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Dear Director of Forensics,

The Washington Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta National Forensics Honorary and the Communication Studies Department at the University of Puget Sound invite you and your students to participate in the **85th Annual Puget Sound High School Forensics Tournament**, January 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

We are excited to announce that the Puget Sound Tournament continues to receive a Semi-Finals Lincoln Douglas Debate bid and a Finals Public Forum bid to the Tournament of Champions. We continue to be a bid tournament for Individual Events. We are honored that the TOC recognized the excellent competition of the region and the tournament as a site where such excellence is demonstrated.

This year's tournament will continue to use mutual preference judging in Open Lincoln Douglas debate. Individual Events will continue to be held in one pattern. Students may enter no more than 3 events and may enter only one duo interpretation. Students are responsible for making it to rounds on time. Judges will be required to process ballots 1:45 minutes after the round start and are not to turn in ballots prior to 1:45 minutes after the round start unless all competitors listed have finished.

This year's tournament will use [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com) for online entry and for running most events. You must register on this site. All judges must also have accounts with linked email addresses for use with online balloting. We may not use online balloting in all events, but please ensure all judges are ready to use the online system. If you have difficulties registering please contact [dbuescher@pugetsound.edu](mailto:dbuescher@pugetsound.edu). Invoices will also be available through tabroom.com. If you have not used the site in the past, you will need to sign up.

**Tournament Payment will be separate from Registration-check:** Although the practice is atypical, we continue to schedule payment separate from registration as this significantly reduces the time for registration and the potential delays in getting the first rounds out on time. Please feel free to approach the ballot table to pay fees during the designated times or at your convenience if you notice the ballot table is experiencing a lull. If you are paying with a purchase order, at fee collection you will be provided with a receipt and appropriate paperwork. Coaches or guardians are responsible for turning that paperwork into accountants for processing of payment. Schools that owe for past tournament fees will need to remit those fees prior to registering for the tournament.

Enclosed with this letter please find documents on:

- General Information, Tournament Speech Statement, Explanation of Entry Fees, Tournament Schedule, Registration information

We hope you will join us in January for a friendly and competitive tournament experience that celebrates the University of Puget Sound's commitment to excellence in forensics education.

Sincerely,

Derek Buescher  
Director of Forensics

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Debate Coach

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Debate Coach

## General Information

Please note that coaches and administrators are responsible for knowing the rules of entry for this tournament.

## Registration:

You must register on-line at [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com). Only in the most extraordinary of circumstances we will accept other forms of registration.

- Entry Deadline: Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 5:00 PM Pacific Time.
- Drop Deadline: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 11:00 PM Pacific Time. After this deadline, fees will be calculated and all drops will be charged full entry fees.
- If necessary you may email changes to your registration to [dbuescher@pugetsound.edu](mailto:dbuescher@pugetsound.edu). This address is for questions and changes only, not for registration purposes. Please email changes as soon as you know them, but check [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com) first to see if you can enter the changes yourself.
- Confirmation of registration will be online. All of your information should be available on [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com). Please do not wait until Friday morning when ballots are being distributed to make changes except in unusual circumstances. Fees will be paid on Friday January 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m, or at your and the ballot table's convenience after the first rounds have gone off.
- Tabroom.com invoices are not official invoices. Official invoices will be given to programs during registration. Please do not use the tabroom.com invoices to determine your fees as they are usually incorrect.

## Entry Information:

- Schools may enter up to two squads. In the event a school has more than one squad (e.g. if that school has more than the maximum number of entries in one of the debate events or total IE slots) the school must enter two squads. Students on squad A may debate students on squad B. Third squads may be entered, room permitting and only by direct permission from the tournament director.
- Topics
  - C-X debate will use the 2018-2019 topic and LD and Public Forum we will use the January topic that is released in December. Washington State novice case list applies to policy debate.
- C-X debate
  - will offer novice and open division.
  - Three or four-person teams are permitted if so indicated at registration, but only two people may debate in any single round.
  - No one person, or "maverick" teams are allowed except in limited basis in the event a partner is ill, e.g. for not more than 2 rounds. Maverick teams are not permitted in elimination debates.
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate:
  - Ten (10) entries maximum per squad. Schools may enter more than one squad/team.
  - An L-D entry is defined as a single individual prepared to debate both sides.
  - All L-D rounds will be double-flighted.
- Public Forum Debate:
  - Ten (10) entries maximum per squad. Schools may enter more than one squad/team.
  - All public forum debates will be double-flighted.
- Individual Events:
  - 35 slots maximum per squad. Schools may enter more than one squad/team.
  - Students may triple enter.
  - Students may enter only one duo interpretation.
- Student Congress:
  - Ten (10) person maximum per squad, with no more than six (6) maximum in each house.
  - Entries will be Open (any student) and Novice. If houses reach more than ~25 students we will split chambers as necessary and depending on room availability. We will use the spring docket of congress bills. The new legislation will be posted at: <http://www.wiaa.com/subcontent.aspx?SecID=327> by December 15. We will **NOT** photocopy bills for distribution, nor will we print any bills for schools in attendance. Schools will be responsible for all of their printing and photocopying needs. The docket will be set by the tournament staff.
- Students may enter only one kind of debate or student congress.

