

Dear Speech Colleagues,

The Forest Grove High School Speech and Debate Team is pleased to invite you to its invitational tournament on Saturday, November 22, 2014.

**Students can either compete in Individual Events OR in Debate.
They cannot compete in both.**

We plan to offer all 12 Individual Events in open and novice, including LIBIELL (assuming we have sufficient numbers). I am willing to adjust the LIBIELL schedule to run in an afternoon block (separate from the other rounds) if that would be easier for your students. We will also offer open and novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public-Forum Debate, Oregon Parliamentary Debate, and Cross-Examination Debate. Students can enter in only one form of debate. Students may triple-enter in IE patterns; students in Duo or Extemp may only double-enter.

We will follow State rules for auto-qual if we meet the requirements. Novice divisions will be allowed exceptions in the case of notes and memorization. Novice divisions may collapse to open.

Please submit your **initial entry by Tuesday, November 18 at 5pm** at ForensicsTournament.net (<http://www.forensicstournament.net/FGHS/14>) Any **changes or drops must be made by Thursday, November 20 at 8pm; I will assess fees at that time.** Please email if you have any drops after this time. **Drops after 8:01pm Thursday will incur the original entry fee, in addition to a \$10 charge. Drops on Saturday will incur the original entry fee, plus a \$20 nuisance fee.** Substitutions are accepted if in the same division/event. Please call or text me any changes on the bus; don't wait until you arrive at registration.

Because we want this tournament to run smoothly, we will be sectioning rounds on Friday. Hence, it is imperative that we have the information we need. I understand that there are emergencies; you may discuss this with me during the tournament. I suggest holding your students responsible for any charges they cause.

Judges are extremely important for our tournament; please see below for contact information for area college teams if you are interested in hiring more judges. Expect many community members, college students, parents, and teachers (in addition to coaches) for judges.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide you with further information or assistance.

Thank you,

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FGHS Invitational Schedule

7:00 - 7:40 Registration (in the Commons)

7:40 - 7:55 Judge Orientation (in the Judges' Lounge)

IE Schedule	Debate Schedule
8:00 Pattern A Rd 1	8:00 Rd 1 Debate
9:30 Pattern B Rd 1/Extemp Draw	10:00 Rd 2 Debate
11:00 Pattern A Rd 2	12:00 Rd 3 Debate
12:30 Pattern B Rd 2/Extemp Draw	2:00 Rd 4 Debate
2:00 Pattern A Rd 3	4:00 Rd 5 Debate/Hidden Semis
3:30 Pattern B Rd 3/Extemp Draw	6:00 Finals
5:15 Pattern A Finals	ASAP Awards
6:15 Extemp Draw	
6:30 Pattern B Finals	
ASAP Awards	
A: (ADS, Duo, Oratory, Imp, DI, Radio)	
B: (Extemp, Poe, Expos, Pro, HI, LIBIELL)	
Students may triple-enter in patterns; students in Duo or Extemp may only double-enter.*	Public Forum, LD, Parli, CX

*Please explain to your students how to successfully and respectfully compete with multiple entries. They should ask to go first in rounds if they have another event to get to (and politely ask to be excused to leave), then go to their next round quickly (wait by the door if someone is performing). Although ballots will be marked with double-entries, it is up to the student to attend their rounds in a timely manner. Extemp speakers 1-3 should go to Extemp prep first, while speakers 4-6 should complete their other event before draw.

Divisions:

We will offer Open and Novice divisions, numbers permitting. Novice is open to any freshman or first-year speakers. Students in novice are allowed exceptions for cases of memorization and notes. Open division is available to all students. Any event collapsed into Open division will follow Open rules. Students must compete in the same division in all events.

Students are expected to follow OSAA rules for their events.

Due to judging constraints, we may double flight debate rounds. Furthermore, if we are running near capacity for rooms, I may cap entries if needed. The first two rounds of debate will be randomly matched and then power-matched afterwards.

