

Inaugural Oak Hill 'Purely Policy' Debate Tournament Saturday, October 25, 2014

You are cordially invited to attend the inaugural 'Purely Policy' debate tournament, hosted by Oak Hill School (Eugene, Oregon), on Saturday, October 25, 2014. Our primary objective is to give CX policy debaters an early-season tournament with **five** rounds per team in all divisions.

Entries: This is, indeed, a tournament for ***CX policy debate only***. No other debate or individual events will be offered. But given the size of our campus, we must still limit the tournament to eight (8) to ten (10) CX teams in each division. To meet our pairing priorities (described below), we will also have to limit the number of entries per school to two CX teams ***per division*** (i.e., a school may enter two Varsity teams, two JV teams, and two Novice teams, for a total of six CX teams). (**UPDATE:** We have decided to offer a separate Junior Varsity division. However, if we receive fewer than four JV entries we will collapse those teams into the Varsity division.) Consistent with OSAA rules and definitions, we will accept three- and four-person CX policy teams, but you will need to e-mail to debate@oakhillschool.net the names of the third and fourth members of such teams. Please register early to ensure spots for your teams.

Awards: Awards will be presented to the top three teams and to the top five speakers in each division. We will also recognize one school as the overall 'policy sweepstakes' winner.

Judges: While we hope to secure a number of judges from the University of Oregon, ***schools must bring enough judges to cover their entries***, (i.e., one judge to cover one or two teams entered, two judges to cover three or four teams entered, three judges to cover five or six teams entered.). If you have alumni at the University of Oregon or elsewhere in or near Eugene who

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might be interested in judging, please have them contact us directly at debate@oakhillschool.net.

Fees:

School fee (includes one CX Policy team): \$15.00

Additional CX Policy teams: \$10.00 (each)

Pairing Priorities and Tournament Format: Our pairing priorities are: (a) maximizing the number of rounds per team; (b) avoiding teams from the same school debating each other (prior to the finals); and (c) avoiding two teams meeting a second time prior to any bracketed rounds. To best meet these priorities, the exact format we use will be determined by the final number of entries and the distribution (by school and division) of those entries. Potential divisional formats include single-pool round robin, multi-pool round robin feeding into separate championship and consolation pools, or a more traditional preliminaries-breaking-to-elimination-brackets (with semifinals and even finals possibly hidden and all teams competing through the fifth round). We will not make any decisions on competitive format until registration closes and we know how many teams are entered in each division. We may also opt to use different formats in the different divisions in order to best fulfill our pairing priorities.

Novice Rules: The novice division will use the OSAA-designated Oregon Novice Debate Case Areas (<http://www.osaa.org/docs/spe/14NoviceDebateCaseAreas.pdf>), including the prohibition on Kritiks and counterplans.

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Definition of Varsity, JV, and Novice Debaters: Drawing upon OSAA recommendations, we have adopted the following definitions for our policy debate divisions:

- **Varsity:** One or more of the team members is participating in their third or fourth year of policy debate, or the team has chosen to participate at this higher level;
- **Junior Varsity:** One or more of the team members is participating in their second year of policy debate, or the team has chosen to participate at this higher level;
- **Novice:** All team members are in their first year of policy debate (including those who may have attended summer debate camps or workshops).

Location: Oak Hill School (<http://oakhillschool.com>) is located just off I-5, next door to Lane Community College. Our street address is: 86397 Eldon Schafer Drive, Eugene.

Schedule: We anticipate the first round will start at 8:00 a.m., with the tournament concluding after an awards ceremony beginning around 6:45 p.m. We will post (and keep updated) a more detailed schedule on www.forensicstournament.net.

Questions or Additional Information: Please feel free to e-mail tournament director Keith A. Eddins at debate@oakhillschool.net or keith.eddins@oakhillschool.net with questions or for additional information.