

# Speech & DEBATE

SEDRO-WOOLLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## DEAR DEBATE COACHES,

You are cordially invited to Sedro-Woolley High School's Debate and Speech tournament to be held on December 14th and 15th. This is our 4th Annual Tournament and we are so excited to be hosting again. Enclosed you will find the list of events, rules for the tournament and judging, awards, the schedule, registration and cost information, as well as directions to the Sedro-Woolley Campus. Props to Bill Nicolay for much of the wording and wisdom in this document.

## JUDGING

- First-year outs may judge all events/levels and your open-level competitors may judge all events in novice only.
- Judging quotas are 1 for 5 IE entries (not competitor--entries), 1 dedicated congress scorer per team entering congress, 1 per 3 LD entries, 1 per 3 PF teams, and 1 per 2 CX teams.

## IE STUFF

- We have collapsed patterns in speech to finish earlier (see schedule). Double entering should not be a problem.
- Triple entering is allowed, but all risk lies with the competitor.
- We will do everything we can to avoid collapsing divisions. However should we collapse top novices will be recognized in those collapsed division events.

Welcome to the  
4th Annual  
Sedro-Woolley High School  
Speech & Debate Tournament  
December 14-15  
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## PARKING

Sedro-Woolley High School is situated between 3rd and 4th Street. There are Parking lots North, East, and West of the school on 3rd and 4th Streets. Buses will fit best in the North and West Parking lots.



## FOOOOOOOOOOOOD!

Food will be available throughout the tournament, and our parent committee does an great job on top quality and reasonable fare for the kids. This year we are featuring our famous Taco in a Bag at the concession stand! Judges and coaches receive excellent food in our judge lounge anytime. This includes Mrs. McCartt's delectable Poppy Seed Bread!

## TIME SIGNALS

All speech and debate events follow state guidelines. Judges must offer time signals in Extemp and Impromptu and upon request in Debate rounds. All judges should have timers. You do not or should not offer time signals in other IE speech and interpretations events.

## NOVICES

For all debate, novices are considered 1st year debaters who have not trophied in novice division more than twice at tournaments with 15 or more schools. Open competitors are all others. Debaters may move up early, so a first year debater could be in open. There will not be a junior division at this tournament.

## COMPUTERS

Computer use is allowed in LD, CX, Congress, and Extemp prep, but students may not access the internet while in a round and will forfeit the round if they do so. Not all rooms will have available outlets, To prevent damage, under NO circumstances are existing plugs to be pulled from walls to accommodate your laptop use. The responsibility rests with students to have fully charged batteries. Even more importantly do not unplug Ethernet cords from classroom computers. If damage is done, we will definitely seek restitution. Sorry, but there has just been too much damage done at tournaments this way.

## DEBATE EVENTS

- Lincoln-Douglas will use the November/December topic. We will have Open and Novice divisions only.
- Public Forum will use the December topic. We will have Open and Novice divisions only.
- Cross Examination Debate will offer Open and Novice divisions only. Novice teams must use the novice case areas approved by the WSFA. Please have a paper case ready to hand to an opponent or use a viewing computer. Competitors who refuse to allow an opponent to view a case may forfeit the round at judge discretion.
- Congress will have a final Super Congress round on Saturday this year. If numbers warrant, we will run novice and open houses in congress, but if not, they will be mixed houses. We will track top novices for awards either way. Make sure to note any competitors who are novices in your entry (first year of any debate). Congress competitors may use any of the bills or resolutions in the WIAA fall packet, but please note that if the school who wrote that piece of legislation is present, they have first priority of authorship. The method of determining congress winners will be scorer ranks from all three scorers, unless we are short of judges, in which case we will use ballot. Students may use computers, but they are expected to be on task and to use them for congress and not for doing homework or playing games. Internet access is not available, and students should not expect to have an outlet available, so fresh batteries are a must. Congress teams need to provide at least one congress scorer or parliamentarian.

## IMPORTANT ROOMS

- Tournament Registration will be outside of the Library across from room A102
- Tab Turn-in will also be outside of the Library across from room A102
- Students will congregate in the Commons located in the middle of A Building. Students can also use the "Nook" outside of room A121. The concession stand, maps, schedules, microwave ovens and hot water will be available in the commons.
- Judges' Lounge and Ballot pickup will be in the Teacher's Lounge next to the Commons.
- Extemp Prep will meet in room A106. Additional rooms will be provided as needed
- Awards will be in the High School Auditorium east of the commons.
- Bathrooms are located on all floors of all buildings

NOTE: Tab is restricted to tab personnel only and the judge lounge is for judges and coaches only.