Debate:

CX, PF, and LD will use current topics provided by the National Speech and Debate Association. Parli will have a choice of three topics concerning domestic and foreign affairs from the past two months.

If the Novice CX division is sufficient, it will not collapse and students may use Novice Debate Case Areas: <http://www.osaa.org/docs/spe/13NoviceDebateCaseAreas.pdf>

All students can expect five debate rounds with power-matching. The fifth round will be a hidden semi-final with one judge. Due to limits on CX judges, I cannot guarantee a final in CX debate. In this case, awards will be given on tournament record.

Individual Events:

All event descriptions and rules can be found here:

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/handbooks/speechhandbook.pdf>

Pattern A: ADS, Duo, Oratory, Impromptu, DI, Radio

Pattern B: Extemp, Poetry, Expos, Prose, HI, LIBIELL

All events with more than one section will have a final round. We may utilize semi-finals if needed.

Entry:

Your initial entry is due Tuesday, November 19 at 5pm to <http://www.forensicstournament.net/FGHS/14>. All changes are due by Thursday, November 21 at 8pm. We will assess fees at that time; any drops after that time will incur a charge. (Please email, phone, or text me changes after Thursday.)

We would love to have your entry fees at the time of registration, but we will send your school an invoice if that is needed.

Fees:

School Fee: \$20

Per Student: \$10

(For instance, if you are bringing eight students, $10 \times 8 = \$80$, plus \$20 school fee, equals \$100).

Late Fees:

After Thursday 8.01pm Deadline: \$10 (in addition to original entry fee)

Saturday: \$20 (in addition to original entry fee)

Purchased Entries: (allows you to cover a set of entries without a judge)

3 debate teams/7 IE entries: \$45

Judging:

One judge covers 7 IE entries **OR** 3 debate entries. Because of the split schedule, IE and debate will have separate judge pools. (Judges will either be in IEs all day or debate all day.) As such, we must separate what judges can cover. A school can have up to 2 uncovered debate teams and 7 uncovered IE entries.

If you have a preference for judging one, please indicate it on the forensictournament.net website (either in the comments box or in the judging restrictions).

Schools are responsible for ensuring that their judges remain available throughout the competition. Entry restrictions and additional judging fees will be imposed for schools that do not adhere to these standards.

If a school does not provide adequate judges or has uncovered entries beyond what is listed above, we will drop teams and entries from the competition. Alternatively, teams may pay an additional \$45 to add a set of entries above their provided judge cap (3 debate teams, 7 IEs). (This is to cover hired judge fees.)

If you are concerned about meeting the judge requirement, I have included contact information for local college teams that may have willing students who will judge.

Clark College Liz Kinnaman ekinnaman@clark.edu	George Fox Abigail Rine grine@georgefox.edu	Lewis and Clark Joe Gantt jgantt@lclark.edu	Linfield College Malynda Bjerregaard mbjerreg@linfield.edu
Mt. Hood CC Shannon Valdivia Shannon.valdivia@mhcc.edu	Portland State Lindsay Bing Bing.lindsay@gmail.com	University of Portland Bohn Lattin latin@up.edu	Willamette University Robert Trapp trapp@willamette.edu

We will do our best to provide breaks for judges throughout the day. We will have wireless available in the judges' lounge.

Food:

We will provide snacks, food, beverages and a lounge for our hardworking judges and coaches!

There will be food available for purchase for students. It will be available in the cafeteria, where students may camp for the day. There are no food places within walking distance of the school. If schools are interested, and we know in advance, we can plan to order pizza delivered to your team (such as Pizza Schmizza or Dominos).

Awards:

We will offer certificates and sugary treats for finalists. We will also recognize top speakers and individual sweepstakes in senior divisions. In addition, we will calculate team sweepstakes for debate and individual events (following OSAA sweepstakes guidelines). Events not going to finals will not count in individual sweepstakes. We will also try to recognize top novices.

Directions:

Forest Grove High School is located at:
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