



Bishop Blanchet High School
Middle School Speech Tournament
VIRTUAL TOURNAMENT

This Tournament is open to Catholic Middle Schools in Washington State

- Our Tournament competition offers:
 - **Open Division (8th grade only)**
 - Cycle 1**
 - Dramatic Interpretation
 - Humorous Interpretation
 - Editorial Commentary
 - Cycle 2**
 - Original Oratory
 - Expository
 - Impromptu
 - **Novice Division (6th & 7th grade)**
 - Cycle 1**
 - Dramatic Interpretation
 - Humorous Interpretation
 - Editorial Commentary
 - Story Book (5th 6th & 7th grade)
 - Cycle 2**
 - Original Oratory
 - Expository
 - Impromptu
- A minimum 15 contestants are ideal for each event. Should there be fewer than 15 entries, the tournament will determine whether to offer the event.
- **Tournament Format:** Three Rounds of competition for all student – NO FINALS
- **Tournament Fees:** \$50 per school and \$5 per individual event entry

Registration

Opens via Tabroom.com on Monday, October 26th @ 8:00am and closes Friday, December 2, 2020

Step 1: Use your school account on Tabroom.com or create your account if you are new to the tournament <http://bbhsmstourny.tabroom.com/>

Step 2: Link your account to your school/add your school

Step 3: start entering your entries and judges starting on October 26, 2020

Step 4: Each student must create their own Tabroom account and link their account to your school

Step 5 Each Judge must create their own Tabroom account and link their account to your school

Tournament Judges

Each school MUST provide the equivalent of one ADULT JUDGE all day for every five (5) events entered. (e.g. 50 events entered requires 10 “all day” judges or 20 “½ day” judges).

It is most helpful with the scheduling if a judge can serve all day, but if needed, judges may sign up for morning (9:00am-12:30p) or afternoon (1:00pm-4:15pm).

If a judge is not able to make it on the day of the Tournament, it is up to the school find an appropriate replacement judge

NOTE: all events are timed. Each judge must have a stopwatch and be familiar with how to use it. “Guesstimating” the timing of the speech is not allowed.

Judging Guidelines

Tournament Judges play a very important role in helping students learn about public speaking, and we are grateful to all the judges who volunteer to help with this part of the tournament. Anything we can do to ensure that the fairest most knowledgeable judges hear your students’ speeches only maximizes all the positives in supporting these middle school students as they learn more about public speaking.

In order to judge at the BBHS tournament, judges **must** attend the live or complete the recorded BBHS Judges Workshop Webinar: **NO EXCEPTIONS**. With being online for everything EACH JUDGE must understand how to conduct their event they are judging online. NO ON THE JOB TRAINING DAY OF EVENT. BBHS reserves the right to only accept/assign judges who completed the Judge’s Workshop webinar

Judge’s Workshop Webinar: December 2, 2020 7:00pm

The workshop will:

- How to use NSDA Campus platform to start and manage their assigned round

- review/clarify the event rules and time limits
- go over the online ballots and how to fill them out using rankings and rank points
- help each judge become more confident and comfortable with the judge's responsibilities
- answer any questions

Tournament Etiquette

The BBHS Tournament welcomes 400+ students from about 25 schools and this year we need to be online to make this tournament happen.

- Our judges are generous volunteers. We are all trying our best to give a fair and positive experience for each student.
- Each school is responsible for the actions of its students, judges and observers and will held accountable for their behavior.
- While in virtual rooms, all speakers will mute mics and if necessary, turn of video to minimize distractions for the speaker and judge.
- AUDIO OR VIDEOTAPING, RECORDING OR PICTURE TAKING IS NOT ALLOWED DURING ANY ROUNDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

Awards

The top 6 speakers in each category will be recognized and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded a medal for each event category in NOVICE and OPEN Divisions.

In addition, a \$1500 scholarship to Bishop Blanchet for the 2021-2022 school year is given to the 1st place winner in each **OPEN** category.

The top 10 speakers overall in NOVICE and OPEN division will also be recognized.

I look forward to working with each of you to create an exciting, fun and positive experience for all you students, coaches and judges.

Please contact me directly through email with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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