

AUBURN RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Coaches and Squads,

The Auburn Riverside Speech and Debate Team cordially invites you to attend our Speech and - Debate Tournament on December 11-12, 2009 . This tournament will offer Cross Examination, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum Debate, Washington State IEs in two divisions and will be a **State Qualifying Tournament** for WCD III schools. We will follow current WSFA rules, specifically involving the abolishment of the "one step rule" for interpretation and new time limits for Nationals Events. There will be a hard 10 minute time limit for Oratory, Humorous, Dramatic, and Duo Interps. The rules can be found at: <http://www.wiaa.com/tourn/bfs/forensicsreg.pdf>. This invitation can also be found electronically at <http://www.swiftclassroom.com/arhs/mdavis/index.php?section=documents> under the Forensics Category.

NIETOC

We are pleased to announce that the Auburn Riverside tournament was selected as one of 34 schools in the nation to be bid tournaments for the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions! This is not impacting our schedule. The events available for NIETOC bids at ARHS are: Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Original Oratory. A bid is earned by rank out of finals rounds but also based on the number of competitors in that event. Full rules and requirements for bids can be found at <http://www.nietoc.com> This will NOT increase our fees in any way.

SWEEPSTAKES

Based on numbers of entries from the last several years, ARHS will be offering IE sweepstakes. We will follow the sweepstakes points system found in the Bound For State regulations for Washington State. Each student's overall placement in the final round shall count towards school sweepstakes points.

Sweepstakes points shall be awarded on the following basis of final round results:

1st place 10 points
2nd place 8 points
3rd place 6 points
Finalists 3 points

SUPERVISION

The WIAA requires the presence, at all times, of a certificated staff member from the school or district supervising your participants. You will not be allowed to compete if you do not comply with this rule.

DEBATE

Please check www.nflonline.org for the accurate topic wording for all topics.

Lincoln-Douglas: We will offer 3 divisions of LD, Novice, Junior, and Open. As this is a qualifying tournament in LD for many schools we will use the **January-February topic for OPEN DIVISION ONLY**. Junior and Novice Division LD will use the November-December topic. Rounds will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format and have 3 minutes of down time per competitor.

Cross Examination: We will offer 3 divisions of CX, Novice, Junior, and Open. We will follow the Novice case area list as determined at the September WSFA meeting. Please inform you novice teams of their approved case areas. Rounds will follow the 8-3-5 format with 5 minutes of prep time per team.

Public Forum: At this time we will be offering two divisions of Public forum. The number of entries will dictate whether this is collapsed. We will use the December topic as published on the NFL website. Please note that PF runs with LD and CX. Rounds will follow standard PF time format with 3 minutes of prep per team.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

We will offer two divisions in all 8 state events. Novice division is open to first year competitors only. **Anyone with one year of experience or more must register for Open Division.** As we are an NIETOC qualifier and many students have been to several competitions, we encourage you to enter as many contestants in open division as possible. This will ensure the number of bids to the IETOC is as high as it can be. Conflict patterns are

- A: Dramatic Interp, Expository, Extemporaneous, Duo Interp
- B: Oratory, Humorous Interp, Impromptu, Interpretive Reading

All events within each pattern conflict. A student may enter more than one IE at their own risk. **ROUNDS WILL NOT BE HELD FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES!**

PLEASE READ THE RULES CAREFULLY AS SOME HAVE CHANGED

Event rules

Extemporaneous: State Rules apply. Thirty minutes of prep time followed by **7 minutes** of speaking time. Judges will provide time signals while competitor is speaking. Novice speakers may use a 4x6 note card. **30 second grace period.**

Oratory: This is a memorized speech that has a **ten (10) minute time limit with NO GRACE PERIOD.** A manuscript must be available on judge's request. The speech must have no more than 150 quoted words.

Expository: May be memorized or not memorized with an **8 minute time limit, 30 second grace period.** Visual aids are not required but are preferred by most judges.
There may be no more than 150 quoted words.

Interpretation: All have a **ten (10) minute time limit with NO GRACE PERIOD.** Programs may be one or more selections of published prose, poetry, radio, or television scripts. The program must be memorized. Titles and authors must be identified during the program. Full body movement is allowed.

Humorous: This must be humorous in nature.
Dramatic: This must be dramatic in nature.

Duo: This may be serious or humorous in nature. Two people perform with no interaction except at introduction if they choose.

Interpretive Reading: This is an **8 minute**, themed program with a balance of both prose and poetry. All pieces must be published and may not be plays. Titles and authors must be identified during the program. Delivery must be from a manuscript and the one step rule is to be enforced. **30 second grace period.**

Impromptu: The contestant will have **6 minutes** in which to choose one of three topics, prepare, organize thoughts, and speak. The topic of choice must be stated as part of the introduction. Judges will give time signals during prep time and while the contestant is speaking. All speakers are to remain in the room until all have performed. The only exception is for double entries. **30 second grace period.**

STUDENT CONGRESS

Two, two and a half hour sessions of Student Congress will be offered on Friday night. Both sessions will conflict with CX and LD. We plan on having a minimum of three chambers, one in each division, Open, Junior, and Novice. If there are fewer than 45 entries Junior and Open will be collapsed to form one Open chamber.

