

Seattle University



Middle School Parli 3 on 3 Debate Tournament Invitation Saturday, January 21, 2023

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We welcome you to a middle school debate tournament hosted by Seattle University featuring **4** rounds of MS Parli 3-on-3 debates for ALL debaters with judge feedback, engaging topics, along with awards and recognitions **ALL ONLINE using Yaatly exclusively.**

FOUR Items due before the Tournament Starts

IMPORTANT: Each school must provide a coach or adult with tournament experience to work Tournament Administration or the school pays a Fee. We need help with tab, checking rooms, making sure ballots get turned in, etc.

TUESDAY JANUARY 17: Register at: <https://forensicstournament.net/sumsjanuary/23>

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18: ALL of your judges/students/you do the "SU Test Tournament."

THURSDAY JANUARY 19: You post parental release forms to [Google Shared Drive](#) (and, for yourself, you should have collected "Use of Yaatly" forms).

1. Support Each Other Positively and Inclusively

At all times, treat each other with courtesy and respect. Every person. Every room. We want a fun, positive, and educational environment.

2. Topics

- The American education system places too much emphasis on STEM.
- Impromptu Topic
- Civil disobedience is a moral imperative.
- Impromptu Topic

3. Debating Times

Topic announce, 20 minutes prep (30 minutes prep for impromptu topic)

- Prop 1st speaker: 5 minutes
- Opp 1st speaker: 5 minutes
- Prop 2nd speaker: 5 minutes
- Opp 2nd speaker: 5 minutes
- Opp 3rd speaker: 5 minutes
- Prop 3rd speaker: 5 minutes

POIs during the middle 3 minutes of each speech subject to POI rules.

4. Debating Rules

Reminder: Treat your Partners, Opponents, Judge and Audience Positively and Inclusively!
Debaters must be 10-14 years of age or receive league president permission to debate in this tournament.

Notice—we may announce further enforcement of the no using/reading materials in the debate prepared before prep-time rule.

Prep Time Rules

- You CAN view materials you researched/prepared before prep time started EXCEPT you cannot do this if it is an impromptu topic.
You CAN talk with your debate partners
You CAN hand write notes/flow arguments for your speeches.
- You CANNOT research online during prep time.
You CANNOT get debating help from coach(es) or parent(s) during prep time.
- NOTE YOU CANNOT USE typed items during the debate except for ADA reasons.

During the Debate

- You CAN use HAND WRITTEN notes prepared during Prep Time.
You CAN pass notes or text message/chat with your debate partners.
You CAN use an electronic flowsheet when we are online (eg flowing on Google Spreadsheet)
You CAN quietly speak with your debate partners who are not speaking.
- You CANNOT view nor use materials during the debate that were prepared before prep time.
You CANNOT use materials on your computer/tablet/phone during the debate except for ADA reasons. Use handwritten notes ONLY and use your computer only for Yaatly.
You CANNOT research during the debate.
You CANNOT get help from coach(es) or parent(s) during the debate.
You CANNOT speak to teammates who are speaking.
- No heckling.
- POIs (questions/short arguments) allowed in ALL speeches for the middle 3 minutes of the speeches.
- Each speaker must take two POIs except they do not take POIs requested less than 30 seconds after taking a POI.
- When there is an impromptu topic for a debate, logic and reasons should be given just as much weight as a debater citing a study/statistic/fact.

5. Parents

We welcome parents supporting their children's growth as speakers! We ask that you abide by our tournament rules:

- You should watch by viewing your child's computer screen. If you want to watch on your own device, you need a Yaatly account setup by your school's coach and your school needs to pay \$3 to the tournament.
- No video recording, no photographs, no screen shots during debates.
- Please, no talking with students from other schools.
- No coaching your kids nor any students during prep time nor during the debate.
- Spectators should remain neutral and quiet during the debate. You may applaud for all competitors after the final speech.
- We encourage you to be supportive of your debater.
- Complaint about a judge? Two things: 1) Remember not everyone agrees even if you feel really strongly your child should have won. 2) If a judge violated a rule and especially if they did not treat students with courtesy and respect—please report it to your coach who can bring the issue to the attention of the tournament directors.

6. Judges

Thank you for serving as a judge. You are helping students grow and become better communicators.

- ALL Judges carefully read and follow the judging instructions given to you.

Ballots are sent via email. Judges do the following at the end of the debate:

1. **ASAP, submit your ballot with the winner and speaker points for the debate.**
2. Give constructive feedback to debaters orally.
3. **After oral feedback, submit Reason for Decision and Comments Form:** with 1) Arguments that persuaded you to vote for the team you did; 2) at least 1 good thing each debater did; 3) at least 1 thing each debater needs to improve on.

7. Coaches

We want to make sure you and your team know what is going on—topics, pairings, etc.

- All announcements will happen in the Yaatly auditorium which links to a Zoom Meeting/Webinar.
- All debate rounds will be posted on Yaatly.
- Issues/concerns during the tournament—please contact Stacy Bell or Alpha DeLap.
- Have a judge no show before the tournament starts? Notify Stacy Bell at stacy.bell@bush.edu and Alpha DeLap at alpha.delap@stthomasschool.org as soon as possible and provide a replacement judge.
- Please contact Alpha or Stacy to take on a role in running the tournament; each school/program is expected to do this.

