
Seattle University Elem-MS-HS Speech and Debate Tournament



Welcome Packet

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Notice: All participants are subject to the participation waiver form posted on forensictournament.net and must sign this waiver.

Welcome to the Seattle University Elem-MS-HS Speech and Debate Tournament May 21, 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
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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

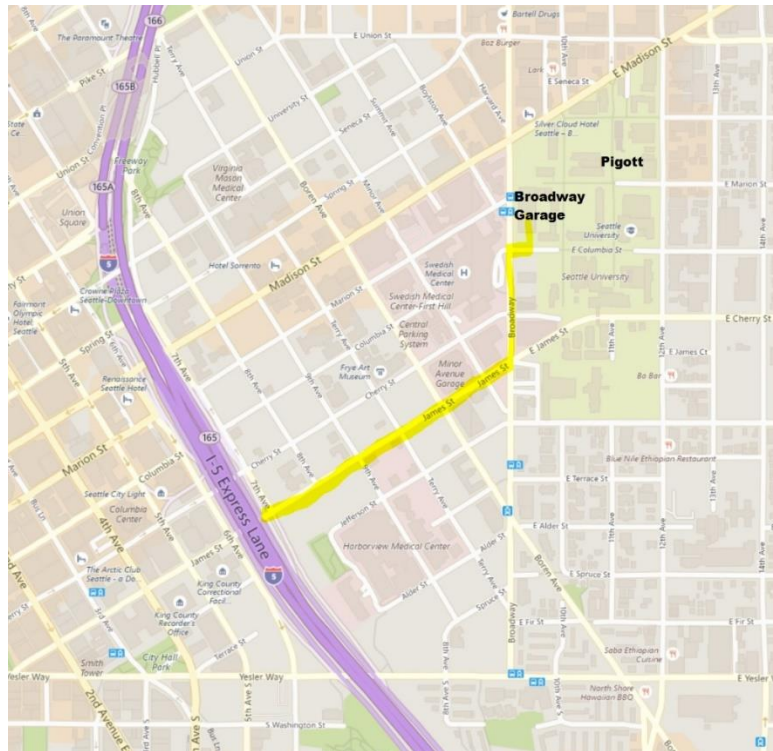
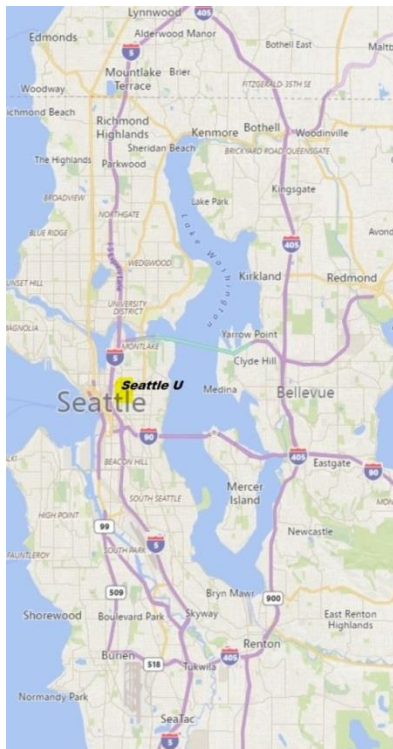
--mid 50s in the morning; low 70s in the afternoon. Cloudy, likely rain.

3. 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 Weekends including in the afternoons and evenings.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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

7. CAMPUS MAP DEBATES ARE IN PIGOTT, ADMIN BUILDINGS



Postings, Announcements

Zoom Meeting Room (Link emailed to coaches)

In Person Awards

Pigott 104 (The Pigott Auditorium)

Snacks and Lunch

Pigott lobby (also called Paccar Atrium)

Tabulation Room (all times)

Pigott 208

---SCHOOL ROOMS FOR PREP & EATING

All School Rooms are in Pigott

Yes—debates happen in these room.

- Aurora Young Pigott 103
- Basis MS Pigott 205
- BC Academy Elem Pigott 100
- BC Academy MS Pigott 101
- Bellevue Youth Pigott 102
- Clara Barton-Jing Mei Pigott 208
- Climb HS Speech Congress Pigott 204
- Climb the Mountain Elem Pigott 202
- Climb the Mountain MS Pigott 203
- Kenmore Zoom 2
- Puget Sound Debate Pigott 106

Seattle University is a smoke free campus.

---SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 21, 2023

All Times Pacific Coast

All Postings and Announcements on Zoom.

