

## **3rd Annual Oak Hill 'Purely Policy' Debate Tournament Saturday, November 19, 2016**

You are cordially invited to attend the third annual 'Purely Policy' debate tournament, hosted by Oak Hill School (Eugene, Oregon), on **Saturday, November 19, 2016**. Once again, our primary goal will be to offer CX policy teams at least **five rounds** of high quality, early-season competition. We also hope to offer three divisions -- Varsity (Open), Junior Varsity, and Novice -- this year, assuming we have a sufficient number of JV entries.

**Entries:** This is, indeed, a tournament for **CX Policy Debate only**. As much as we'd like to include other events, the small size of our campus makes that impossible. In addition, we must limit the tournament to no more than 32 total CX teams. To meet our pairing priorities (described below), we must also restrict the number of entries per school to **two CX teams per division** (i.e., a school may enter two Varsity teams, two JV teams, and two Novice teams, for a total of six CX teams). If we receive insufficient JV entries, we will collapse those teams into the appropriate division. Consistent with OSAA rules, we will accept three- and four-person CX policy teams, but you must e-mail the names of the third and fourth members of any such teams to [debate@oakhillschool.net](mailto:debate@oakhillschool.net). Please register early to ensure spots for your teams; we cannot accommodate more than 32 CX teams.

**Awards:** Awards will be presented to the top three teams and to the top speakers in each division. We will also recognize a 'Policy Sweepstakes' winner and runner-up.

**Judges:** While we hope to find supplemental qualified judges within the Eugene/Springfield and University of Oregon communities, **schools must bring enough judges to cover their entries** (i.e., one judge to cover 1-2 teams, two judges to cover 3-4 teams, and three judges to cover 5-6 teams). If you

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have alumni at the Univ. of Oregon or elsewhere in the Eugene/Springfield area who might be interested in judging, please have them contact [debate@oakhillschool.net](mailto:debate@oakhillschool.net) directly. We will gladly offer appropriate fee waivers to schools supplying extra judges.

**Fee Schedule:**

School fee:	\$25.00
Each CX Policy team:	\$15.00

**Pairing Priorities and Tournament Format:** We will pre-pair preliminary rounds before the tournament begins. As in previous years, our pairing priorities are to: (a) maximize the number of rounds per team; (b) avoid fratricidal rounds (i.e., teams from the same school debating each other) prior to semis or finals; and (c) avoid two teams meeting a second time prior to semis or finals. To best meet these priorities, the exact format we use will be determined by the final number of entries and their distribution by school and division. ***The most likely divisional formats are either single- or multi-pool round robins.*** We may opt to use different formats in different divisions if that would allow us to best meet our pairing priorities. We will not make final decisions on divisional formats until registration closes and we know exactly how many entries we have per division. If preliminary results suggest the need or appropriateness, we reserve the right to break to semis in any or all divisions and declare the semifinal round winners to be co-champions. In both JV and novice divisions, we reserve the right to declare a single team that has gone undefeated in prelims to be divisional champion, then use the break round to determine the 2nd and/or 3rd place finishers.

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**Novice Rules Apply:** The novice division will use the OSAA-designated 2016 Oregon Novice Debate Case Areas (<http://www.osaa.org/docs/spe/16NoviceDebateCaseAreas.pdf>), including the prohibition on Kritiks and counterplans.

**Definitions of Varsity (Open), JV, and Novice Debaters:** In registering your teams, please use the following definitions:

- **Varsity (Open):** One or both members of the team is a 3rd or 4th year high school debater **or** a team that might otherwise be considered JV or novice has chosen to compete at this level;
- **Junior Varsity:** No team member has participated in competitive high school debate in more than one previous season **or** a team that might otherwise be considered novice has chosen to compete at this level;
- **Novice:** All team members are in their first year of competitive high school debate. (NOTE: If one or more members of a novice team has extensive experience in middle school debate or attended a Summer 2016 debate workshop that lasted longer than a week, we encourage coaches to register that team in the JV division.)
- **Note:** To avoid byes, we may ask coaches to move a JV team to Varsity or a Novice team to the JV division **if** we end up with an odd number of teams registered in multiple divisions.

**Schedule:** We anticipate the first round will begin at 8:00 a.m. We plan to present most awards before the final (championship) rounds. We will post (and update, as necessary) a more detailed schedule on [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net).

**Meals and snacks:** A limited selection of lunch items, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase at Oak Hill School.

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**Location:** Oak Hill School is located just off I-5, adjacent to Lane Community College. If you're using a GPS device, our street address is ***86397 Eldon Schafer Drive***. You can also find a map at <http://oakhillschool.com> (first click 'About' and then on 'Campus Map and Directions').

**Questions & additional information:** Please e-mail tournament director Keith A. Eddins at [debate@oakhillschool.net](mailto:debate@oakhillschool.net) if you have any questions/comments or for any additional information.