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Dear Coaches and Team:

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**Puyallup High School** cordially invites you to the **“TOH Karl/Viking Invitational”** on **Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 online at NSDA’s Campus**

This year, we will be offering Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum (with both an Open and Junior Division) and Policy and Congressional Debate (in Open division). In addition, we will be offering all eight of the Washington State Individual Events, in addition to SPAR, in Open division (with a celebration of the top novice in each category – please be sure to let us know if a student is a novice by checking the corresponding button on their registration).

While this tournament is near the end of the season in Washington state, we are committed to focusing our tournament on education. To this end, *there are some differences* from past tournaments, please read ALLLL the details. We are thrilled that the tournament is a TOC bid tournament for Public Forum Gold in Finals and a NIETOC bid in all NIETOC IE’s. NIETOC bids are based on the total number of students participating, so PLEASE be aware of that if you need to drop a student from an event. Also, all PF will be using the FEBRUARY PF TOPIC!!!!

We will do our best to make sure that the tournament runs smoothly, professionally, and on time. The philosophy of the tournament remains: to encourage scholarship, record excellence, and balance the spirit of competition with the educational goals of forensics. We hope that you will join us to forge the spirit of competition and continue the tradition of excellence.

Best –  
Sarah Sherry  
Puyallup High School  
Speech and Debate Coach

(Full tournament invitation and registration can be found on <http://plupuyallup.tabroom.com> )

## Registration

Registration this year will occur through the website <http://plupuyallup.tabroom.com>. The deadline for registration is **Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021**. Fees will be set on that day. Drops after 6:00 PM will not be deducted from the entry fee. Please register early. Changes in registration must be made on the website. We will leave the website open until Thursday (2/4) evening at 9:00 PM for changes.

Concerning drops and changes: Please make changes before Friday afternoon. Late changes have a drastic impact on the tournament schedule. The earlier you can make changes for your entries, the better the chances are for an ON-TIME tournament. This is equally as true for students as it is for judges. If you have drops or changes in either category, please let us know STAT.

## Online Specific Info:

- We will be using NSDA Campus. Make sure that your students have active Tabroom accounts well ahead of the tournament. They will be otherwise unable to compete.
- Teams in LD, PF, and Policy are allowed up to ten minutes of tech time. If the debate is paused for technology related reasons, that team's Tech Time begins to count down. If a team uses all of their Tech Time before the round ends, they will be required to forfeit that round. The tech time is not to be used as prep.
- Cameras should be on. This is a safeguard against outside assistance, and it is an important accessibility feature. Cameras also help maintain the social atmosphere of debate.

## Out of State Competitors: Please Read!

WSFA/WIAA regulations prohibit unsupervised students from attending the tournament. This means that in general, independent students may not attend any tournament in Washington State. If you do not have a school official "supervising" you either at registration or during competition, you will be dismissed from the tournament without refund.

## DEBATE

Please check [www.speechanddebate.org](http://www.speechanddebate.org) for the accurate topic wording for PF, LD, and Policy debate topics. Congressional Debate will use the Spring packet of legislation. All debates will run on the same schedule, so no students will be able to double enter in any debate events. It is our intent to offer a full-service tournament which allows students to compete in multiple preliminary rounds and then elimination rounds. While our schedule plans for extensive elimination rounds, this is entirely a "numbers permitting" proposition; due to total registration number, prelim round breaks, unforeseen scheduling conflicts or low judging numbers we reserve the right to alter the schedule as needed.

**Policy:** We will offer Open division of Policy. Rounds will follow the 8-3-5 format with 6 minutes of prep time per team. There will be 5 preliminary rounds of competition and open policy debaters will break to appropriate elimination rounds. As we will be competing in January and there is only Open division, there are no limitations from novice topic areas. **Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing.**

**Lincoln-Douglas:** We will offer 2 divisions of LD - Junior and Open. Rounds will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format and have 4 minutes of down time per competitor. **We will be using the January/February topic!!! Resolved: States ought to ban lethal autonomous weapons.**

**Public Forum:** We will be offering two divisions of Public forum – Junior and Open. **We will use the February topic as published on the NSDA website.** Rounds will follow standard PF time format with 3 minutes of prep per team and teams will coin flip for pro/con or 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> speaker. **Resolved: On balance, the benefits of urbanization in West Africa outweigh the harms.**

**Congressional Debate:** We will be offering Open division for Congressional Debate. We will have no more than 25 students per chamber. Students will use the Spring WSFA congressional packet. This can be found on our [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) site and the Forensics page of WIAA. Based on the preliminary rounds, we will then break a maximum of 20(ish) students to Super Session.

## Legislation:

The official legislation adopted by the State will be the legislation used for the tournament. A copy of the legislation is available on the Tabroom site. Please be sure your Congressional debaters have their own copies of the legislation.

