



Seattle University Summer Speech and Debate Tournament March 12, 2023

Version 1.6

We welcome you to a speech and debate tournament hosted by Seattle University featuring 4 rounds of debate and 3 rounds of speech.

You can participate Online (Zoom) or In-Person.

Students can enter

**DEBATE: Elementary (Pro-Con), Middle School (3 on 3 parli),
High School (LD) debate, or Congress debate.**

SPEAKING EVENTS: Extemp, Impromptu, PowerPoint, Platform, Interp.

NOTICE ABOUT DOUBLE-ENTERING:

1. Students canNOT enter more than 2 events (eg Students canNOT enter 3 speech events; Students canNOT enter debate plus 2 speech events).
2. Students canNOT enter debate and extemp.
3. If you enter debate and a speech event, you will be very busy for the whole tournament day.

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.

**You MUST have a computer with wifi and webcam during the tournament—
even if you are participating In-Person.**

All postings and announcements will happen on Zoom.

ELEMENTARY DEBATE

1. Elementary Topics

- Round 1 & 2: Human cloning should be banned.
- Round 3 & 4: Schools should go year round with short breaks instead of a long summer break.

2. Elementary Debating Times

Topic announce, **10** minutes prep before the first speech

DURING PREP—ONLINE CON TEAMS GO TO THE ZOOM ROOM THAT IS PLUS 20 OF THE DEBATING ROOM TO PREPARE.

Example: Debate is in Room 17. Con Prep Room is in 37. IN PERSON CON TEAM? GO TO ANY SPACE NOT BEING USED.

- Pro 1st speaker: 3 minutes (present pro case)
- Con 1st speaker: 3 minutes (present con case)
2 minute cross-fire between the 1st speakers
- Con 2nd speaker: 3 minutes (respond to the pro case)
- Pro 2nd speaker: 3 minutes (respond to the con case)
2 minute cross-fire between the 2nd speakers
- Con 3rd speaker: 3 minutes (mostly using partners' arguments, defend the con case & responses to the pro case)
- Pro 3rd speaker: 3 minutes (mostly using partners' arguments, defend the pro case, defend responses to the con case)
2 minute cross-fire between the 3rd speakers
- ***If either team has a 4th speaker—then add***
- Con 4th speaker: 3 minutes (show partners' arguments won the con case and defeated the pro case)
- Pro 4th speaker: 3 minutes (show partners's arguments won the pro case and defeated the con case)
Additional 2 minute cross-fire between the 4th speakers
- Weighing Speeches: Each debater explains why they think their side won the debate: 45 seconds each (weigh the key issues).

3. Elementary Debating Rules

AT ALL TIMES—TREAT EACH OTHER RIGHT—WITH SUPPORT.

Elementary Debaters can be aged 8 to 12; exceptions to this require Jim Hanson's approval.

Prep Time Rules

- You CAN view and use materials you researched/prepared.
- You can research online during Prep Time.
- You CAN talk with your debate partners
- You CAN hand-write/flow/type out arguments for your speeches.
- You CANNOT get debating help from coach(es) or parent(s) during prep time.

During the Debate

- You CAN pass notes or text message/chat with your debate partners.
- You CAN use materials you prepared before Prep Time.
- You CAN quietly speak with your debate partners who are not speaking (don't interrupt the debater speaking).
- You CANNOT get help from coach(es) or parent(s) during the debate.
- You CANNOT speak to teammates who are speaking.
- No heckling, no questions or comments out loud during another student's speech.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE

1. Middle School Topics

- The United States federal government should ban domestic concentrated animal feeding operations.
- The United States federal government should enact a policy to establish a comprehensive, high-speed rail network in the United States.
- 2 Impromptu Topics

2. Middle School Debating Times

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

DURING PREP—ONLINE OPP TEAMS GO TO THE ZOOM ROOM THAT IS PLUS 20 OF THE DEBATING ROOM TO PREPARE. Example: Debate is in Room 17. Opp Prep Room is in 37. IN PERSON OPP TEAM? GO TO ANY SPACE NOT BEING USED.

