

Seattle University



Middle School Parli 3 on 3 Debate Tournament Invitation Saturday, March 11, 2023

VERSION 1.0

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

ALL IN-PERSON AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY—NO Online Option. If you want Online—choose Sunday March 12's tournament.

Please work on securing in-person judges for your school!

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.

MONDAY MARCH 6: Register at: <https://forensictournament.net/marchsat/23>

LATE ENTRIES COST MORE AND MAY NOT BE ALLOWED. GET YOUR ENTRY IN.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8: You post parental release forms to [Google Shared Drive](#).

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

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 are likely to require the use of tournament provided flow paper.

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 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.

5. 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.**

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 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.**

8. Team and Judge Registration--Due Mon. MARCH 6.

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

<https://forensictournament.net/marchsat/23>

Do NOT make changes to the registration after Monday March 6 After that date, you must email Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu PLEASE AVOID LATE CHANGES.

NOTICE: YOU MAY NOT ADD JUDGES AFTER MONDAY MARCH 6. Jim Hanson will hire and PAY judges on Tuesday March 7 based on the numbers of teams and judges registered as of the 6th. Adding judges after Monday March 6 WILL NOT REDUCE your hired judging fees.

CAN JUDGES BE ONLINE? YES. We request that you do everything you can to hire judges who will judge in-person but we will accept Online judges (mark them as such when you register).

9. Collect Parental Release Forms—Due Wed. MARCH 8

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://forensictournament.net/marchsat/23>

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

10. 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.

If a judge fails to fill out written online comments, we will add \$15 to your fees for each round.

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: \$20.00 (includes food provided at the tournament)

Fee for each _team_ needing a judge (not for each judge): \$60.00

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

Fee Per Coach/Judge/Observer wanting Food: \$12.00 (please do NOT eat the food unless you pay for it)

LATE REGISTERING? First, when you are late, you CANNOT hire judges from the tournament. Second, you MUST get Jim Hanson's permission to register late. Third, 25% higher fees each day late after Monday the 6th.

ALSO, DROPS AFTER MONDAY NIGHT DO NOT LOWER YOUR FEES. Food fees, data entry are all set on Monday night.

Mail your check made to Seattle University to:

Jim Hanson, Comm Department, Seattle U, 901 12th Ave, Seattle WA 98122

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

11. 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.

9:10 Round 1—Check-in, Announcements in Piggott 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 Piggott Auditorium, Prepared Topic announced.

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

11:30 Round 2

Be in the Piggott Auditorium, Impromptu Topic announced.

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

30 minutes Prep, Judges submit winner and points by 1:00pm.

Lunch break after Round 2

1:40pm Round 3

Be in the Piggott Auditorium, Prepared Topic announced.

20 minutes Prep, Judges submit winner and points by 3:10pm.

3:30 Finals

Be in the Piggott Auditorium, Impromptu Topic announced.

30 minutes Prep, Judges submit winner by 5:00pm.

5:20 Awards, Expected completion 5:40pm