

# How to Start and Run a Parli Team!

Interested in Parli? Fantastic! Please find below helpful tips and suggestions on how to start and run a Parli team at your school, and feel free to email the NYPDL at [nyparli@gmail.com](mailto:nyparli@gmail.com) with any questions or fill out [our contact form](#)!

Check out all of our additional [Resources](#) on the NYPDL website and [YouTube Channel](#) -- training for novices, recordings of high-level tournament rounds, guides for running a tournament, and more!

## HOW TO START A TEAM

1. If possible, find a few friends to help you start and run the team!
2. Reach out to administration or faculty who are responsible for student clubs and organizations.
3. Let them know what Parli is, and that you're interested in starting a team!
4. Online tournaments are free, so let the administration know that your team will require little to no budget!
5. Offer to put them in contact with the NYPDL Executive Director, Michael Ding, at [michael.ding21@trinityschoolnyc.org](mailto:michael.ding21@trinityschoolnyc.org) for more information about the format and the league.

## HOW TO ATTRACT MEMBERS

1. First and foremost, tell your friends and any debaters you know to join! It is always helpful to start off with reliable, strong membership.
2. Recruit! Reach out to students through social media or email, and let them know that Parli requires no outside preparation!
3. Encourage students to join your team's email list. This requires very little effort on their part, and allows you to notify them of upcoming meetings and tournaments!
4. Host a tournament! This will not only present a convenient opportunity for you to recruit new members, but also establish the legitimacy of your team! You can find more information about hosting a tournament in the "How to Host a Tournament Guide" on our

resources page, and the league will help you out with all of the financial and organizational logistics.

## HOW TO KEEP MEMBERS

1. Hold consistent team meetings, whether they be once or twice a week, or even daily!  
Consistent outreach and activity leads to consistent membership!
2. Offer your time to help team members with training or whatever questions they may have. Your commitment will inspire theirs!
3. Attend as many NYPDL tournaments as you can, as well as the regional Parli tournaments hosted by colleges like Vassar and Yale! You can find our tentative tournament schedule on our website.
4. Success at tournaments! This would allow you to broadcast your team's accomplishments to friends, and even the whole school! As your team attends more tournaments and gains experience, supplement that with consistent training. We have many training resources, like Parli games or a Novice guide, on our [Resources](#) page!