- Prop 1st speaker: 5 minutes (present prop case)
- Opp 1st speaker: 5 minutes (respond to prop case and present opp case)
- Prop 2nd speaker: 5 minutes (defend prop case, respond to opp case, if time, add to prop case)
- Opp 2nd speaker: 5 minutes (defend opp case, defend responses to opp case, respond to new points)
- Opp 3rd speaker: 5 minutes (show partners' won the opp case and defeated the prop case)
- Prop 3rd speaker: 5 minutes (show partners' won the prop case and defeated the opp case)

3. Middle School Debating Rules

AT ALL TIMES—TREAT EACH OTHER RIGHT—WITH SUPPORT.

Middle School Debaters can be aged 10 to 14; exceptions to this require Jim Hanson's approval.

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.
- **Debating in Person—use the Tournament provided colored flow paper.**

During the Debate

- You CAN use HAND WRITTEN notes prepared during Prep Time. In Person? **The notes must be on the tournament provided colored flow paper.**
You CAN pass notes or text message/chat with your debate partners.
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 Zoom.
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.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE

1. High School LD Debate Topic

Resolved: Justice requires open borders for human migration.

2. High School LD Debating Times

- First Affirmative: 6 minutes (present aff case)
- Negative questions Affirmative: 3 minutes
- First Negative: 7 minutes (respond to aff case and present neg case)
- Affirmative questions Negative: 3 minutes
- First Affirmative Rebuttal: 4 minutes (defend aff case and respond to neg case)
- Negative Rebuttal: 6 minutes (defend neg case, support responses to aff case, weigh issues showing your args win)
- Second Affirmative Rebuttal: 3 minutes (weigh issues including defend & show you win aff case and responses to neg case).
- Each side has 4 minutes of preparation to use when they wish except in the middle of questioning or speeches.

3. High School LD Debating Rules

AT ALL TIMES—TREAT EACH OTHER RIGHT—WITH SUPPORT.

High School Debaters can be aged 13 to 18; exceptions to this require Jim Hanson's approval.

- Follow NSDA rules.
- You may NOT fabricate (make up) quoted material.
- You may NOT misuse quoted material including: 1) removing words like “no” and “not” from quotations; 2) adding words to quotations; 3) claiming you read parts of a quotation that you did not.
- Fabrication and Misuse of quoted material disqualifies you from the tournament and likely future tournaments.
- You may not get debating help during the debate from coaches, parents, other debaters, anyone.
- You may use a computer for notes, reading materials, etc.
- You may use and should read materials you prepared prior to the debate.

CONGRESS DEBATE

Rules, details will be provided closer to the tournament. This event will be similar to Washington state high school congressional debate.

SPEAKING EVENTS

1. Events

- We offer 5 Events to Enter: Impromptu, Extemp, PowerPoint, Platform, Interp.
- Reminder: You can do AT MOST two speech events.
- Reminder: If you are doing debate, you can do only ONE speech event and it canNOT be extemp.
- IMPORTANT NOTE: You present your speech THREE TIMES—once in round 1, once in round 2, and once in round 3.

2. Speech Times

- Impromptu ALL ages: 6 minutes (includes preparation)
- Extemp ALL ages: 30 minutes prep plus
 - elementary 5 minute speech
 - middle school and high school 7 minute speech.
- FOR POWERPOINT, PLATFORM, AND INTERP SPEECHES:
 - Elementary speeches: 5 minutes. (students in grades 3-5; age 8 to 12)
 - Middle School speeches: 7 minutes. (students in grades 6-8; age 10 to 14)
 - High School speeches: 10 minutes. (students in grades 9-12; age 13 to 18)

3. Event Rules

- **Impromptu:** You'll be given 3 topics and you chose one of them to speak on. You have 6 minutes total to prepare AND also to present. You cannot read/look at notes made before you received the topic, the internet, etc. during prep time. You can outline your speech on a notecard, sheet of paper, or an electronic device (but again, no researching on the internet, looking at files on your electronic device).
- **Extemp:** You'll be given 3 questions on current events/issues to speak on. You have 25-30 minutes to prepare and YOU CAN look at the internet during prep time and/or an extemp tub/files. You can and should outline your speech including the question as it was worded, use multiple source citations, and provide analysis answering the question you chose. You speak for 5 minutes answering the question (elementary) or 7 minutes (middle school and high school). Sorry—you cannot do both Extemp and Debate (there isn't time to do that in the schedule).
- **PowerPoint:** You present on any topic using a PowerPoint/Google Slides/Similar throughout the speech. You should use a combination of bullets, pictures, and animation to create a visually interesting and well supported speech. 5 minutes elementary, 7 minutes middle school, 10 minutes high school.
- **Platform:** You present an informative, persuasive, or humorous speech on a topic of your choice. Your speech should be a written/typed manuscript that you have memorized or that you use notes very minimally when you present. Your speech should include source citations, clever and engaging wording, and have a purpose to inform, persuade or entertain your audience. You speak for 5 minutes (elementary), 7 minutes (middle school), or 10 minutes (high school).
- **Interp:** You present poetry, prose and/or play material cut to advance a point/insight you wish to communicate. In addition to the material that you perform, you also have an introduction stating the point/insight made by the material, the author(s) of the material, and the title of the piece(s). Movement of your feet should be kept to a minimum usually at most one step from your starting standing position. You perform for 5 minutes (elementary), 7 minutes (middle school), or 10 minutes (high school).
- **Reminder:** You can do AT MOST two speech events. If you are also doing debate, you canNOT do extemp and you can AT MOST do one speech event plus debate.

