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On behalf of The University of Oregon Speech and Debate Program, we are pleased to invite you to the 2009 Bower Aly Invitational Forensics Tournament. The tournament will be held at the UO Erb Memorial Union, Thursday, February 19th – Saturday, February 21st. Please read the following invitation very carefully. We have made several changes this year based on your feedback, and are excited to host what we hope will be our best tournament yet!

If you should have any questions regarding this invitation or the tournament itself, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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We thank you for your continued attendance and support of our program, and look forward to another great weekend in Eugene!

Best,
David Frank, Director of Forensics
Aaron Donaldson, Co-Director
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Alex O'Dell, UO Debate and Speech Team President

Registration:

All entries must be submitted online at www.forensicstournament.net. This website will ask that all coaches create a user name and password for their school, and submit registration using the online forms. Many other local tournaments are using this method of registration, so you may already have an account – if not, creating one is simple and fast.

Using this website will gain us many advantages in the registration process. It will increase the accuracy of team entries because we will be able to export data directly into our tabbing programs. The website allows coaches to make changes to their entries automatically, provides a central real-time forum for tournament changes and announcements, and helps to accurately and easily calculate judging obligations and tournament fees. This will allow us to pre-empt time consuming entry problems and help the tournament run on schedule.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS WEBSITE. Please do not email or fax your entries.

Please register no later than 5:00pm on Friday, February 13th. You will be able to make changes to your entry online until 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 17th. A non-negotiable late fee of 25% of the TOTAL entry for your school will be assessed for late entries. There will be no exceptions to this fee. Alterations to registration can be made at www.forensicstournament.net without penalty. However, please help us provide an efficient and quality tournament by giving us the time we need to make accommodations.

Tournament registration will begin on Thursday morning at 10:00am on the second floor of the Erb Memorial Union outside the Ballroom. We will gladly accept both debate and IE entries at this time, although Thursday is debate competition only. Registration ends at 11:30am when debate rounds begin. There will be a second registration for schools with IE's only on Friday, February 20th from 8:00am-9:00am.

We will be using the EMU Ballroom on the second level (where awards are held) as the tournament hub again this year. We ask that all students not traveling to or from rounds remain in the Ballroom. Tournament announcements will take place there on a regular basis, including postings and the announcement of Public Debate topics.

Event Information:

We offer Junior and Open divisions for CX, LD, Public, and each Individual Event. We will use the national CX topic and the March-April LD topic.

Public Debate resolutions will be centrally-announced 20 minutes before the round begins. Topic announce will take place in the EMU Ballroom. There will be no printed materials or prep-time allowed in the debating chamber though we encourage students to use any and all available materials to prep before the round, including but not limited to: coaches, other teams, magazines, newspapers, Extemp tubs, computers, online resources, random college students, etc. To clarify, ANY materials may be used to prepare before public debate. ALL PUBLIC DEBATE TOPICS WILL COME FROM THE TWO MOST RECENT ISSUES OF THE ECONOMIST.

We will be offering Student Congress, which will conflict with all other events. There is NO DOUBLE ENTRY for Student Congress participants.

All IE's will follow NFL rules. There is NO DOUBLE ENTRY across IE patterns, meaning that a student can be entered in a maximum of ONE event in each pattern.

IE Patterns:

Pattern A: Extemporaneous, Expository, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation

Pattern B: Oratory, Serious Interpretation, Impromptu, After Dinner Speaking

Judge Information:

One judge covers 2 debate teams or 4 LD entries, and 5 IE slots. No school may enter without providing at LEAST 2 judges qualified to critique all event styles entered. WE WANT YOUR JUDGES MORE THAN YOUR MONEY!

If judges do not show up for EVERY ROUND they are committed for, we will assess fees as if the judge were not present, as well as an additional fee of 25% the cost of hiring another judge. We expect schools to be accountable for their promised critics.

Entry Fees:

We will accept substitutions up until registration. We will not refund fees after 5:00pm Tuesday, February 17th. No cash will be available for change on checks or purchase orders that exceed entry fees.

Fees will be calculated as follows:

School Fee: \$35.00

CX Team: \$12/each

Public Team: \$12/each

LD Entry: \$12/each

Congress Entry: \$10/each

IE Slot: \$8/each

Additional uncovered fees will be calculated as follows:

CX/Public Team: \$100/each

LD Entry: \$50/each

IE Slot/Congress Entry: \$15/each

PLEASE double-check entries for accuracy, because after the registration deadline there will be little we can do to adjust fees for drops.

PLEASE DISCUSS JUDGE OBLIGATIONS WITH ALL OF YOUR CRITICS FOR THE WEEKEND.

Awards:

Awards will be held in the EMU Ballroom. Awards will be presented to all IE finalists and all advancing debaters.

We will be awarding our annual UO Student Scholarship, so please have all interested seniors submit an essay detailing why Forensics is important to them and what they could bring to the Forensics team at the University of Oregon.

We will award several scholarships for our Oregon Debate and Speech Summer Institute. These recipients will be drawn randomly from our out-round pools. These awards are available to all non-seniors and are transferable.

The awards ceremony will begin with the winning Open ADS contestant performing his/her speech. Please notify all ADS contestants of this opportunity.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you in Eugene!