Children of a Married couple  
 (“intended parents”).

Surrogates can either be altruistic or  
compensational

## 2. “Gestational”

Limited to **medically necessary cases** in which intended parents provide their in-vitro fertilized embryo to the surrogate (donation of sperms, eggs are not included in this topic).



### 3. “Legalize”

Necessary amendments to the relevant civil laws and medical guidelines.

Also, necessary laws that **concern parentage** would be amended.

Parents that provided the in-vitro fertilized embryo = legal parents of the children

4. No additional plans:

# (Unwritten but rather obvious) Rule

if it is not EXPLICITLY written in the HEnDA definitions, debaters cannot add any new assumption (additional “plan”), nor should the judge assume that such new assumption (additional “plan”) can justify or refute ADs or DAs

In other words, if it is not EXPLICITLY written in the HEnDA definitions, you must PROVE it (with evidence)

## 5. Affirmative /Negative side positions:

The NEG = Keep the current Japanese legal/medical guidelines that practically make surrogacy in Japan impossible, and the current civil laws that do not acknowledge parentage of genetic children through surrogacy (as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023).

The NEG should *not* propose the position to *illegalize* surrogacy

The above definitions will not change even if the actual Japanese government announce or amend/establish laws concerning surrogacy or parentage of genetic children (before the National tournament).

# US Exchange Debate Event (June 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

Venue: Chuo Univ. Myogadani (茗荷谷キャンパス)

Schedule JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6月18日(日)

AM 10:30 Lectures from Communication Professors

Dr. John Koch: Vanderbilt University - Assistant Professor of  
Communication Studies, Co-Director of Debate and Forensics

Dr. Kenneth Newby

PM 1:30 Exhibition Debate using HEnDA  
format/Surrogacy topic by Two Japanese high school  
teams each with one US exchange debater )

Comments Q&A (- 4PM)

Free! Online participation will be possible