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 or if in person, quietly in the back of the room. If using your child's computer doesn't work for you—you can log in to Zoom with another computer. We ask that you keep your sound and video turned off.
- 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 debates. Same goes for speaking events.
- You should remain neutral and quiet during the debate (no sound, no video). You may applaud for all competitors after the final debate speech or after each speaker in a speech event.
- We encourage you to be supportive of your speaker/debater at all times including especially after the round. Show how proud you are of your child.
- 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 support and respect—please report it to your coach who can bring the issue to the attention of the tournament directors.

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.
- At all times, make every effort to have an inclusive, equitable speaking/debating environment.

DEBATE JUDGES do the following at the end of the debate:

1. **ASAP, submit just the winner and speaker points.**
2. **THEN** Give constructive feedback to debaters orally with 1) which side you voted for and which arguments the teams presented that led you to that conclusion; 2) at least 1 good thing each debater did; 3) at least 1 thing each debater needs to improve on.
3. **THEN** After oral feedback, submit Speaker Comments: again, with 1) at least 1 good thing each debater did; 2) at least 1 thing each debater needs to improve on. **THIS IS A MUST OR YOUR SCHOOL LOSES \$15.**

SPEECH EVENT JUDGES do the following:

1. During and after each speech, type in speaker points, and comments on what went well and what needed improvement in the speech.
2. At the end of the round—making sure that all speakers have spoken OR that it is 10 minutes before the end of the round—**email rankings (1 best, 2 second best, etc.) along with the speaker points and submit those along with comments in the online form ASAP. THIS IS A MUST OR YOUR SCHOOL LOSES \$15.**

Coaches

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

- We will show Postings (in speech, event, competitor name(s), judge, and room) (in debate, who debates who, on what side, with what judge, and in what room) in the Zoom Main Room. **ALL POSTINGS ARE DONE IN ZOOM** even for in-person participants.
- Please train your debaters to look for their names under Pro/Prop/Aff or Con/Opp/Neg—and then to follow across to their room number and judge name. Same for speakers to look for their names in their events and what room to go to.
- Have a judge no show before the tournament starts? Contact Jim Hanson at jim@climbthemountain.us as soon as possible and provide a replacement judge.

Team and Judge Registration--Due Tues. MARCH 7.

BY FRIDAY MARCH 3, Email Jim Hanson with approximate numbers you expect in-person so we can finalize the food order. Also, if you are going to need to hire judges, tell Jim Hanson on this date.

BY TUESDAY MARCH 7: Complete the Online Registration at forensicstournament.net

BY THURSDAY MARCH 9, Parents sign a legal waiver posted on forensicstournament.net and upload to the shared [Google Drive](#).

Important: Students and Judges need to have their first names as entered for the tournament showing in Zoom. Tell your students and judges to include their name in Zoom—if they want extra verbiage beyond the name—type that in AFTER their first name (example “Suzi R Peace Symbol”).

Paying Fees

Judging Needs

You need 1 debate judge for your first team; You need 1 debate judge for additional increments of 1 or 2 teams. This is true for elementary, middle school, and high school debate. Example: 6 teams need 4 debate judges.

You need 1 speech judge to cover 1 to 4 speech events your school has entered. Example: 7 speech events (not students) needs 2 judges.

Contact Jim Hanson at least one week before the tournament to see how many judges are available.

Judges for high school debates need experience coaching, judging or debating high school LD, policy-cx, or public forum.

