

Southside Invitational
Ferris High School
December 5-6, 2008

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The Ferris High School Debate team cordially invites you to the Southside Invitational 2008 on December 5-6, 2008. Please read the invitation carefully.

Maximum Entry Limits: First come, first serve! When rooms are full, our tournament is full.

- **Debate:** 12 **debaters** per squad. (One CX entry = two debaters; one LD entry = one debater; one Public Forum entry = one debater)
- **Student Congress & Individual Events:** 30 IE and Congress entries including both divisions. One student entered in two (2) events = two (2) entries; each dual entry = one (1) entry.
- **Additional squads:** Additional squads will be permitted as long as room permits.

Registration:

1. We must reserve the right to refuse entries once the physical capacity of the building has been met. First come/first served entries guarantee a reserved spot for early registration. Once the reserved spots have been taken, no other entries will be accepted.

Registration deadline: Monday, December 1. Second squads will be accepted starting Dec. 2, so please send your entry early! Drops only after Wednesday, December 3. Entries may be faxed, mailed, or e-mailed. Send all registrations to: dansj@spokaneschools.org

2. Fees will be assessed as of 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3.

Please notify us of drops prior to registration at the tournament.

Drops are the main reason tournaments get off to a slow start.

Washington State's Supervision Requirement

The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) requires, and we must enforce, the presence at all times of a certificated staff member from the same school or school district, supervising your participants. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in school forfeiture and dismissal from the tournament.

Food

We will again offer food concessions and pizza at reasonable prices. There are no restaurants within easy walking distance. Please plan to have students eat on campus.

AWARDS AND SWEEPSTAKES

Debate: Awards will be made to the quarterfinalists and above in each division of debate. The top 5 speakers in Policy, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum will receive awards.

Individual Events: Trophies will be awarded to the top three speakers in each event and division. Finalists will also receive recognition but no award.

Sweepstakes: Policy—1st-20; 2nd-15; 3rd-10; Qtrs.-7
LD—1st-15; 2nd-10; 3rd-7; Qtrs.-5
Public Forum—1st-12; 2nd-8; 3rd-5; Qtrs.-3
IE's—1st-10; 2nd-7; 3rd-5; Finalist-3
Student Congress—1st-7; 2nd-5; 3rd-3; Finalist-1; Outstanding PO-5; Student's Choice-5

DEBATE

Debate: The first two rounds of debate will be randomly matched [and preset before the tournament. Rounds 3 and all subsequent rounds will be power-matched. Quarter-finals and beyond will be power protected.

Divisions

- **Novice Division:** Open to all students who have no debate experience prior to the 2008-2009 school year and who have not placed first through fourth in any debate division at two invitational tournaments with 15 or more schools.
- **Junior Varsity Division:** Open to those students in their first or second year of competition who have not placed first through fourth at WIAA State Debate or in Junior division of debate at two invitational tournaments with 15 or more schools. If numbers do not justify a JV division, JV will be combined with Varsity.
- **Varsity Division:** Open to any debater regardless of experience or class standing.

Cross Examination Debate

- **Resolution:** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase alternative energy incentives in the United States.
- We will be following the **official novice case area** list as follows.
All Affirmative Novice Division Policy Debate Teams are required to present a case that fits one of the following areas:
 - a. Nuclear power – increase the incentives for nuclear power
 - b. Alternative fuel vehicles: increase the incentives for alternative fuel vehicles
 - c. Solar: increase the production and investment tax credits for solar energy
 - d. Cap and Trade: require a reduction in CO2 production substantially below 1990 levels through a system of tradable permits.

If a negative team convincingly argues that a case does not fit one of these areas, judges shall make a decision that the negative won the debate.

- Other guidelines for novice division:
 - Novices may run any disadvantage they like.
 - No counterplans or kritiks are allowed at the novice level.
 - Inclusion on the novice case list does not guarantee topicality.
- **Times:** 8-3-5 with six (6) minutes of prep time per team.
- Maverick debaters will only be allowed if a student's partner is unable to participate in a round due to prior obligations **and** delays in the tournament schedule.
- **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF DEBATE.**

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Resolution: Resolved: In a democratic society, felons ought to retain the right to vote.

- **Times:** 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 with four (4) minutes of prep time per person.
- **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF DEBATE.**

Public Forum

Resolution: Resolved: That, on balance, social networking Web sites have a positive impact on the United States.