We will be using legislation from the WSFA packet as emailed out by Roberta Rice. If you need a copy of this document, please let me know. The docket will be set and emailed prior to the tournament. If you are planning to bring any legislation to the tournament, this should be emailed to me **NO LATER** than Monday, December 1st, 2009. The bills will be compiled, an agenda set, and bills emailed back to all. **There will be no copies of bills made at the tournament.** Kindly bring enough copies for your team. This timeline should allow students to research and understand the topics at a greater level than surface knowledge.

Awards will be given to the top 5 speakers in each Chamber.

LIMITATIONS

No more than 20 IE entries per squad (dual counts as 1 entry) across both divisions. You are limited to a maximum of 6 entries per event in each division. You may enter more participants, but you must register them as a second squad on a separate registration form.

You are limited to a maximum of 6 total debate entries per squad. This means you may enter 6 LD or 6 CX, or 3 LD and 2 CX and 1 TT, or any combination that keeps you at 6 debate entries per squad. Additional debate entries will have to be entered as a separate squad.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration this year will occur through the website <http://www.forensictournament.net>. Please do not email or fax registrations unless you absolutely cannot access the website. The deadline for registration is **Tuesday, December 8, 2009**. Fees will be set on that day. Drops after that time will not be deducted from the entry fee. Please register early. Registrations by email are preferred, though fax registration is acceptable. Use the email addresses above. Changes in registration must be made by fax, email, or phone by December 10th.

Concerning drops and changes: Please call or email about drops and changes as early as possible! Late changes have drastic impacts on the tournament schedule. The earlier you can get drops to us the better the chances are for an ON TIME tournament. Drops are best made via email. Navigating the school phone system is difficult at best. My email: msdavis@auburn.wednet.edu is always open and I can access it from off campus. I prefer email, but if absolutely necessary, my cell phone is in the WSFA directory.

Fee Schedule:

Each Squad:	\$30.00	Squad defined by limitations above.
Each CX team:	\$20.00	
Each LD:	\$10.00	
Each PF team:	\$20.00	
Each IE entry:	\$10.00	One student doing two events counts as two entries.
Each Student Congress:	\$10.00	

Make checks payable to Auburn Riverside Senior High School Forensics.

Payment of fees may be made in advance or at ARHS during registration. Acceptable methods of payment are 1) School Check, 2) School or District PO, or 3) Personal Check. Payment must be made before your team can compete.

Entries will be confirmed by email on Wednesday, December 10, so please make sure you have included your email in your registration. I will send out a spreadsheet which will show your entries. Codes will match the registration form with a prefix for your school number (which will show on the spreadsheet).

JUDGING:

As there are conflicts in the schedule, please be sure to calculate your judging needs properly. We will not have a large number of judges for hire and need to be able to run the tournament efficiently. Please tell your judges when they need to be in the building to judge as we don't have a lot of free time. **IF YOUR JUDGES DO NOT SHOW WE WILL BE FORCED TO START DROPPING YOUR COMPETITORS – STARTING WITH YOUR MOST SENIOR PEOPLE IN THE EVENT YOUR JUDGES FAIL TO SHOW. THE NUMBER DROPPED WILL BE EQUAL TO THE RATIOS SHOWN BELOW.**

- One judge covers **five (5) IE entries** and 2 LD or CX debate entries.
- One judge covers 2 Public Forum entries.
- One judge is required to be nominated and available for each school entering Student Congress participants.
- Your school is obligated to provide judges for the categories and divisions in which your students are entered.
- Senior division students with at least one full year of experience who are not competing at ARHS may judge novice division in the events in which they have experience.

Please remember: Lack of a judge at registration will result in an automatic reduction in your school's number of entries. If your judges do not pick up ballots we will drop competitors starting with Open Division until judging requirements are met. We will reduce numbers starting with your most senior debaters.

Directions

From I-5 or highway 18: Take the WA 18-East exit, number 142A. Take the WA 164-E/Auburn Way exit. Go straight through the light. Turn left onto A St. Stay on A St. through several lights, past the McDonalds on the left. Take a left onto Lakeland Hills Way SE, Ilalko Elementary will be on the corner on the left (there is no light here, just a left turn lane). Take the next left onto Oravetz Road. The bus-loading zone will be the first driveway at the high school, just to the right of the track. Please follow this around to the back of the school where you can park and unload.

Please contact us if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing everyone in December!

Sincerely,

Mark Davis
Director of Forensics

ARHS Tournament by the River Schedule December 11th & 12th, 2009

Schedule

Friday, December 11

Registration 2:30-3:15

Debate - LD, CX, PF RND 1 3:30
Student Congress (Session #1) 4:00

Debate - LD, CX, PF RND 2 5:30
Student Congress (Session #2) 7:00

Debate - LD, CX, PF RND 3 7:30

- Posting in cafeteria/commons
- Judges lounge in Library
- Registration outside Library
- Extemp. Prep in 501
- TAB in 703/704/705

Saturday, December 12

Registration (IE ONLY) 7:00

Extemp Draw 7:15

IE Pattern A Round 1 7:30

Debate - LD, CX, PF RND 4 8:30

Extemp Draw II 10:15

IE Pattern A Round 2 10:30

Extemp Draw III 11:15

IE Pattern A Round 3 11:30

Debate - LD, CX, PF RND 5 12:30

Extemp Final Draw 2:15

FINALS Pattern A 2:30

IE Pattern B RND 1 3:30

IE Pattern B RND 2 4:30

IE Pattern B RND 3 5:30

Debate - LD, CX, PF RND 6 6:30
(hidden finals)

FINALS Pattern B 8:00

Awards (or asap) 9:15