Fees

School Fee: \$100 (waived if you provide an adult to help with running the tournament)

Fee Per Debater: \$8.00. Fee Per Speaker: \$8.00.

If a student does debate and speech, you pay both fees: \$16.00.

In-Person fee for Coaches, Judges, Students, and Observers: \$12.00 (includes light continental breakfast, soup and salad lunch, and pizza slice snack).

Late Registration subject to 25% fee per day late and is allowed only if Jim Hanson grants permission to do so.

Fee for each _debate team_ needing a judge (not for each judge): \$70.00

Fee for each _speech event_ needing a judge: \$15.00.

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

If a judge does not fill out online comments, we add \$15.00 for each round with no online comments.

Pay Fees

Jim Hanson will provide an invoice. You will be able to pay via credit card or check. Payment is made to Seattle University.

Awards

Teams with 4-0 and 3-1 records.

Debaters with speaker points in the top approximate 20% win a speaker award.

Speakers with an average rank of 2 or higher in a speech event receive an award.

We will also provide awards for top debaters and speakers from schools that did not receive one of the above awards.

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DEBATERS-DEBATE JUDGES

9:30am Debaters and Judges check-in with Coaches in their School Room

Go to the Zoom Meeting—Look for THE POSTING SHOWING BREAKOUT ROOMS FOR EACH SCHOOL. Go to that room to check-in with your coach.

Students wait for postings.

Then judges need to review the judging instructions. Judges should also make sure they have received an email from the tab program indicating they can receive ballots.

By 9:40am, COACHES Report Missing Judges, Debate Teams

9:50am Debaters/Judges gather in the Zoom Main Room—we start!

SPEAKERS-SPEECH JUDGES

By 10:50am, Speakers check-in with their Coaches in their School Room

By 11:00am, COACHES Report Missing Speakers; Be in Zoom Room at 11:10am

Sunday, March 12, 2023

All Times Pacific Coast

9:50 Debate 1 (ballots due by 11:10am)

11:10 Speech 1 (ballots due by Noon)

Extemp Prep begins at 11:10am.

11:30 Lunch (lunch service ends at 12:20)

Speakers get your lunch after you speak.

Debaters get your lunch as soon as possible.

12:10 Debate 2 (ballots due by 1:30pm)

1:30pm Speech 2 (ballots due by 2:20pm)

Extemp Prep begins at 1:30pm.

2:20 Debate 3 (ballots due by 3:40pm)

2:20 CONGRESS 1

3:40 Speech 3 (ballots due by 4:30pm)

Extemp Prep begins at 3:40pm.

4:30 Debate 4 (ballots due by 5:50pm)

4:30 CONGRESS 2

6:00 Awards (expect to finish by 6:15pm)

Doing debate and a speech event?

You debate, get judge feedback, THEN go to your speaking event. Eat lunch during the 1st Speech round right before/after you give your speech. If you do both debate and speech, you will be busy during the entire tournament but you will have short breaks including to have lunch.

Elementary Debate:

--Go to Room shown in Zoom Meeting

--Judge Welcomes you, Prep for 10 minutes

--First Pro begins speaking when the 10 minutes is finished

Middle School Debate:

--Go to Room shown in Zoom Meeting

--Judge Welcomes you, Prep for 20 minutes (30 min. for impromptu topics)

--First Prop begins speaking when the prep time is finished

High School Debate:

--Go to Room shown in Zoom Meeting

--Judge Welcomes you, First Aff begins speaking asap

Congress:

--Go to Room shown in Zoom Meeting

--Judge Welcomes you, Begin Session immediately at time noted

Extemp Speaking:

--Wait in the Main Zoom Room

--Questions will be posted and you begin your 30 minutes prep after your questions are posted

--After preparing, you go to the Room shown in Zoom Meeting.

--You speak 30 minutes after your questions are posted.

All Other Speech Events:

--Go to Room shown in Zoom Meeting

--Present your speech when the judge says to do so

--We encourage you to listen to at least one other speech but understand you may have other events to do.

Double entered and doing extemp? Do Extemp First.

For other double entries—go to the round where you are set to speak earlier first.

ALL JUDGES SUBMIT EMAIL BALLOT IMMEDIATELY AT END OF ROUND. Then, if a debate, talk to debaters after emailing ballot. Then, all judges, TYPE IN ONLINE COMMENTS.