- **Times:** 4-4-2-4-4-2-2-3-1-1 with two (2) minutes of prep time per team.
- Maverick debaters will only be allowed if a student's partner is unable to participate in a round due to prior obligations **and** delays in the tournament schedule.
- **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF DEBATE.**

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Congress will coincide with Debate. Students may not enter both. Scoring will be adapted from the NFL base point system.

Divisions

- **Junior Division:** Open to all students who have no debate experience prior to the 2008-2009 school year, and who have not placed first through fourth in any debate division at two invitational tournaments with 15 or more schools.
- **Senior Division:** Open to any debater regardless of experience or class standing.

Divisions may be collapsed as necessary.

Legislation

1. The official legislation adopted by the State will be the legislation used for the tournament. A copy of the legislation is available at <http://www.wiaa.com/finearts/forensics/>. Please have your students in Congress bring their own copies of the legislation. NO COPIES WILL BE PROVIDED. It is advised that each school come prepared with several pieces of legislation prioritized to facilitate setting the docket. We will follow the docket setting method suggested by the WSFA committee. Each school represented in each house will draw numbers to determine the order for a legislation draft. They will then take turns picking bills to be debated. This will determine the docket for the session. For further clarification, please refer to the first page of the packet.

Scoring

We will use a base system. Speaker precedence will not be reset between the sessions. The base will be determined by counting the total number of floor speeches and dividing that total by the number of Congresspersons who have actually given speeches. Points awarded to PO's for presiding count as speeches in the computation of base.

Each speech will be awarded up to 8 points by the judge in the round. After Session II, each Congressperson's speech scores will be totaled. If the Congressperson has given fewer speeches than base, or a number of speeches equal to base, that Congressperson will have a total score from the judges equal to the sum of all his/her speeches. If, however, the Congressperson has given a number of speeches equal to or greater than base, the sum of his/her speech points will be divided by the number of speeches that person actually gave, and the resulting average will be multiplied by the base number. The product of this computation will be the Congressperson's total score from the judges.

To every Congressperson's total score from the judges will be added a score awarded by the Parliamentarian of the chamber. The Parliamentarian will award from 1 to 6 points to each Congressperson. The sum of the judge's total score and the Parliamentarian's score will be the student's total score.

If the number of entries results in more than one chamber of Congress for a division of competition, Session III will be a Super Congress. Scores for each Congressperson will be totaled after Session II, and the top 7 to 10 members of each chamber will advance to the Final Session. The legislation identified by the State as Super Congress Legislation will be the only legislation discussed during this round. If there is only one chamber of Congress for a division of competition, Session III will be a regular session, and final scores for 1st place (Judges' Choice), 2nd, and 3rd, will be determined as described above. Outstanding PO and Student's Choice awards will be voted on at the end of the last session.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Two divisions will be offered: **Junior**-first year competition, and **Senior**-all others. If a student has experience in debate or IE's, that student must compete in Open Individual Events.

Overtime: There are four events: DI, HI, Duo, OO that no longer have a grace period. For the other events No penalty should apply if the student falls within the 30-second grace period. Speaking beyond the time when there is no grace period or more than 30 seconds beyond the event time limit simply means that the student cannot receive first in the round.

Finals: Finalists will be the top 6 speakers in the event and division unless 50% of the total entrants in that event and division is less than 6, in which case the final panel will represent the top 50% of the entrants.

- **Extemporaneous:** Thirty minutes of prep with 7 minutes of speaking time. A preparation room and official will be provided. No prepared material will be permitted in the prep room. Novices may use a note card. Judges are required to give time signals.
- **Original Oratory:** No more than 150 words of quoted material. A manuscript should be available upon the judge's request. Memorized delivery for both junior and varsity. Ten minutes speaking time. No grace period. No time signals.
- **Expository:** Can be delivered with or without notes. Visual aids are a speaker option, usually preferred by most judges. Eight minutes speaking time. No time signals.
- **Humorous Interpretation:** The program presented must be of humorous nature. Program must be a selection of published prose, poetry, or drama. The program must be memorized by both junior and varsity. Titles and authors must be identified during the program. Ten minutes speaking time. No grace period. No time signals.
- **Dramatic Interpretation:** The program must be dramatic in nature. All other rules from HI apply. Ten minutes speaking time. No grace period. No time signals.
- **Interpretive Reading:** A balanced thematic program consisting of published prose and poetry (no drama) is to be presented. Titles and authors must be identified during the program. Delivery must be from a manuscript (except for transitions) with the illusion of reading maintained. Body movement is limited to a one-step radius. Eight minutes. No time signals.
- **Dual Interpretation:** The program presented may be serious or humorous in nature. Program must be a selection of published prose, poetry, or drama. The program must be memorized with off-stage focus for both junior and varsity. Ten minutes. No grace period. No time signals.
- **Impromptu:** The contestant has six minutes in which to choose one of three topics, to prepare and organize thoughts, and to speak. The speaker must state the topic as part of the introduction. Judges are required to provide time signals.
- **Editorial Commentary:** The contestant will give a scripted speech that is intended to be an analysis of and commentary on a news event rather than a running synopsis of the news. The script should be timed to be between 1:45-2:00 minutes with no grace period. Any speech under or over time must be ranked one score lower than it would normally have received and cannot receive first.

