
Seattle University Middle School Debate Tournament



Welcome Packet

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Welcome to the Seattle University Middle School Debate Tournament March 11, 2023

Below is information I hope you find useful.

Please share this document with your students, parents, and judges.

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Something missing? Have a question? Please email Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu

1. QUESTIONS? SOMETHING I CAN HELP WITH?

Email me, Jim Hanson, at hansonj@seattleu.edu (my other email addresses work as well) or call or text me on my cell phone at 360-536-1983.

2. EXPECTED WEATHER—BRING WARM CLOTHING

--low 40s in the morning; high 40s in the afternoon. **COLD** Cloudy, likely rain.

3. CAMPUS MAP DEBATES ARE IN PIGOTT, ADMIN, BANNAN, ENGINEERING BUILDINGS



Main Gathering Room (Pairings, Flow paper, Topics, Announcements)

Pigott 104 (The Pigott Auditorium)

Snacks and Lunch

Pigott lobby (also called Paccar Atrium)

Tabulation Room (all times)

Pigott 208

Judge Training, 8:30am to 8:55am

Pigott 103

School Rooms (for Prep and Eating)

All School Rooms are in Pigott

Yes—debates happen in these room.

Aurora Young Academy 201
Bellevue Youth Debate 108
Climb the Mountain 202
Eastside Preparatory 200
Harbor School 105
Kenmore Middle School 203
Lakeside School 100
Open Window School 101
Seattle Country Day School 204
St. Thomas 205
The Evergreen School 103
The Independent School of Debate 107
Tyee Middle School 102
University Prep 109

Seattle University is a smoke free campus.

Schedule

8:30am Judge Training, Pigott 103

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.

9:10 Round 1—Check-in, Announcements in Pigott Auditorium

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 Pigott Auditorium, Prepared Topic announced.
20 minutes Prep, Judges email winner and points by 10:50am.

11:30 Round 2

Be in the Pigott Auditorium, Impromptu Topic announced.
MISSING JUDGE? ALWAYS REPORT THAT TO TAB WHEN 7 MINUTES LATE.
30 minutes Prep, Judges email winner and points by 1:00pm.

Lunch break after Round 2

1:40pm Round 3

Be in the Pigott Auditorium, Prepared Topic announced.
20 minutes Prep, Judges email winner and points by 3:10pm.

3:30 Finals

Be in the Pigott Auditorium, Impromptu Topic announced.
30 minutes Prep, Judges email winner by 5:00pm.

5:20 Awards, Expected completion 5:40pm

Notice: No coaching, no parent topic help during prep time.

Notice: Debaters must use the flow paper provided by the tournament before round announce for ALL materials brought into the round.

Laptops/e-devices allowed in prep time for prepared topics (not impromptu) but no internet/wifi access and no laptops/e-devices in the actual debates.

Debate Speaking Times

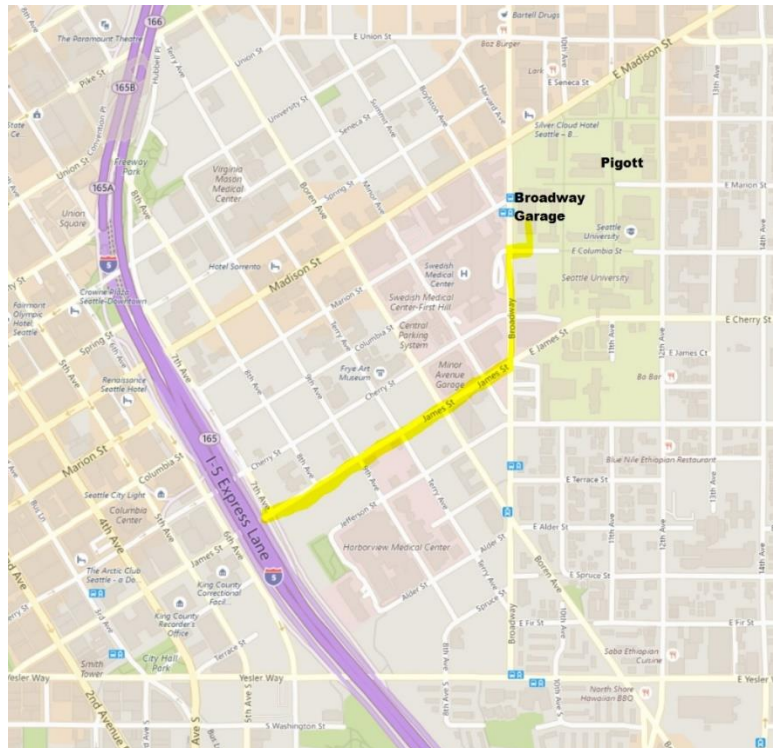
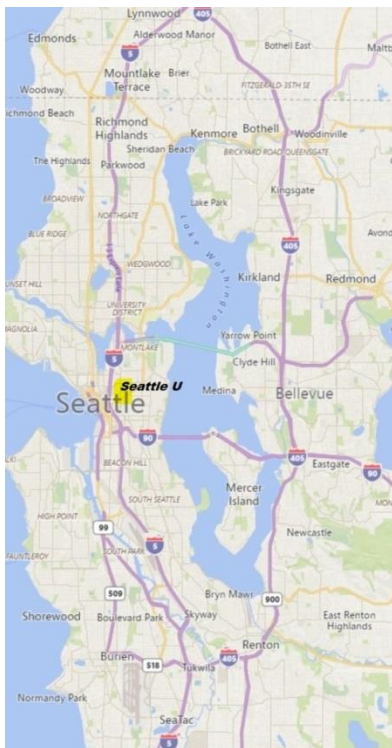
Prop 1st speaker: 5 minutes
Opp 1st speaker: 5 minutes
Prop 2nd speaker: 5 minutes
Opp 2nd speaker: 5 minutes
Opp 3rd speaker: 5 minutes
Prop 3rd speaker: 5 minutes
*POIs (questions/arguments) allowed in ALL speeches for the middle 3 minutes of the speeches.
Heckling is NOT permitted.*