8. Team and Judge Registration--Due Tues. JANUARY 17.

All coaches are responsible for entering their students' information in the registration at:

<https://forensicstournament.net/sumsjanuary/23>

Do NOT make changes to the registration after Thursday January 19. After that date, you must email Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu PLEASE AVOID LATE CHANGES.

9. Test and be Ready for Yaatly Online Debating—Due Wed. JAN. 18.

By 9pm on Wednesday, January 18, each and every student AND judge on your team must go into the “SU Test Tournament” and make sure your webcams work in a _debate_ room in addition to the auditorium (Jim will send an email)

Problem? See the Yaatly Guide for troubleshooting and/or contact Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu

DO NOT DELAY DOING THIS. We CANNOT handle all or even a small number of tech issues Saturday morning. IF YOU DO NOT TEST THE USE OF YAATLY BY WEDNESDAY EVENING—YOU MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE TOURNAMENT. SORRY—NOT DOING THIS WILL SEVERELY HARM THE TOURNAMENT AND HURT KIDS ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE.

Jim Hanson is ready to help you INCLUDING arranging a time to help your participants address tech problems so they can use Yaatly. Email Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu

MUST DO FOR USING YAATLY!

1. **Windows, Mac, or Chromebook computer are best.** Smart phones work but you need the Yaatly app. Newer Tablets work BUT only with the latest chrome firefox or edge browser.
2. **You must use Google Chrome, Firefox, or NEW Edge browser.** Older Versions of these browsers plus Safari, Internet Explorer and others do NOT work.
3. **You must use wifi or be plugged in with ethernet.** A cell phone hotspot is NOT likely to work. PLEASE SIT CLOSE—within 25 feet—TO YOUR WIFI ROUTER/CABLE MODEM.
4. **Your computer should be fully charged or, preferably, plugged in.** The event is long; your battery may not last as long as the event.
5. **We strongly recommend you don't use a separate microphone;** use the one built into your laptop. Yes, you can use headphones/earbuds.
6. **You should have only one computer connected to Yaatly per room.** Additional computers in the same room running Yaatly create nasty feedback loops that will hurt your ears.
7. **Be ready to provide your cell phone number as a backup.** Have the person with problems call, then put them on speakerphone, and they'll be heard over Yaatly so that they can debate or judge in the event you can't get connected to Yaatly.

10. Collect Parental Release Forms—Due Thurs. JAN. 19

All coaches are required to collect signed parental release forms for each student who debates, observes, or attends the tournament.

THE PARENTAL WAIVER FORM IS AT <https://forensicstournament.net/sumsjanuary/23>

All coaches are required to post these forms to the [SHARED GOOGLE DRIVE](#) on THURSDAY EVENING BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT STARTS

All coaches should collect parental signed forms for the use of Yaatly. You keep these forms for yourself; you do not need to share with Jim Hanson.

11. Paying Fees

Judging Needs

You need 1 judge for your first team; You need 1 judge for additional increments of 1 or 2 teams

Example: 5 teams need 3 judges

If a judge no-shows, we add \$35.00 to your fees per round missed.

WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF HIRED JUDGES AVAILABLE. Contact Jim Hanson at least one week before the tournament to see how many judges are available.

Fees

School Fee: \$150 (waived if a school provides a coach or adult with tournament experience to work in Tournament Administration); if you have more than 5 teams, the fee is \$250.

Fee Per Debater: \$8.00

Fee for each _team_ needing a judge (not for each judge): \$65.00

Note: Fee reduction for providing excess judging is given only if Jim Hanson gives approval after the registration deadline.

Fee Per Observer with their own Yaatly Account: \$3.00

Coaches—if a parent wishes to observe with their own account, note that when you register and the fee calculator will add \$3. Observers watching through their child debater's computer while the child debates on Yaatly are not charged.

Mail your check made to Seattle University to:

Jim Hanson, 7701 Fairway Ave SE Unit 101, Snoqualmie WA 98065

You can also pay by credit card—see Invoice emailed to you by Jim.

12. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

By 9:00am, COACHES REPORT TO STACY ANY MISSING TEAMS AND JUDGES

If a team is missing a debater—they just have one of the debaters give two speeches.

Possible Coach Meeting TBA.

9:10 Round 1—Check-in

Posting should appear on Yaatly at 9:10am

GO TO YOUR YAATLY DEBATE ROOM AND CHECK IN WITH JUDGE

JUDGES REPORT NO-SHOW TEAMS AT 9:20AM BY EMAILING TAB

DEBATERS REPORT NO-SHOW JUDGES AT 9:20AM BY EMAILING TAB

At 9:20am, go back to the main Yaatly room.

9:20 Round 1—Actual debate begins

TEAMS WITH “BYES” or missing opponents, BE on standby as we’ll try to get you a team to debate.

Be in the Yaatly Auditorium, Prepared Topic announced.

20 minutes Prep, Judges submit winner and points by 10:50am.

11:20 Round 2

Be in the Yaatly Auditorium, Impromptu Topic announced.

MISSING JUDGE? ALWAYS REPORT THAT TO TAB WHEN 7 MINUTES LATE.

30 minutes Prep, Judges submit winner and points by 12:50pm.

Lunch break after Round 2

1:20pm Round 3

Be in the Yaatly Auditorium, Prepared Topic announced.

20 minutes Prep, Judges submit winner and points by 2:50pm.

3:00 Round 4

Be in the Yaatly Auditorium, Impromptu Topic announced.

30 minutes Prep, Judges submit winner by 4:30pm.

4:50 Awards

Expected completion 5:10pm