9:20 Debaters-Judges Check-In

Coaches report missing judges and missing _teams_.

9:40 Debate 1 (ballots due by 11:00am)

10:40 Speakers-Judges Check-In

Coaches report missing judges and missing speaking events students.

11:00 Speech 1 (ballots due by Noon)

Extemp Prep begins at 11:10am.

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

Speakers get your lunch after you speak. Debaters get your lunch as soon as possible.

12:20 Debate 2 (ballots due by 1:40pm)

1:40pm Speech 2 (ballots due by 2:30pm)

Extemp Prep begins at 1:40pm.

2:30 Debate 3 (ballots due by 3:50pm)

2:30 CONGRESS 1, ends at 3:40pm

3:50 Speech 3 (ballots due by 4:40pm)

Extemp Prep begins at 3:50pm.

4:40 Debate 4 (ballots due by 6:00pm)

4:40 CONGRESS 2, ends at 5:50pm

6:10 Awards (expect to finish by 6:30pm)

6:30 Debate Finals (expect to finish by 8:00pm)

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.

8. ELEMENTARY DEBATE TOPICS, TIMES, RULES

A. Elementary Topics

- Round 1 & 2: Resolved: The use of plastic in all public restaurants (including coffee shops) should be banned.
and
- Round 3 & 4: This house would reduce the work week to 4 days.

B. 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 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).

C. 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.
- **YES-YOU CAN USE LAPTOPS/E-DEVICES during elementary debates.**

9. MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE TOPICS, TIMES, RULES

1. Middle School PUBLIC FORUM TOPIC

Resolved: The United States Federal Government should ban the collection of personal data through biometric recognition technology.

2. Debate Speaking Times

When the rooms are posted, debaters go to their debates and begin immediately.

Beginning of the Debate: Debaters are required to share their email/google drive/dropbox/one drive for sharing evidence. Shared evidence may not be used in debates by the team receiving the evidence.

Each debater gives 2 speeches and engages in 1 crossfire plus the grand crossfire.

- 1 Pro Constructive: 4 minutes, present pro case
- 1 Con Constructive: 4 minutes, present con case
- *Crossfire (questions) 3 minutes between 1 Pro and 1 Con*
- 2 Pro Rebuttal: 4 minutes, refute con case
- 2 Con Rebuttal: 4 minutes, refute pro case
- *Crossfire (questions) 3 minutes between 2 Pro and 2 Con*
- 1 Pro Summary: 3 minutes, defend pro case and/or address key points of clash
- 1 Con Summary: 3 minutes, defend pro case and/or address key points of clash
- *Grand Crossfire (questions) 3 minutes among all debaters*
- 2 Pro Final Focus: 3 minutes, give reasons from previous speeches to vote for pro
- 2 Con Final Focus: 3 minutes, give reasons from previous speeches to vote for con

4 min. prep. during the debate for each team to use as they choose before their speeches or before crossfire. No prep time prior to the debate.

3. Debating Rules—OUR RULES ARE UNIQUE TO OUR TOURNAMENT

- **Debaters must be 10-14 years of age or receive Jim Hanson's permission to debate in this tournament.**
- Pro teams of two debaters (1Pro debater and 2Pro debater) defend the topic. Con teams reject the topic. Con teams of two debaters (1Con debater and 2Con debater) reject the topic.
- Con teams cannot run counterplans; they must discuss the topic/the current policies.
- **Speaker Duties:**
 - 1Case Speeches: Present Case. Do not respond to opponent's case in this speech except minimally.
 - 2Rebuttal Speeches: Respond to your Opponent's Case. Do not respond to responses to your case except minimally.
 - 1Summary Speeches: Defend Your Case/Crystalize. Do not respond to your opponent's case except minimally.
 - 2FinalFocus Speeches: Address Key Arguments and Weigh.
- **WE DO NOT WANT PF DEBATERS SPREADING TO HIT BOTH CASES IN THEIR SPEECHES—SO DO NOT DO THAT. ONLY THE FINAL FOCUS DIRECTLY ADDRESSES BOTH CASES IN THEIR SPEECH.**
- **Debaters use prepared materials in their debates. Debaters may/should use printed materials and/or laptops during the debate.**
- You may also access the internet including during the debate (but you CANNOT communicate with any person including a coach or parent unless it is an emergency).
- No POIs, No heckling. No Coin tosses.
- Debaters may speak to teammates who are speaking BRIEFLY AND RARELY and can pass notes or text messages/chat. Remember, interrupting your debate partner can hurt their debating—do it at most once or twice during an entire speech and only in urgent situations.
- Use your own flow paper.
- Coaching help prior to the debate is fine but the debate starts on time. No coaching during the debate.

10. HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TOPIC, TIMES, RULES

A. High School LD Debate Topic

Resolved: The justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ought to be term-limited.

B. 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.

C. 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.

11. CONGRESS DEBATE

1. Congress Topics (Legislation)

Packet to be posted.

2. Congress Debating Times

- Each speech is 3 minutes.
- The first pro and con speech on each topic will have a 2 minute questioning period broken into 4 blocks of 30 seconds for direct questioning. And all other speeches will have 1 minutes for questions.
- We have two sessions that are 1.5 hours long.

3. Congress Debating Rules

- As always, Respect and Safety are Paramount. Ages range from Elementary school to high school. There can be large age differences, being respectful to all competitors is important.
- Dockets are made by the tournament tab staff with the topics in order. Competitors may propose an alternative docket with the topics they want debated, in the order in which they want to debate them. Then they are voted on if there is more than one proposed docket.
- PO elections take place after a nomination process (self nominations are allowed) and an anonymous vote is taken. In person this is through ripped pieces of paper, or else a straw poll is typically used for online tournaments.
- We follow NSDA Rules.
- There should be no communication with coaches, parents, friends etc. that are not involved in the debate.
- No information should be fabricated (made up).
- POs will elect speakers and questioners based on Precedence and Recency. Precedence is the number of speeches that have been made and Recency is how recently one has spoken. The person with fewer speeches is given priority if they choose to speak. If all speech numbers are even, then priority is decided based on how recently a person has spoken with the least recent person to have spoken given the higher priority. Precedence will always override recency. Speeches are run with recency (includes Precedence) and questions are usually run based on precedence exclusively.
- There must be at least one full cycle of debate (one Affirmation Speech, followed by one Negation speech) on each piece of legislation before you can have incomplete cycles (consecutive aff speeches or neg speeches).
- Once the first cycle has started you must finish it before tabling the legislation or moving to previous question.
- Presiding Officers (POs) are elected after the dockets are decided.
- Breaks, switching topics, addressing the chamber, formally asking questions and ending sessions are all run through motions. The PO and Parliamentarian (most experienced Congress Judge) will rule on motions; this is done either by conducting a vote or by a "decision of the chair" this is a choice made by the PO and most often used for a recess at which point the Parliamentarian (parli) will advise the PO on whether a recess should be allowed. [This sheet](#) has the motions that are used. Not all motions need to be made in one round.

12. SPEAKING EVENTS TIMES AND RULES

A. 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.

B. 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)

C. 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.**
- **YOU MAY NOT USE CHATGPT OR SIMILAR TO CREATE SPEECHES.**

13. 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/speaking room.
- No video recording, no photographs, no screen shots during debate or speech rounds.
- Please, no talking with students from other schools.
- Spectators should remain neutral and quiet during the round. You may applaud for all competitors after the final speech.
- We encourage you to be supportive of your debater/speaker.
- 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.**

14. 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.**

Debate Ballots are sent via email. Judges do the following at the end of a round:

1. **ASAP, EMAIL REPLY** your ballot with the winner and speaker points for the debate.
 2. Give constructive feedback to debaters orally (you don't do this for speaking events).
 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.
- **ALL Judges carefully read and follow the judging instructions given to you.**

Speech Ballots are sent via email. Judges do the following at the end of a round:

1. **ASAP, EMAIL REPLY** your ballot with the rankings and speaker points.
2. **Give Feedback for each and every speaker you judged using the Online Form Link provided.**

15. COACHES

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

- All announcements and postings will happen on Zoom.
- We will also do announcements in the Lobby or Auditorium AND postings online at forensictournament.net page for our tournament.
- Issues/concerns during the tournament—please contact Jim Hanson (room 208).
- Have a judge no show before the tournament starts? Notify Jim Hanson (hansonj@seattleu.edu) as soon as possible and provide a replacement judge.

16. REGISTRATION

Skip it. Just go to your School Room. Jim will email invoices. Jim can be found on Zoom and in Pigott 208.

17. WIRELESS IF IN-PERSON

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

18. 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 1 lunch, soup/chili and salad plus breadstick—please take just one serving of each

--In the later afternoon, pizza slice snack—take 1 slice of pizza.

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

19. 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.

20. 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

Communication Department, Seattle University

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addresses work as well)

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