# TROPHIES

All Events will have trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. The trophies are spectacular and we give them to each member of Duo, CX and PF Teams. You do not have to share the hardware!

# RULES

State rules apply to everything. Refer to WIAA handbook. Rules interpretations and decisions are at the discretion of tab in consultation with the tournament director, so questions and interpretations should be referred to them, and you should not penalize a competitor unless you are absolutely certain of the rule.

# DOUBLE ENTERING

Extempers will run a tight schedule but they can double enter and should be able to make both events if they pay attention to their round placements. The risk lies with them. Others are allowed and encouraged to double enter if they want to try several speech events. We are on a tight schedule, but we'll instruct judges to wait a reasonable amount of time. Triple entries are not a great idea, but competitors are welcome to try unless they are in extemp, in which case they may do only two. All risk lies with the competitor who is triple entered.

# INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Two divisions will be offered in all I.E.'s: Novice and Open. Novices are 1st year competitors or those with less than 6 rounds (not tournaments, rounds) of competition in the previous year. Open levels are all others. Novices may move to open early. Should low numbers warrant it, we will collapse open and novice and tag novices for an appropriate number of awards to be determined by tournament officials. Opens may judge novices, but only if they are not themselves competing. Please read the event rules synopsis carefully if you are unfamiliar with the events. For full rules, consult the WIAA web site. Please note also that at this time of the year in events like duo, dramatic, humorous, and oratory we may have open-level competitors who are not memorized and novices who are. These events are intended to be memorized, and most judges will reward novices who are memorized and will penalize open-level competitors who are not.

# SPEECH EVENTS OFFERED

- Dramatic interp:** one or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, tv, or radio script, which is serious in nature. Time: ten minutes maximum with 30 second grace period.
- Dual interp:** a cutting from a published play, prose, poetry, tv or radio script, which may be either humorous or serious in nature. The selection must be memorized but given without props or costumes. Time: ten minutes maximum with 30 second grace period.
- Oratory:** an original speech designed to persuade—that is, to change or reinforce an existing belief, to eulogize, to cause agreement with speaker's position, or to motivate to action. Time: ten minutes maximum, with 30 second grace period.
- Humorous interp:** one or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, tv, or radio script, which is humorous in nature. The presentation is memorized. Time: ten minutes with 30 second grace period.
- Interpretive reading:** at least one cutting of prose and one cutting of poetry linked thematically. A balance between the two is to be rewarded! We will follow WSFA rules. Time: eight minutes maximum with thirty seconds grace period.
- Extemporaneous:** thirty minutes before speaking time, each speaker will select a topic from a choice of three. Questions will be based on current events of the last three months. Speaker will be expected to organize and analyze material relevant to the subject area and answer the chosen question. One note card for novices only is permitted. Time: seven minutes maximum, with thirty seconds grace period. Judges must give time signals.

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# DRIVING

## DIRECTIONS

From I-5 North or South Take the Cook Road exit, EXIT 232, toward Sedro-Woolley. Turn East onto Cook Rd. Follow Cook Road to the main stop-light. There will be a rather large Welcome to Sedro-Woolley Sign. Go straight through the light and you will be on Ferry Street. Follow Ferry Street through one stop light and two stop signs. You will then turn right on Puget. At the State Street Stop sign, Puget Street turns into 4th Street. Go through one more stop sign and Sedro-Woolley High School will be on the right.

## PREREGISTER ONLINE

All registration will be done through [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net), so please do not fax in entries. We are trying to provide you with the best tournament experience possible, so please keep drops/adds, and judge no-shows to a minimum, as they are usually what causes a delay. The final deadline for registration, changes, and drops is December 12th at 5:00 p.m. and the registration site will close and lock entries at that point. No refunds for drops after that date. Extra fees for late adds will be collected at the tournament.

- Impromptu:** students will enter the room and be given a choice of three topics. The student will choose a topic and have six minutes to prepare and speak on the chosen topic. Time may be used in any manner the speaker chooses (example-2 minutes prep and 4 speaking or 4 minutes prep and 2 minutes speaking). Time: six minutes maximum, with thirty seconds grace period. Judges must give time signals.
- Editorial commentary:** a scripted speech which is intended to be an analysis of a news event rather than a running synopsis of news. Speakers will read the manuscript from a seated position. Speeches should be on a current news issue, rather than just a generalized opinion. The script should be timed to end between 1:45 and 2:00. Any speaker ending before 1:45 or after 2:00 shall be ranked at least one placement lower at judge discretion.
- Expository:** a speech that is designed to be informative in nature. Visual aids and note cards are permitted, but are not required. Time: eight minutes maximum, with thirty seconds grace period.

