

Wilson Invitational

Dear Coaches,

We are excited to invite you to the Wilson High School Invitational, held this year on October 14-15, 2016. In an ongoing effort to provide the best possible range of opportunities, we are holding a Student Congress, ELL, and two rounds of Debate events on Friday evening, with all other IE's and a two more rounds of debates on Saturday. Our goal this year is to have more debate rounds while allowing Student Congress entrants to enter IEs at the tournament as well.

We will be watching room availability carefully. Therefore, we will shut down entry when we hit capacity. I will email updates to coaches who have entered their school so you know what's coming.

We will offer open and novice division in all events where numbers allow, but we reserve the right to collapse events (except for LD, due to the novice topic) where entries are low. We will track and acknowledge top novices in collapsed events.

Students may sign up for a total of two individual events **and** one debate (CX, Parli, LD, or Public Forum). Students are responsible for managing multiple entries. Extemp pairings will NOT be altered to accommodate CX debaters. A coach MUST be present Friday evening if students are entered in Friday events.

We will follow state rules and we will use the latest version of the state ballots which can be found on the OSAA website.

IE's: ADS, DI, Duo, Expos, Extemp, HI, Impromptu, Oratory, Poetry, Prose, Radio, POI
Debates: Public Forum, LD, Parli, CX. No double entry is permitted in Debate events.
Friday evening events: Student Congress (no double entry), ELL

Extemp draw occurs during Pattern A. Students will not receive additional prep if competing in another Pattern A event, nor may they change speaking order.

Topics:

We will use the September/October topic for LD and the Novice Topic for Novice division.

We will use the September/October topic for Public Forum.

CX will use the current year's topic.

Parli debate will be a mix of policy, value and philosophical topics.

Deadlines:

Initial registration is due by Tuesday, October 11 at 8:00 pm. **No new schools will be accepted after that date.** Adds and drops can be made until 8:00 pm on Wednesday October 12. Fees will be set after that. **The system might change to drops only if we reach room capacity early.**

We will be using <http://www.forensicstournament.net> for entries. Please get your registration in early.

Payment: We prefer payment to be made the day of the tournament. If a school is unpaid for last year's tournament at the time of registration, I will contact for full payment of last year before accepting this year's registration.

Sweepstakes: Points will be awarded as follows:

DEBATE	
Finalists	15 points
Semifinalists	10 points

Individual Events.	
First	10 points
Second	8 points
Third	6 points
Finalist	4 points

Awards:

- We will give awards to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place speakers in each individual event. We will recognize top three novices in collapsed events based on cumulative scores from prelim rounds and/or performance in finals.

Fees:

\$30.00 per school registration fee
\$5.00 per individual event (this includes Dual)
\$8.00 per debate team (including LD)
\$5.00 per Congress entry

Judging:

- One judge covers 7 individual event entries, 7 Congress entries or 4 debate teams (including LD). Please indicate which judge(s) will be present for ELL and Congress Friday night. Each uncovered entry will be charged \$10.00. Please bring judges as we want to have a smooth tournament and we would rather have the judges than the money.
- Judges who are only willing to judge IE's or debate will count as a half of a judge since they will not be judging every other round.
- Please clearly state in your registration when your judges will be present. If you have debate entries, you are required to provide judge coverage for both Friday and Saturday, with sufficient judging to cover debate entries on Friday, otherwise you may be charged. Teams entering Saturday only are not expected, though they are encouraged, to provide judges for Friday.
- **Please also indicate who is "in charge" of your team if your head coach will not be present. Each school must have one experienced judge or head coach present the entire tournament.**
- If your judges do not pick up their ballots, we reserve the right to bill your team.

- ➔ We use teachers, parents and community members to judge (especially in Parli debate and Public Forum). Please advise your students that they will need to adapt.
- ➔ If you don't know who your judges are at registration, go ahead and name them judge 1, judge 2, judge 3 etc.

Directions:

From the South: Take I-5 to the Terwilliger Blvd. Exit 297. Turn left onto Terwilliger, then left on Barbur and right on Bertha Blvd (traffic light at Fred Meyer). Come up the hill and take a right at the light on Vermont; Wilson is at the top of the hill.

From the North: Take I5 to the Terwilliger Blvd Exit 297. At the top of the offramp, follow the signs for Bertha Blvd and come straight across Barbur at the light (at Fred Meyer) onto Bertha. Then follow the same directions above from there.

From the West: From Hwy 217, take OR-10, Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, toward Portland. When the road splits, go rightward ("slight right," as they say on Google Maps) onto Bertha Blvd. Turn left at the light onto Vermont. Wilson is at the top of the hill.

Food:

We will have a concession stand open most of the day with drinks and snacks. There is an actual Portland FOOD POD at the northwest edge of campus with a number of tasty food carts providing lunch items, and the Hillsdale business district offers a variety of options including a Subway, Starbucks, and local dining options covering a variety of cuisines at reasonable prices. We will provide food for the coaches and judges.

Feel free to call with any questions, including lodging suggestions for schools who will need to stay overnight. We look forward to seeing you there!

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