### Divisions for C-X Debate, Public Forum, and LD Debate:

- Novice division is open to students who have no previous experience in debate prior to the current competitive year; or have six or less rounds of debate competition at invitational, league, or district competition prior to the current competitive year; and have not placed first through fourth in novice or above debate competition at two tournaments.
- Junior division is open to those students in their first or second year of competition who have not placed first through fourth in junior or above debate competition at two tournaments.
- Open division is open to all students regardless of years of experience or awards won in debate.
- If a debate team is composed of partners of different experience levels, the team must enter the division of the more experienced partner.
- We reserve the right to collapse a division of congress, C-X, public forum, or LD if there are fewer than six schools entered or insufficient number of entries to run a successful division.
- We will use MPJ in Open Lincoln Douglas Debate. Preferences will likely be released Thursday afternoon or evening.

### Divisions for Individual Events:

- Novice division is for beginners. These are students who have no more than twelve rounds of forensics experience in individual events or debate prior to the current school year regardless of class standing.
- Open division is open to any high school student. Open division is defined as appropriate for those who have had six or more rounds of speaking experience prior to the current school year. Those not meeting the requirements of novice division must compete in open division. We reserve the right to collapse divisions if entries are below seven total slots.

### Patterns

- Individual Events: Expository, Extemporaneous, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Oratory, Impromptu, Humorous Interpretation, Interpretive Reading
- Debate: C-X, Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas, and Congress

### Matching:

- Individual events will be prematched, with drops processed as we receive them. Not reporting your drops is not the fault of the tournament directors.
- C-X, Public Forum, and L-D Debate: Rounds I and II of all debates will be prematched; please report drops promptly. All subsequent debates will be matched “high-low” within brackets unless events are too small to power match in which case all six rounds will be random matches. We will make every attempt to rank judges in LD or to use a preference system.

### Awards:

- Award will be presented to the first-third place finishers in each individual event. Finalists will receive certificates. In debate events, awards will be given to quarterfinalists through first place with octo-finalists receiving certificates. In congress top presiding officers and judge’s choice will receive awards in each chamber. Speaker awards will be offered to appropriate numbers in each division of each kind of debate.
- The Charles T. Battin Award will be presented to the top open division all-around competitor in the tournament.
- It is the responsibility of schools to be present at awards to pick up awards and certificates.
- School sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top 3 squads based on the following formula:

	<u>C-X Debate</u>	<u>L-D Debate</u>	<u>PF Debate</u>	<u>Congress</u>	<u>IE</u>
First Place	10 pts	10 pts	10 pts	7 pts	5 pts
Second Place	8 pts	8 pts	8 pts	5 pts	4 pts
Third/Quarters	6 pts	6 pts	6 pts	N/A	3 pts
Finalist/Octos	3 pts	3 pts	3pts	2 pts	2 pts

**This is not an open tab room tournament.**

**Parking:**

Best parking is in the WSC lot south of the building, which has easy access from Alder and 14<sup>th</sup>. Bus drivers will find it easier to travel one block further north and use Alder Street to N. 15<sup>th</sup> to drop passengers at the Student Union Building (Wheelock Student Center/WSC). Busses should be parked at the Fieldhouse lot, located on North 11<sup>th</sup> between Union and Lawrence streets. Under no circumstances should busses or large vans enter the "Jones circle" (with the fountain) on 15<sup>th</sup>. Busses cannot make the turn.  
(see campus map located at: <http://www.pugetsound.edu/about/campus--the-northwest/campus-map/>).

**Lodging:**

There is no tournament hotel, but the Days Inn at 6802 Tacoma Mall Blvd., 253-475-5900 generally has plenty of rooms available at a reasonable rate. Other motels are:

Other Lodging--all within area code 253North:

Motel 6-Fife	922-1270
Day's Inn-Fife	922-3500
Extended Stay	926-6316
Comfort Inn	926-2301

Central:

Sheraton	572-3200
Silver Cloud	272-1300
LaQuinta	383-0146

South:

Comfort Inn	538-7998
Holiday Inn Express	539-2020

**Tournament Speech Statement**

This tournament affirms the importance of all tournament participants' cooperation in creating an educational and competitive environment that is fair, humane and responsible while, at the same time, encouraging debates that are devoted to full and robust argument about a diverse range of ideas. Specifically, this tournament affirms that:

- Judges and students are encouraged to talk about the expectations that they have for creating a debate that focuses on ideas instead of personal attacks.
- Debaters are encouraged to communicate with respect and to avoid the perception of attacking each other or the judge.
- Judges are encouraged to communicate with respect and avoid the perception of attacking or devaluing students.
- Debaters and judges are encouraged to reject discourse that devalues other members of our community based on their race, age, gender, gender orientation, class, sexual or religious orientation, or any reason that is not directly related to the arguments that they present.
- Students and judges are encouraged to communicate with each other when they observe instances of verbally aggressive attacks rather than silently watching something occur to which they object.
- Judges are encouraged to reward courteous and respectful behavior toward the judge and other competitors in awarding speaker points.