## JUDGING QUOTAS

One judge for every three LDers and PF teams, and one per every two CX teams. Please specify event preference and level competency and we will do our best to make sure your judges get those events and levels. One judge for every five IE entries (not competitors---events entered). First-year-outs may judge anything. Open-level competitors may be used to judge novice only if they do not compete in any events. We use a push ballot system, so opens and first-year judges should concentrate on events they are competent to judge. Teams which do not supply enough judges to cover entries will have to drop entries. Judges sign in each day prior to rounds.

Make sure you understand this warning on judging: There is no set fee on [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net) for buying judges or for judge no-shows. I do try to reserve a few paid judges, and IF we have the paid judges available to cover your no-shows, we will at the rate of \$75 on Friday and \$100 on Saturday and we will assess that after the tournament. But don't count on us having judges standing by because we probably won't have them---you need to show up with enough to cover your entries---and we will have to drop competitors from your team if you don't have enough to cover entries. If you are coming a long distance and want to try to reserve a paid judge in advance, email me asap: [smcartt@swsd.k12.wa.us](mailto:smcartt@swsd.k12.wa.us) Sorry, but it's been a consistent problem in the early season and it really slows down the tournament. You need to have enough judges listed on [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net) to cover your entries before the entry cutoff, and please supply us with the real names of the real judges you are using so that they match up when we do judge roll-call.

# FEES

\$30 team fee, \$10 per congress or IE (except for Interpretive Duo) or entry, \$15 for Interpretive Duo, PF, LD, or CX team entries. All entries are done via [www.forensics-tournament.net](http://www.forensics-tournament.net), so please do not fax entries.

# CRITIQUES

Judges feel free to offer a few minutes of oral critique. However, this does not mean a half-hour of your brilliance, no matter how eloquent. Be aware that if you exceed a couple minutes, most of it is lost on competitors anyway and is a waste of your time, their time, and tournament time. It is far more valuable to everyone involved to give written pointers that coaches can read and a very brief reason for decision with two or three items to work on.

Saturday has a reasonably tight schedule, and I am trying to keep it realistic, rather than run late as tournaments often do. Coaches and judges, you are largely responsible for keeping Saturday running on time. Start rounds on time, know where your competitors and judges are, get ballots back quickly, and no lengthy oral critiques in debate, please! If you want to offer lengthy oral critiques AND your competitors actually have the time and patience to listen and take notes, get us the ballot rights away with a decision and THEN give the critique.

# SCHEDULE

## Friday December 14, 2012

Registration . . . . . 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm  
Round 1 Debate . . . . . 3:45 pm to 5:30 pm  
Round 2 Debate . . . . . 5:30 pm to 7:15 pm  
Round 3 Debate . . . . . 7:30 pm until finished  
Congress Session One . . . . . 3:30 pm to 5:45 pm  
Break for Food, Fun, Relaxation . . . . . 30 minutes  
Congress Session Two . . . . . 6:15 pm to 8:30 pm

## Saturday December 15, 2012

Registration . . . . . 7:30 am to 9:00 am  
Round 1 Speech . . . . . 8:00 am to 9:45 am  
Round 4 Debate . . . . . 9:45 am to 11:30 am  
Congress . . . . . 9:45 am to 11:30 am  
Round 2 Speech . . . . . 11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Round 5 Debate . . . . . 1:00 am to 2:45 pm  
Congress . . . . . 1:00 am to 2:45 pm  
Round 3 Speech . . . . . 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm  
Round 6 Debate (Hidden Finals) . . . . . 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm  
Speech Finals (If Needed) . . . . . 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm  
Awards . . . . . ASAP

Food will be available for purchase Friday by 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturday by 10:00 am to 7:30 pm. We will have food provided in the Judges Lounge by 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Friday and from 8:00 am to 7:30 pm on Saturday.

Registration for teams not doing debate Friday night will be from 7:30 am to 9:00 am on Saturday in the library. You can insure that the tournament runs on time by registering early and limiting drops and adds.

# REGISTRATION & FEES

Make checks or P.O. payable to SWHS Speech & Debate

Resignation Fee . . . . . \$30.00 per Team  
Debate (CX, PF) & Duo Teams @ \$15 per Team . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Individual Events, LD & Congress @ \$10 per Event . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This form is for your use. Do not fax this form.  
Register online at [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net)

Any questions or concerns, please call Steve McCartt at (360) 855-4007, home/cell (360) 708-1163  
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