

OSAA District 5 Speech and Debate State Qualifying Tournament

Greetings,

Willamette High School would like to welcome you to the OSAA District 5 Speech and Debate State Qualifying Tournament on April 8 & 9. Will-Hi Coaches, Nikki Thommen-Bingham and Mindy Linder, are the District 5 co-chairs for 2011 and thus Willamette High School will be the tournament host. Any questions or concerns about the tournament can be addressed to tournament co-director, Mindy Linder, at mlinder@bethel.k12.or.us, or 541-514-1591.

By this time, all participating schools (see list below) should have paid their OSAA dues to Pat Leahy. If you have not paid, are unsure or have questions, please contact Pat Leahy directly at ohsslca@gmail.com.

District 5 Schools:

Churchill High School
North Eugene High School
Sheldon High School
Siuslaw High School
South Eugene High School
Willamette High School (Host)

Enclosed in this invitation you will find an explanation of registration procedures, tournament patterns and schedule, judges, food and OSAA rules for your convenience.

Many thanks for your participation and hard work! We look forward to hosting you all April 8-9 for our 2011 District 5 District Qualifying Tournament!

Regards,

Mindy Linder
OSAA District 5 Tournament Co-Director & District Co-Chair
Willamette High School Speech & Debate Co-Coach

Registration Procedures

1. Each school may enter a maximum of three entries in each of the team debate categories: Oregon Style Cross Examination Debate, Public Forum Debate and Public Debate.
2. No student may enter more than one style of debate. This includes Lincoln-Douglas.
3. For all purposes other than the rule stated in number 2 (above), Lincoln-Douglas is considered an individual event. HOWEVER, a student entered in Lincoln-Douglas may enter two other individual events.
4. Each school is allowed a maximum of 29 total entries in individual events, but no more than three in any specific event. No student may enter more than two individual events (with the exception noted above for Lincoln-Douglas entries). Each Dual Interpretation entry counts as a single individual event.
5. Registration for the tournament **MUST** be completed online at <http://www.forensictournament.net>. Online registration will be open Wednesday, March 30 – Tuesday, April 5.
 - a. **NOTE -- ALL SCHOOLS MUST also fill out the District Registration Form** (see attached, also found online at the tournament site). Forms must be complete including topics and selections where indicated and “other events” listed for students in more than one event. **Completed hard copy forms MUST be turned in onsite at tournament registration.** This is necessary for standard documentation of entries per the OSAA.
6. Manuscripts of entries in After Dinner Speaking, Expository Speaking, Oratory and Radio Commentary must be available from the coach if requested by the district or state tournament director. *If a manuscript is requested and is unavailable, the contestant shall be disqualified.*
7. Manuscripts of Expository Speaking, Oratory and Radio Commentary entries must include a bibliography of two or more sources.
8. Online registration will be open Wednesday, March 30 – Tuesday, April 5 at 4:00pm.
 - a. As of 4:00pm, Tuesday, April 5, ALL registration entries shall be final. In the event that you have changes to your roster, PLEASE contact tournament co-director, Mindy Linder, by cell (call or text) at 541-514-1591. Last minute drops may cause delays in the tournament. **NOTE that hard copy District Registration Forms MUST reflect your actual roster for district competition.**

Tournament Schedule

Given that we have a modest district, the tournament should end on time – if not early. As this is a double elimination tournament, combined with the fact that it is likely we will have relatively few entries for most events, we may need no more than 3 rounds per event, including finals. However, the following patterns and schedule have been devised to follow the standard district tournament outline. (See below)

Patterns

Debate: LD, PoFo, Public, CX (dependent upon entries)

Pattern A: ADS, IMP, OR, POE, SI

Pattern B: DUO, EXP, HI, EXT, PRO, RA

Friday, April 8

3:15 – 3:45	Registration (Media Center)
3:45	Welcome/Announcements (Cafeteria – i.e. student central)
4:00 – 5:30	Debate Rd 1
5:30 – 7:00	Debate Rd 2
7:00 – 8:30	Debate Rd 3

Saturday, April 9

8:00 – 8:30	Registration (Media Center)
8:45	Welcome/Announcements (Cafeteria – i.e. student central)
9:00 – 10:00	Pattern A – Rd 1 (Extemp draw 9:30)
10:00 – 11:00	Pattern B – Rd 1
11:00 – 12:30	Debate Rd 4
12:30 – 2:00	Pattern A – Rd 2 (Extemp draw at 1:30)
2:00 – 3:00	Pattern B – Rd 2
3:00 – 3:30	Debate Finals
3:30 – 4:30	Pattern A – Rd 3 (Extemp draw at 4:00)
4:30 – 5:30	Pattern B – Rd 3
5:30 – 6:30	All IE Finals
6:30 or ASAP	Awards

Judges

Each school, regardless of entries, MUST provide at least 2 judges in addition to the team coach. As the tournament is modest, coaches will be unable to judge most if not all events. Further, each round/event will require a fresh judge and finals will require 3 fresh judges per event. PLEASE encourage student alumni, parents/family and/or school staff to participate. You may register judges online and also at registration. Judges report to the Judges Lounge in room 34 (the same as our annual December tournament).

