



# Seattle University

## “The Mini” SPEECH Tournament

### ONLINE Tuesday Feb. 21, 2023

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**Dear Friends and Colleagues,**

Seattle University invites you to a special short tournament “The Mini Speech.”

All 11 AFA-NIET events offered. (Extemporaneous, Impromptu, Persuasive, Informative, After Dinner, Communication Analysis, Drama, Poetry, Prose, Program Oral Interpretation, and Dramatic Duo.

The tournament is ONLINE, SYNCHRONOUS, ON ZOOM and will use standard AFA NIET rules. We want to make this a low cost event so fees are very low.

Jim Hanson will lead up tabulation and Kyle Barber will serve as tournament MC host and in charge of impromptu-extemp topics.

We are excited to host you this February 21.

Thank you,

**Jim Hanson**

*Tournament Director and Director of Forensics (Speech and Debate), Seattle University*  
[hansonj@seattleu.edu](mailto:hansonj@seattleu.edu)

## Registration

**We accept entries at**

**Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 17, 9pm.**

## Fees

Tournament fees are as follows:

School Fee: \$20.

Fee per speech event entered: \$5.

Uncovered Event fee: \$20.

Can't afford the team/school fees: please reach out to Jim, at [hansonj@seattleu.edu](mailto:hansonj@seattleu.edu)

We do not waive judging fees for any reason.

*Amount due for hired judging is set on Friday Night even if you drop after that as we have to pay for any judges we have hired (if you lose a judge, you will be charged for that). Any adds/drops after Sunday Night do not change amount due.*

*We can take credit cards. Please wait for Jim Hanson to issue invoices.*

*Payment is required BEFORE the start of the tournament unless a school employee with budget authority verifies payment is in process.*

**Paying by check? Make it out to Seattle University.**

Send to **Jim Hanson, Comm Media Studies, 901 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle WA 98122.**

## Judging

Each school needs to provide 1 judge for each 6 events entered.

***We encourage you to reach out to women and people of color to judge. We want a strong, diverse judging pool.***

## The Online Setup

You enter the Zoom main meeting (we will provide a link to all participants)

Kyle Barber will share screen with the postings showing your breakout rooms. You can access the breakout room on your own, go there, and you can present/judge.

Kyle Barber can also give you access to a breakout room, answer your questions, etc. if you are having issues.

Tech problems? We're to help. Jim Hanson runs 30 to 60+ student Zoom meetings with multiple breakout rooms for debates and speech rounds five days a week. Have this web page handy (indeed, give it a look now):

<https://www.nwforensics.org/climb-afterschool/whole-program/index-tech-help.htm>

# TOURNAMENT Tentative Schedule

**Standard AFA NST Rules Apply.**

[AFA-NST - Event descriptions \(google.com\)](#)

***All Times are Pacific Time Zone***

## **Tuesday, February 21**

**6:00pm to 6:10pm –Do Check-In**

--IMMEDIATELY, NOTIFY TAB of judges/speakers who won't be participating.

**--WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DROP JUDGES/SPEAKERS WHO HAVE NOT CHECKED-IN BY 6:10PM**

**6:10pm – Round 1** (*extemp prep begins at 6:10pm*)

**7:40pm – Round 2** (*extemp prep begins at 7:40pm*)

**9:40pm – Recognitions and Awards**

## **Events with Finals: Wednesday February 22, 6:30 to 8pm, 8:15pm Awards**

*(If an event does not have a finals, there will be an additional judge in Round 1 or 2 for that event so you have 3 judges and thus NST qualifying legs will count.)*