We will follow the docket setting method suggested by the WSFA committee. Each school represented in each house will draw numbers to determine the order for a legislation draft. They will then take turns picking bills to be debated. This will determine the docket for the session. Separate Legislation for Super Congress is included in the WSFA packet and will ONLY be used for Super Congress. Any contestant may sponsor such an item in the event an author is not present in the chamber.

## **Individual Events:**

Students may enter up to 2 events within the asynchronous IE pattern, but only one in the synchronous events. **PLEASE READ THE EVENT RULES CAREFULLY.**

## **ONLINE SPECIFIC INFO**

- Your recordings must begin with the introduction "**My name is (First Name Last Name) from (School Name). I am presenting the following (Event Name) for the 2021 TOH/Viking Invitational.**" This will serve as proof that your recording is intended for competition in this tournament only. If the introductory phrase is not present, it will not be scored by judges.
- Contestants in Dual Interpretation are not to perform in the same room. If you are looking for ways to make this possible, the NSDA put together a video for their 2020 National tournament that would meet the criteria well. <https://www.speechanddebate.org/duo-interp-split-screen-demo-nats-2020/>
- There are to be no in person audiences during the recording.
- Recordings are to be made from a single camera in a fixed position.
- Editing of recordings is not permitted and there should be no breaks in recording.
- Unless otherwise noted, all rounds will be judged using a single video submission throughout the tournament.
- Video submissions for prepared speech events are due Wednesday, February 3rd by 9:00 PM.
- IMPROMPTU, EXTEMP, and SPAR: these events are happening live. Impromptu topics will be distributed in round; extemp topics will be distributed on a public Google Doc 30 minutes before speaking time and revealed every seven minutes for the speakers in each panel.

## **HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO** (Adapted from [link](#))

After recording the performance with the program of your choice, complete these steps

1. CREATE A YOUTUBE ACCOUNT, if you do not already have one.
2. PUBLISH YOUR VIDEO: Log in to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), click "upload" at the top of the front page. Upload in standard and not high-definition.
3. EDIT VIDEO DETAILS: The title of your video should be the event followed by your name (ie PROSE-Your Name). In the description, add the TITLE of your selection, along with your NAME.
4. EDIT VIDEO VISIBILITY: When creating the Visibility, change the audience option from "Public" to "Unlisted" to ensure the privacy of your video; only those with a link to the video can watch. Do not make your video "Private" or "Public"
5. Confirm Viewability: After your video is fully uploaded, please ensure that your video has no technical issues with sound/video and that the performance is viewable from beginning to end. You might share the link with someone you trust in order to double-check that the link works.
6. Send this URL to your coach immediately so they may upload it to Tabroom.

7. If coaches have trouble uploading the link, please send a copy of the link to Sarah Sherry at [Sherrysm@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:Sherrysm@puyallup.k12.wa.us) by Wednesday (2/3) at 9PM. Please indicate the event and the student's name.

**Asynchronous Speech Events:** Recordings will be submitted well ahead of the traditional Friday start of the tournament, so please consult the schedule to prepare.

Speech judges will receive pre-recorded preliminary ballots Thursday night, and they must be returned Friday at 8:00 PM. Speech judges must also be available to adjudicate finals on Saturday. Please be intentional in entering your judge time conflicts

**EXPOSITORY:** A speech that is designed to be informative in nature. Visual aids and note cards are permitted, but are not required. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

**DRAMATIC INTERP:** A cutting from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is serious in nature. The presentation is memorized but given without props or costumes. Time: ten (10) 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 (10) maximum with a 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 a speaker's position, or to motivate to action. This is a memorized event. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum, with a 30 second grace period

**HUMOROUS INTERP:** A cutting from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is humorous in nature. The presentation is memorized. Time: ten (10) minutes with thirty seconds (30) grace.

**Programmed Oral Interp (POI):** At least one cutting of prose and one cutting of poetry linked thematically. Time: ten (10) minutes maximum with thirty seconds of grace.

### **Synchronous Speech Events:**

Synchronous events will occur as part of the “traditional schedule”. Students should have time to compete in both Debate and synchronous events, if they so choose. Students must show up live to compete in these events.

Synchronous judges must be able to judge preliminary and elimination rounds on Saturday Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. These events should function much the same as they might at a brick-and-mortar tournament.

**EXTEMPORANEOUS:** Thirty minutes before speaking time, each speaker will select a topic from a choice of three. Questions will be based on current events. Speaker will be expected to organize and analyze material relevant to the subject area and answer the chosen question. Time: seven minutes (7) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

**IMPROMPTU:** Student will 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 (6) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

**SPAR:** Each spar panel consists of approximately eight competitors. The debaters will be assigned affirmative or negative until all debaters are assigned to a side by the judge prior to the start of the round. Each pair will consider a single issue/resolution which is presented to the debaters by the judge right before each pair debates. The affirmative will have one minute before speaking must commence. The first affirmative speaker will give a two-minute speech in favor of the resolution; immediately after that speech, the first negative speaker will refute the position in a two-minute constructive. Strict adherence to the exact wording of the resolution is not required, but the debaters should at least regard the topic as a

common frame-of-reference. Please see posted information on our tabroom.com page for more information on this event.

