

Lewis & Clark



Friends,

You are cordially invited to the **Western States Debating Championship**, to be held March 25-26. The tournament will be conducted using WUDC rules with exceptions outlined in this invitation. We are pleased to offer five guaranteed rounds of WUDC competition, followed by a break to Quarterfinals (entry permitting). If the tournament entry does not justify quarterfinals, a sixth preliminary debate will be added.

Please note that there will also be a tournament taking place in the Oregon State Penitentiary the day before this event. While the two are related events, those details are in a separate invitation.

Tournament Details

Hosted By: Lewis & Clark College

Dates: March 25-26

Convener: Joe Gantt (jgantt@lclark.edu)

Tournament Location: JR Howard Hall, Lewis & Clark College

CA Team: Miranda Zigler (Lewis & Clark), additions TBA

Equity Officer: Dr. Heather Hayes (Lewis & Clark)

We hope that you will join us in Portland for a great weekend of debating.

Sincerely,



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Tournament Policies

Entries

Registration will take place on forensictournament.net . Registration will close on March 17, 2023.

Judge requirements are determined using the N-1 formula, where N = the number of teams you're entering. In other words, if you intend to enter 3 teams, they will need to be covered by 2 full-time judges. One uncovered team per school may be entered at an additional fee of \$100 (in addition to the entry fee).

The fee for each team at the tournament is \$40 to cover awards, custodial fees and breakfast in the morning.

Judges

As noted under Registration, you should register judges sufficient to cover your team entries using the N-1 formula. You should indicate whether each judge is qualified to Chair a deliberation panel upon registration. Generally, experienced, mature and confident judges should be designated as a Chair as they will have additional responsibilities in this tournament.

Chairs will serve one very important role in this tournament that differ substantially from judges' typical responsibilities:

Chairs are expected to manage Points of Privilege offered by the debaters. Points of Privilege are intended to allow debaters to address potentially-offensive behavior by others in the round. If a debater requests a Point of Privilege, the Chair should stop the speaker's time, allow the debater raising the point to state their concern and then respond either by counselling the speaker on more appropriate behavior, counselling the debater raising the point that their point is not valid or by deferring decision by taking the point "under advisement."

The tournament will NOT conduct open deliberation.

Equity

The Western States Debating Championship is committed to preserving equity for all participants. Everyone in attendance, at all times through the duration of this tournament, is responsible for upholding equitable behavior. No attendee should face discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics.

While it is our hope that many equity questions can be addressed via points of personal privilege, the tournament will have a designated Lewis & Clark faculty equity officer (with experience in debate) who will facilitate the observance of this policy and who may be contacted to facilitate any concerns or complaints arising from potential violations. The tournament reserves the right to take concrete action ranging from warning to mediation to disqualification. A full equity policy will be released closer to the beginning of the tournament.

Locations

General Assembly will be in Evans Hall Auditorium; most, if not all, rounds will take place in JR Howard Hall. We recommend parking in lot “E” on the following map:

<https://www.lclark.edu/live/files/7676-campus-map>

Dining

As of the time of this invitation, Lewis & Clark’s dining services have not yet decided on the level of service that they will be offering on that weekend (the first weekend of our spring break). However, ample time has been planned in the schedule to allow participants to go off campus for lunch. A light breakfast will be provided by the tournament.

Lodging

We have secured a block of rooms at the Crowne Plaza Lake Oswego, located about 10 minutes from campus. You can reserve those rooms with the following reservation code (TBA)

Schedule

Friday, March 24 5:30-7:30, registration, Crowne Plaza
 8:00 pm Coaches gathering

Saturday, March 25

All teams must check-in by 8 AM – light breakfast provided

8:00	Briefings
8:30	Round I
10:45	Round II
12:45	Lunch
2:30	Round III
4:45	Round IV

Sunday, March 26

All teams must check-in by 8 AM – light breakfast provided

8:15	Round V
10:45	Quarterfinals /Novice Elim OR Round VI
12:45	Lunch
2:30	Semifinals / Novice Elim
4:45	Final Round