

AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL

Trojan Speech and Debate Team
711 East Main Street | Auburn, WA 98002
Tel: 1.253.931.4880

Email: dbowler@auburn.wednet.edu
msdavis@auburn.wednet.edu

September, 2014

Dear Coaches and Squads,

The Auburn High School Speech and Debate Team cordially invites you to attend our Individual Events Tournament on November 1, 2014. The tournament will be a one day event that will offer all Washington State IEs in two divisions. We will follow current WSFA rules for all events. The rules can be found at: <http://wiaa.com/subcontent.aspx?SecID=327>

SUPERVISION

The WIAA requires the presence, at all times, of a certificated staff member from the school or district supervising your participants. You will not be allowed to compete if you do not comply with this rule.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

We will offer two divisions in all 8 state events. Novice division is open to first year competitors only. **Anyone with one year of experience or more must register for Open Division.** All IEs compete at the same time and all events conflict. A student may enter more than one IE at their own risk. **ROUNDS WILL NOT BE HELD FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES!**

PLEASE READ THE RULES CAREFULLY AS SOME HAVE CHANGED

Event rules

Extemporaneous: State Rules apply. Thirty minutes of prep time followed by **7 minutes** of speaking time. Judges will provide time signals while competitor is speaking. Novice speakers may use a 4x6 note card. **30 second grace period.**

Oratory: This is a memorized speech that has a **ten (10) minute time limit with a 30 second grace period.** A manuscript must be available on judge's request. The speech must have no more than 150 quoted words.

Expository: May be memorized or not memorized with an **8 minute time limit, 30 second grace period.** Visual aids are not required but are preferred by most judges. There may be no more than 150 quoted words.

Interpretation: All have a **ten (10) minute time limit with 30 second grace period.** Programs may be one or more selections of published prose, poetry, radio, or television scripts. The program must be memorized. Titles and authors must be identified during the program. Full body movement is allowed.

Humorous: This must be humorous in nature.

Dramatic: This must be dramatic in nature.

Duo: This may be serious or humorous in nature. Two people perform with no interaction except at introduction if they choose.

Interpretive Reading: This is an **8 minute**, themed program with a balance of both prose and poetry. All pieces must be published and may not be plays. Titles and authors must be identified during the program. Delivery must be from a manuscript and the one step rule is to be enforced. **30 second grace period.**

Impromptu: The contestant will have **6 minutes** in which to choose one of three topics, prepare, organize thoughts, and speak. The topic of choice must be stated as part of the introduction. Judges will give time signals during prep time and while the contestant is speaking. All speakers are to remain in the room until all have performed. The only exception is for double entries. **30 second grace period.**

LIMITATIONS

No more than 20 IE entries per squad (dual counts as 1 entry) across both divisions. You are limited to a maximum of 6 entries per event in each division. You may enter more participants, but you must register them as a second squad on a separate registration form.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration this year will occur through the website <http://www.forensictournament.net>. The deadline for registration is **Wednesday, October 29, 2014**. Fees will be set on that day. Drops after that time will not be deducted from the entry fee. Please register early. Changes in registration must be made at the website. We will leave the website open until Thursday evening and potentially for part of Friday to make changes.

Concerning drops and changes: Please, please, please make changes before Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Late changes have drastic impacts on the tournament schedule. The earlier you can get changes to your entries made, the better the chances are for an ON TIME or early tournament.

Fee Schedule:

Each Squad:	\$30.00	Squad defined by limitations above.
Each IE entry:	\$10.00	One student doing two events counts as two entries.
Each Duo Entry:	\$18.00/team	Each winning team gets two awards

Make checks payable to Auburn Senior High School Forensics.

Payment of fees may be made in advance or at during registration. Acceptable methods of payment are 1) School Check, 2) School or District PO, or 3) Personal Check. Payment must be made before your team can compete.

Please keep track of your entries on the Forensic Tournament website. You will not receive any sort of confirmation before the tournament. A smooth start to Saturday morning is desirable!

JUDGING:

As there are conflicts in the schedule, please be sure to calculate your judging needs properly. We will not have a large number of judges for hire and need to be able to run the tournament efficiently. Please tell your judges when they need to be in the building to judge as we don't have a lot of free time. **IF YOUR JUDGES DO NOT SHOW WE WILL BE FORCED TO START DROPPING YOUR COMPETITORS – STARTING WITH YOUR MOST SENIOR PEOPLE IN THE EVENT YOUR JUDGES FAIL TO SHOW. THE NUMBER DROPPED WILL BE EQUAL TO THE RATIOS SHOWN BELOW.**

- Your school is obligated to provide judges for the categories and divisions in which your students are entered.
- Senior division students with at least one full year of experience who are not competing at AHS may judge novice division in the events in which they have experience.

Please remember: Lack of a judge at registration will result in an automatic reduction in your school's number of entries. If your judges do not pick up ballots we will drop competitors starting with Open Division until judging requirements are met. We will reduce numbers starting with your most senior debaters.

Physical Address: 711 East Main Street | Auburn, WA 98002

Please contact us if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing everyone in December!

Sincerely,

Donna Bowler
Director of Forensics

Jim Cleary
Assistant Director

**Auburn Tournament Schedule
November 1, 2014**

Round 1—9:00 Extemp Prep at 8:45
Round 2—10:30 Extemp Prep at 10:15
Round 3—11:45 Extemp Prep at 11:30
Lunch—1:00
Finals—2:00 Extemp Prep at 1:45
Awards—3:30 or ASAP