If serious and/or repeated demeaning speech materially or substantially disrupts the opportunity for debaters to compete fairly or the judge to evaluate fairly, judges are encouraged to dock speaker points.

### Entry Fees

All fees will be handled at the fee collection times; you do NOT need to send your school fee in advance. Fees will be assessed as of 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9th. **Drops after that time do not reduce fees as we hire judges and buy trophies based on your original entry numbers.** Make checks payable to University of Puget Sound. Fees will be paid on Friday evening after taking account of missed ballots and no-show judges. Adds are not permitted at registration--a name change is considered an add. Please call in drops and changes early; the fewer drops that are reported at registration, the more likely we are to start on time.

Purchase Orders: We ask that you avoid the use of purchase orders. **If you select to use a purchase order then the director of your program is responsible for processing the necessary forms from registration with your schools accounting agents.** If Puget Sound does not receive payment from your school by February 15, 2019 you will be charged a processing fee of \$25.00. We will send a second invoice to you on or about February 18<sup>th</sup>. If payment is not received by March 15<sup>th</sup> you will be charged an additional 10% late fee. Each additional month late will incur an additional 10% late fee.

School/Squad fees:	\$70.00/school or squad
C-X Debate	\$42.00/per team
Lincoln Douglas	\$38.00/per debater
Public Forum	\$42.00/per team
Congress Slot	\$18.00/per contestant
Individual Events	\$11.00/per entry (not person)
Uncovered C-X Debate	\$150.00/per team
Uncovered LD Debater	\$75.00/per debater
Uncovered Public Forum	\$75.00/per team
Uncovered Congress Slot	\$30.00/per student
Uncovered IE Slot	\$20.00/per slot
No Show Judges	\$150.00/per no show
Missed Ballot Fee	\$20.00/per missed ballot

### Judges:

*Because forensics is an educational activity, we believe that a coach-judge who will provide competent critiques for competitors should accompany all entries.* Members of the Puget Sound Forensics Team are not available for hire as they are needed to run the tournament. Students who have not graduated from high school may NOT judge regardless of division

- Judging Fees: Please bring judges. If a judge is available for the entire weekend that judge covers two C-X debate teams and six IE slots; OR four L-D entries and six IE slots; OR six IE slots; OR four student congress entries. Judges cannot cover concurrent events: C-X, Public Forum, LD, and Congress.
- Judging Penalties: Each no-show judges not reported by 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 9th will cost the school a \$150.00 penalty and the appropriate fees for uncovered entries. Ballots assigned to judges from your school that are not picked up by ten minutes after a round is scheduled to begin will incur a \$20 fee to cover a hired judge payment.

### Tentative Tournament Schedule

IE Pattern: Expository, Extemporaneous, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Oratory, Impromptu, Humorous Interpretation, Interpretative Reading

#### Tentative Schedule

<b>Debate—LD, CX, PF</b>	<b>IE</b>	<b>Congress</b>
<b>Friday 1/11</b>	<b>Friday 1/11</b>	<b>Friday 1/11</b>
8:00-10:00 am—Rd 1	10:00-12:00 pm—Rd 1	
12:00-2:00—Rd 2	2:00-4:00 pm—Rd 2	11:30-2:00 am—Rd 1
4:00-6:00 pm—Rd 3		
6:00-8:00 pm—Rd 4	8:00-10:00 pm—Rd 3	4:30-7:00—Rd 2
<b>Saturday 1/7</b>	<b>Saturday 1/7</b>	<b>Saturday 1/7</b>
8:00-10:00 am—Rd 5		
10:00-12:00 pm—Rd 6	12:00-2:00 pm--Finals	9:00-12:00 am—Congress

Individual Event and Debate Speaker (if possible) Awards 8:00 pm Saturday

Awards will only occur in the event the tournament is running on-time. Any delay and awards will be moved until after debate elims.

<b>Cross-X Elims</b>	<b>LD and PF Elims</b>
<b>Saturday 1/12</b>	<b>Saturday 1/12</b>
2:00-3:45 Elim 1	2:00-3:00 Elim 1
4:00-5:45 Elim 2	3:30-4:30 Elim 2
6:00-7:45 Elim 3 if needed	5:00-6:00 Elim 3
	6:30-7:30 Elim 4
	8:30 Elim 5 if needed