

AUBURN RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Coaches and Squads,

The Auburn Riverside Speech and Debate Team cordially invites you to attend our Speech and - Debate Tournament on December 9-10, 2011 . This tournament will offer Cross Examination, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum Debate, Washington State IEs in two divisions and will be a **State Qualifying Tournament** for WCD III schools. We will follow current WSFA rules, specifically involving the abolishment of the “one step rule” for interpretation and new time limits for Nationals Events. There will be a hard 10 minute time limit for Oratory, Humorous, Dramatic, and Duo Interps. The rules can be found at: <http://wiaa.com/ConDocs/Con277/2010 Forensics Regs.pdf>

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.

DEBATE

Please check www.nflonline.org for the accurate topic wording for all topics.

Lincoln-Douglas: We will offer 3 divisions of LD, Novice, Junior, and Open. As this is a qualifying tournament in LD for many schools we will use the **January-February topic for OPEN DIVISION ONLY**. Junior and Novice Division LD will use the November-December topic. Rounds will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format and have 4 minutes of down time per competitor.

Cross Examination: We will offer 3 divisions of CX, Novice, Junior, and Open. We will follow the Novice case area list as determined at the September WSFA meeting. Please inform you novice teams of their approved case areas. Rounds will follow the 8-3-5 format with 5 minutes of prep time per team.

Public Forum: At this time we will be offering two divisions of Public forum. The number of entries will dictate whether this is collapsed. We will use the December topic as published on the NFL website. Please note that PF runs with LD and CX. Rounds will follow standard PF time format with 3 minutes of prep per team.

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 NO 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 NO 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.**

STUDENT CONGRESS

Two, two and a half hour sessions of Student Congress will be offered on Friday night. Both sessions will conflict with CX and LD. We plan on having a minimum of three chambers, one in each division, Open, Junior, and Novice. If there are fewer than 45 entries Junior and Open will be collapsed to form one Open chamber.

We will be using legislation from the WSFA packet as emailed out by Roberta Rice. If you need a copy of this document, please let me know. It will be posted online and will also be available via email. **There will be no copies of bills made at the tournament.** Kindly bring enough copies for your team. This timeline should allow students to research and understand the topics at a greater level than surface knowledge.

We are holding a Super Congress on Saturday.

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.

You are limited to a maximum of 6 total debate entries per squad. This means you may enter 6 LD or 6 CX, or 3 LD and 2 CX and 1 TT, or any combination that keeps you at 6 debate entries per squad. Additional debate entries will have to be entered as a separate squad.

We have been running full for the last several years. Please register early – when our rooms are full, we will have to close the tournament.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration this year will occur through the website <http://www.forensictournament.net>. The deadline for registration is **Wednesday, December 7, 2011**. 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 for 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 tournament.

Fee Schedule:

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| Each Squad: | \$30.00 | Squad defined by limitations above. |
| Each CX team: | \$20.00 | Each winning team gets two awards |
| Each LD: | \$10.00 | |
| Each PF team: | \$20.00 | Each winning team gets two awards |
| Each IE entry: | \$10.00 | One student doing two events counts as two entries. |
| Each Duo Entry: | \$13.00/team | Each winning team gets two awards |
| Each Student Congress: | \$10.00 | Awards for top PO and 5 top speakers in each house. |

Make checks payable to Auburn Riverside Senior High School Forensics.

Payment of fees may be made in advance or at ARHS 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. I will not be sending any sort of confirmation to you before the tournament. Coaches will be asked on Friday to check IE entries to ensure a smooth Saturday morning. Please take care of debate drops asap so that we can run on time on Friday.

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.**

- One judge covers **five (5) IE entries** and 2 LD or CX debate entries.
- One judge covers 2 Public Forum entries.
- One judge is required to be nominated and available for each school entering Student Congress participants.
- 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 ARHS 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.

Directions

From I-5 or highway 18: Take the WA 18-East exit, number 142A. Take the WA 164-E/Auburn Way exit. Go straight through the light. Turn left onto A St. Stay on A St. through several lights, past the McDonalds on the left. Take a left onto Lakeland Hills Way SE, Ilalko Elementary will be on the corner on the left (there is no light here, just a left turn lane). Take the next left onto Oravetz Road. The bus-loading zone will be the first driveway at the high school, just to the right of the track. Please follow this around to the back of the school where you can park and unload.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Davis
Director of Forensics

Donna Bowler
Assistant Director

**Auburn Riverside Tournament Schedule
December 9 & 10, 2011**

Friday, December 9

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| 2:30 – 3:15 am | Registration - Library |
| 3:30 pm (or asap) | Debate – LD/CX/PF Round 1 |
| 4:00 pm | Congress Session 1 |
| 5:30 pm | Debate – LD/CX/PF Round 2 |
| 7:00 pm | Congress Session 2 |
| 7:30 pm | Debate – LD/CX/PF Round 3 |

Saturday, December 10

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| 7:00 am | Registration (IE) only - Room 703 |
| 7:30 am | IE Round 1 – ALL EVENTS (Extemp draw at 7:30) |
| 9:00 am | Debate – LD/CX/PF Round 4 SuperCongress Session 1 |
| 11:00 am | IE Round 2 – ALL EVENTS (Extemp draw at 11:00) |
| 12:30 pm | Debate – LD/CX/PF Round 5 SuperCongress Session 2 |
| 2:30 pm | IE Round 3 – ALL EVENTS (Extemp draw at 2:30) |
| 4:00 pm | Debate – LD/CX/PF Round 6 (Hidden Semis) |
| 6:00 pm (or asap) | IE Finals – ALL EVENTS (Extemp draw at 6:00) |
| 7:30 pm | Debate – LD/CX/PF FINALS |
| 8:00 pm (or asap) | AWARDS |

- **Posting in the cafeteria/commons**
- **Judge lounge in library**
- **Registration in library**
- **Extemp prep in 512**
- **TAB in 703**