4. ROAD CONDITIONS

For those traveling on Interstate 5, there are backups and slowdowns even in off peak hours; getting Apple or Android map traffic updates would be helpful; traffic can be slow EVEN on Saturdays including in the afternoons and evenings.

5. DRIVING TO THE TOURNAMENT?

- Go to the Pigott Building at Seattle University.
- Type in 806 Broadway Seattle into your GPS to get to the Broadway Parking Garage.
- Take the James Street Exit off of Interstate 5.
- After exiting, take James Street going east (up the hill, away from downtown).
- Make a left at Broadway.
- Drive on Broadway 2+ blocks, turn right on Columbia, and then make a left to go into the parking lot.
- Walk from the Broadway garage to get to Pigott (go down the hill to the first main walk way, turn left onto that walk way, enter Pigott on the right, then go down the stairs or the elevator to the lobby).



Close up of Seattle U? See previous page.

6. PARKING AND LIGHT RAIL

\$17 per day. Use the phone app: paybyphone.com .(<https://www.paybyphone.com/>)

Person with a disability? Bring disability parking permit to park in the disability access spots in the parking lot near Pigott.

LIGHT RAIL? Get out at the Capitol Hill Station and walk south on Broadway. Make a sharp left on Madison, enter the campus.

NOTE: Take care for MAJOR construction on Madison Avenue.

7. DROP OFFS

- Go to the end of Marion Street by the Pigott Parking Lot (GPS: 963 12th Ave Seattle)
- Drop off safely and leave to avoid backups
- Walk to Pigott which is to the right of the walkway up the hill

8. REGISTRATION

Pigott Lobby Signs will direct you. Payment is handled by Jim Hanson over e-mail.

9. WIRELESS

Use this wireless network: SU-guest (to our knowledge, no passwords/just connect to it)

10. 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: You must use ONLY tournament provided flow paper in rounds except for ADA reasons.

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.
- **YES you can use laptop/e-device in prep BUT no internet/wifi access and NO laptops/e-devices for impromptu topic rounds except for ADA reasons.**
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 ONLY ON TOURNAMENT PROVIDED FLOW PAPER.**
You CAN pass notes 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 (except for ADA reasons).
You CANNOT use an electronic flowsheet when we are online (eg flowing on Google Spreadsheet) except for ADA reasons
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.

11. PARENTS

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

- You may watch your child debate in their debating room.
- 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.
- **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE FOOD UNLESS YOU KNOW YOUR COACH HAS PAID FOR FOOD.**

12. 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, EMAIL 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.

13. COACHES

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

- All announcements will happen in the Piggott Auditorium.
- All debate rounds will show in the Piggott Auditorium and we also may post them online.
- 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.**

14. LIGHT SNACKS AND LUNCH

--Provided in Pigott Lobby for judges, debaters, and coaches

--Parents, PLEASE DO NOT TAKE FOOD IF YOU DID NOT PAY FOR IT.

--We recommend eating breakfast before coming to the tournament

--Morning mini-breakfast: have one half bagels, muffin, doughnut, or croissant—please take just one item

--After Round 2 lunch, soup/chili and salad plus breadstick—please take just one serving of each

--After Round 3 and after finals, pizza slice snack—take 1 slice of pizza. PLEASE NOTE our caterers cannot make enough pizza for everyone all at once. So—we will run out of pizza before the finals; get your slice after finals if that happens.

--Please clean up messes/throw away your garbage after eating.

15. BATHROOMS

Please feel free and supported to use the bathroom that matches the gender you identify with.

There is no gender neutral bathroom in Pigott (sorry) but there is one in the Engineering building next door on the first floor.

16. SOMEONE TREAT YOU POORLY? AN ISSUE? A PROBLEM?

Please contact your coach and coaches should contact Jim Hanson, Tournament Director. We want to help work out problems and make the tournament a positive, inclusive experience for you.

At all times, participants are expected to treat everyone at the tournament with respect, kindness, and professionalism.

From me and all of the Seattle Debate Union—welcome to the tournament! :)



Jim Hanson, Director of Forensics (Speech and Debate) and the SU team!

The Seattle Debate Union

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360-536-1983 text; call only if very urgent