FOOD

Most (if not all) of you attend our annual tournament in December and are familiar with the area. There are a number of food establishments nearby (WinCo, Taco Bell, McDonalds). Judges will be supplied with food and snacks.

District Tournament Rules and Regulations

I have reviewed the OSAA Speech Handbook and would like to remind you all of the following district rules and regulations. In particular, it is CRUCIAL that we have maximum representation of all schools in all events in order to qualify the maximum number of District #5 schools and students to State.

Below is a copy/past from the handbook for your convenience. You can find the complete OSAA Speech Handbook online at <http://www.osaa.org/speech/>. The following is from pages 6 - 9.

6. District Tournament Procedures

6.1. To the extent feasible, District Tournaments shall operate under Speech State Championships rules, except in debate matching to determine Speech State Championships participation. See also Speech State Championships Committee and Director section.

6.2. No contestant may appear at the Speech State Championships without first competing and placing in a District Speech Tournament and being certified as a Speech State Championships participant by a District Director unless the contestant is a substitute speaker in Oregon Style Cross-Examination Debate, Public Forum Debate, Public Debate or Dual Interpretation.

6.3. In the absence of competing schools, it may be necessary to declare a winner by default to represent the District at the Speech State Championships.

6.4. Tear-apart ballots shall be used at District competitions.

6.5. District Tournaments must be held at least 10 days prior to the Speech State Championships. There shall be no exceptions to this rule.

6.6. Number of Individual Event Entries at District Tournaments. Each school may have a maximum of 29 entries, including Lincoln-Douglas Debate, at the District Tournament. A maximum of three entries may be placed in any one event. Each Dual Interpretation entry counts as a single individual events entry.

6.7. Number of Oregon Style Cross-Examination Debate Entries at District Tournaments. Each school may enter a maximum of three Oregon Style Cross-Examination Debate Teams at the District Tournament.

6.8. Number of Public Forum Debate Entries at District Tournaments. Each school may enter a maximum of three Public Forum Debate Teams at the District Tournament.

6.9. Number of Public Debate Entries at District Tournaments. Each school may enter a maximum of three Public Debate Teams at the District Tournament.

6.10. Number of events per student. Any student may enter a maximum of two Individual Events and one Debate event at the District or Speech State Championships. No student may participate in more than two Individual Events or more than one Debate event.

6.11. District Debate Tournament Matching Procedures. District Debate Tournaments are "double elimination" tournaments; after round two and subsequent rounds, teams with two losses shall be eliminated from competition.

6.11.1. After round one, winners shall face winners; losers shall face losers, EXCEPT:

(a) If there is an odd number of winners, a team with one loss shall be randomly chosen (consistent with the criterion listed in Section 5 of the Speech State Championships debate matching procedures) to face the additional winner.

(b) Teams from the same school shall not meet unless the only remaining teams are from the same school, or three of the four remaining teams are from the same school.

6.11.2. Byes shall be drawn using the same procedures and rules as used at the Speech State Championships except as specified in Section C-2 below. See also Speech State Championships Committee and Director section.

6.11.3. The following rules apply to districts sending only two teams to the Speech State Championships:

(a) If, at the time of the deciding or final round, an undefeated team has defeated all remaining contenders in District competition, the undefeated team shall receive a bye. Additional Speech State Championships Qualifiers shall be determined by the matching of one-loss teams.

(b) If only three teams remain in the tournament, and one team has defeated the other two, that team shall receive a bye to the Speech State Championships regardless of overall record.

(c) In the deciding round to determine two slots for the Speech State Championships, one-loss teams may not be given a bye unless the one-loss team has defeated the other two remaining teams.

6.11.4. If, following the "final" debate round at the district tournament, fewer debaters remain than there are qualifying slots available for that district to the Speech State Championships, the additional qualifiers shall be selected from those that received their second loss during the "final" round using the following criteria in the order listed:

(a) Head-to-head competition among the teams being considered for the additional slot.

(b) If the debaters have not met, a run-off round shall be held.

6.12. Certification of District Winners for the Speech State Championships.

6.12.1. Speech State Championships Oregon Style Cross-Examination Debate Entries. The number of Oregon Style Cross-Examination Debate Entries for the Speech State Championships from each District shall be based on the following schedule:

- 1-2 teams at District District qualifies 1 team to Speech State Championships.
- 3-4 teams at District District qualifies 2 teams to Speech State Championships.
- 5-6 teams at District District qualifies 3 teams to Speech State Championships.
- 7-8 teams at District District qualifies 4 teams to Speech State Championships.
- 9-11 teams at District District qualifies 5 teams to Speech State Championships.
- 12-15 teams at District District qualifies 6 teams to Speech State Championships.
- 16-19 teams at District District qualifies 7 teams to Speech State Championships.

