

**The Metro-Hudson League
Lakeland Invitational
Mashup**

The blizzard of the century knocked Lakeland off the map. But we've now combined forces, and the weekend of April 9-10 is now set for a new combined tournament of the MHL Grand Championships and the Lakeland Invitational. The information in this invitation supercedes any previous information from the MHL.

Most of the tournament will operate under the auspices of Lakeland's normal event. A full invitation is available on joyoftournaments.com, and the JOT registration replaces the usual MHL tabroom registration for this event.

The tournament will be free. There will be Novice and Varsity Policy (with a JV breakout), Novice and Varsity PF, and Novice and Varsity LD. All but the latter, VLD, will operate under normal prelim/elim procedures.

Varsity LD will run in the challenge format. Round 1 will be random. Subsequent rounds (number depending on the size of the field) will go by reverse seed order, with the lower seeds challenging any higher seed. The challenged debater gets to choose the side. Revenge rounds (challenging the same person twice) are allowed.

The LD divisions will run the Jan-Feb topic. PF will run the April NFL resolution.

Lakeland will distribute normal tournament awards. Additionally, to mark the MHL side of the tournament, as both an acknowledgment of a year of hard work as well as a celebration of the year's achievements, we will be noting the following honors.

- The People's Champion Award, details to come
- The Modest Novice Awards—these are awards of a special nature that will only be disclosed in advance to adult coaches in the MHL
- A special award to be revealed at the tournament
- The establishment of a Metro-Hudson League Hall of Fame, to honor those who have made this league possible.

We hope to see you at this event in April.