IMPORTANT POLICIES

We ask that everyone at the tournament—adults, judges, and students—respect the following rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification or dismissal from the tournament.

The cafeteria is available for student gathering. Students should not congregate elsewhere throughout the building.

Each team is responsible for its own area. Please encourage your teams to be tidy and to clean up their garbage. Other people at the school who are not associated with speech and debate will develop a better perception of who we are. Secure valuables that belong to you; leave others' valuables alone.

NO ONE (student or adult) is permitted to sit at teachers' desks or to borrow materials (pens, etc.) from a teacher's supplies. Please do not bother decorative items or classroom displays. Please only rearrange the furniture as necessary to hold the round.

STUDENTS ARE NEVER PERMITTED TO ENTER A ROOM WITHOUT A JUDGE.

JUDGES

Please bring competent judges, and review the Important Policies with them. Encourage judges to make professional decisions regarding their behavior and language. They play a bigger role with our kids than they may sometimes realize.

1. Schools are required to provide one judge for every two CX or 4 Public Forum teams and for every four LD debaters.
2. One judge is required for every five IE and for every 7 Student Congress entries.
3. Failure to cover your entry or failure of your judges to pick up ballots will mean that we have to drop some of your entries.
4. High school students may not judge.
5. Judges are welcome to indicate all events and levels for which they would like to judge, but you must bring judges to cover the division and event entries on your registration. (For example, if you bring Varsity Policy teams, be sure you have judges competent in judging Varsity Policy.)
6. Teams must provide judging coverage for at least one round after the team is eliminated from debate.

Teams SHORT judges will be charged the rates listed below for judge purchasing. Teams not fulfilling the DURATION of their judging obligation will be fined a \$50 judging fee.

All judges are encouraged to attend the brief judges' meeting at the beginning of the tournament. We will use this time to clarify our tournament procedures. Furthermore:

1. Judges need to remember that state rules prohibit the reading of evidence at the end of the round, unless the evidence was directly challenged during the debate. LD debaters must have copies of their evidence in its original context.
2. We also want to make clear to judges that the time schedule on Saturday does not allow for oral critiques.

A few judges may be available for hire. Please contact Dan Sjolund by PHONE or E-MAIL to request a judge purchase. These will be on a first-come first-serve basis only!

Prices for Judge Purchases:

LD/CX only Judge - \$120.00

IE/Congress only Judge - \$50.00

Debate/IE/Congress Judge - \$160.00

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Tournament Schedule

Friday, December 5

3:00	Registration
3:30	Debate Round I/ Student Congress Session I (2 hours)
5:30	Debate Round II
6:00	Student Congress Session II (2 hours)
8:00	Debate Round III

Saturday, December 6

7:15	IE Only Schools Register
7:30	Extemp Prep
7:45	IE Round I
8:45	Extemp Prep
9:00	IE Round II
10:15	Debate Round IV
10:15	Student Congress Final Session (2 hours)
12:30	IE Round III
1:45	Debate Round V
3:30	IE Finals
4:45	Debate Quarterfinals
6:30	Awards and Debate Semifinals
7:30	LD Finals
8:15	Policy Finals

Southside Invitational Fee Sheet

Total Fees:

_____ Squad Fee	@	\$20.00 per squad	= _____
_____ Policy Teams	@	\$15.00 per team	= _____
_____ LD Competitor	@	\$10.00 per debater	= _____
_____ Public Forum Teams	@	\$10.00 per team	= _____
_____ Congress	@	\$7.00 per debater	= _____
_____ IE Entries	@	\$7.00 per entry	= _____
TOTAL FEES			= _____

Make Checks Payable To: Ferris High School

REGISTRATION DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008.