6.12.2. Speech State Championships Public Debate and Public Forum Debate Entries. The number of Public Debate Entries and Public Forum Debate Entries for the Speech State Championships from each District shall be based on the following schedule:

- 1 team at District District qualifies 1 team to Speech State Championships.
- 2-8 teams at District District qualifies 2 teams to Speech State Championships.
- 9-16 teams at District District qualifies 3 teams to Speech State Championships.
- 17+ teams at District District qualifies 4 teams to Speech State Championships.

6.12.3. Speech State Championships Lincoln-Douglas Debate Entries. The number of Lincoln-Douglas Debate Entries for the Speech State Championships from each District shall be based on the following schedule:

- 1-5 speakers at District District qualifies 2 speakers to Speech State Championships.
 - 6-10 speakers at District District qualifies 3 speakers to Speech State Championships.
 - 11-15 speakers at District District qualifies 4 speakers to Speech State Championships.
- NOTE: All debaters qualifying for the Speech State Championships must debate at District unless only one school is entered in the event.

6.12.4. Speech State Championships Individual Event Entries. The number of Individual Event Entries for the Speech State Championships from each District shall be based on the following schedule:

- 1-11 speakers at District District qualifies 2 speakers to Speech State Championships.
- 12-17 speakers at District District qualifies 3 speakers to Speech State Championships.
- 18-24 speakers at District District qualifies 4 speakers to Speech State Championships.
- 24 + speakers at District District qualifies 4 speakers to Speech State Championships.

6.12.5. Alternates. At District Tournaments, District Directors shall announce Individual Event alternates who shall come to the Speech State Championships whenever a District place winner is unable to attend. It is the responsibility of the coach of a Speech State

Championships Qualifying Contestant to notify the District Director if that contestant cannot attend the Speech State Championships; the District Director shall then confirm that the alternate will attend and contact the OSAA with the substitution. If the alternate is unable to attend, the next highest placing district participant in that event may fill the position.

6.12.6. Team Event Substitutions. In Oregon Style Cross-Examination Debate, Public Forum Debate, Public Debate, and Dual Interpretation, a coach is allowed to substitute one speaker who has not qualified for the Speech State Championships in that event for one who has.

6.13. Proven Excellence Alternative State Qualifiers.

6.13.1. Rationale: In addition to District Winners, a limited number of students may be eligible to participate at the State Speech Tournament each year under the "Proven Excellence Alternative Qualifying System." The system was developed to guarantee participation at the State Speech Tournament by the state's very best speakers while maintaining a limit on the number of State participants.

6.13.2. Qualification Process: Each school may add a maximum of two State Speech Tournament entries which did not qualify to participate at the State Speech Tournament in the designated event to that district's report form to the OSAA if all the following conditions have been satisfied for each student:

(a) The student participated at the district speech tournament in the event in which the student had previously proven excellence, but did not qualify for participation at the State Speech Tournament in that event.

(b) The student had previously proven excellence in the designated event by placing third or higher in an individual event or participating in the final round of a debate event in the senior or open division at two or more eligible competitions.

(c) In team events, both team members must have participated together at the qualifying tournaments.

(d) In order to be considered as an eligible tournament for the purpose of satisfying these rules, the competition must have:

(1) Included at least 15 competitors in the senior or open division of the event in which the qualifying place was attained.

(2) Followed OSAA State Speech Tournament Rules in the event in which the qualifying place was attained.

(3) Been attended by at least fifteen high schools.

(e) Coaches of potential proven excellence qualifiers shall bring evidence of the student(s)

proven excellence eligibility to the district tournament and make that evidence available to the district director if it is requested.

6.13.3. State Speech Tournament Entry Process:

(a) Should a student who has satisfied the proven excellence criteria for an event or events fail to qualify for State at the district speech tournament in that event or events, the district director shall add that entry as a proven excellence alternative qualifier to the district's results form submitted to the OSAA following the district tournament up to a maximum of two entries per school. The addition of a proven excellence qualifier or qualifiers shall have no effect on the quantity of district winner State qualifiers allocated to the district.

(b) An entry for a school in a team event shall count as one entry for the purpose of applying the two entry per school limitation.

(c) Should a school have more than two proven excellence qualifiers for the State Speech Tournament in a given year, the coach of the students shall inform the district director which of the students shall be designated as the two qualifiers for the school. At the discretion of the coach, it is possible that both proven excellence qualifier positions for a school could be designated to the same student.

(THIS IS FOR ME FOR WHEN I SEND OUT THE INVITE)

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