### **Judging:**

1. Schools are required to provide one judge for every **two (2) Policy** teams and one judge for every **three (3) LDers and/or Public Forum Teams**. Thus, if a team entered 1 policy team, 2 LDers, and 1 PF team, they should provide one judge for policy and one judge for LD and one judge for PF or a total of three. One judge is required to be nominated and available **for every 5 entries from a school entering Student Congress** participants. In individual events, one judge is required for each 5 IE's entered. One student doing two events counts as two entries. A Dual Interp pair is counted as one entry. Judges can cover both individual events and debate. (Please make sure that judges are aware of the pool(s) which they are covering! This is one of the greatest challenges faced by tournaments, judges believe erroneously that they only have to do one or the other, but coaches have signed them up for both. This leaves the tournament short-handed and puts a great deal of pressure on those judges who are trying to help!)
2. **PLEASE do NOT** enter a judge in two categories of debate!!! By putting them in both pools, it is easy to end up with them double-judging, which creates chaos while we try to get it accurate. At this tournament Junior PF and Open PF are separate judging categories as they will be on different schedules Friday. Please consider which judges will best fit an OPEN TOC Public Forum field (ie this should not be their first experience judging if they will be judging in Open PF). **Please add judging notes to assure that we are best able to use your judge. PLEASE make a note on their entry if this is their first time judging or if they are a Friday only judge.** All information that we receive will help us to use judges in the best place possible.
3. Judges are obligated to judge the category of debate for which their team is competing. Please only sign a judge up for a single debate event. Please provide specific information about the event(s) and division(s) for each judge. It is so important that all of this information is, also, communicated to your judges. We will need them for every round of the event for which they are registered – there is no such thing as owing a “1/2 judge. Every round, every judge listed should be available. In addition to TWO rounds BEYOND the last round in which your team is competing.
4. We have a small number of judges for hire. Please call...in advance. **Do not show up short.** Competitors will be dropped.
5. ALL judges must have a tabroom.com account!!!! All ballots will be given out on-line. Please make sure your judges are familiar with this system. **It is imperative that all judges are reminded to push “start round” to signify that they have accepted the ballot.** At the conclusion of each round, judges will be prompted to double-enter all ballots. Additional comments can be entered later but getting ballots in on a timely basis is key to keeping the tournament on track.

### **Fees:**

Team Fee: \$35	Policy/PF Teams: \$30
LD & Stu Co speakers: \$15	IE's: \$15/entry, Dual: \$20/entry
Hired Judge Policy: \$200/team	LD, PF: \$150/team      Hired Judge IE or Congress: \$100

### **Remember:**

1. Register early. The later you register, the lower chance you have of reserving a spot. We recommend establishing your entry by Monday, February 1st. **No Drops will be credited after Wednesday, February 3rd at 6pm.**
3. **Fees will be assessed as of 6pm on Wednesday, February 3rd. Any and all drops made after this point will be charged.**
4. Please contact us about your drops prior to the tournament dates. Drops are the main reason tournaments get off to a slow start. Everyone benefits by communicating drops. It is easiest to make

changes on-line at <http://plupuyallup.tabroom.com> , until Thursday February 4th at 9:00pm. After this point, please email any drops or changes to Sarah Sherry. Calling the Puyallup or PLU school lines will only cause chaos as we are unlikely to receive these messages or they may be misdirected. PLEASE contact Sarah **personally** and early at [sherrysm@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:sherrysm@puyallup.k12.wa.us)

**Schedule:** Please read carefully

**Wednesday, February 3rd**

Speech submission due at 9:00 PM

**Thursday, February 4th**

Speech ballots and links distributed to speech judges, hopefully, before 8pm

**Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Debate**

Rd 1 – 3:45-5:45                      Session 1 Congress: 4:00 – 6:30

Rd 2 – 5:45 – 7:45                      Session 2 Congress: 7:15 – 9:15

Rd 3 – 7:45 – 9:30

**Saturday**

Extemp Prep – 7:45

Rd 1 IE – 8 – 9:30

Rd4 DB8 – 9:30 – 11:15              Super Session Congress 9:30 – 11:15

Extemp Prep – 11:15

Rd 2 IE – 11:30 – 1

Rnd 5 DB8 – 1-2:45                      Super Session Congress (if needed) 1:00 – 2:45

Extemp Prep – 2:45

Rd 3 IE – 3:00 – 4:30

Octos PF/LD – 4:30 – 5:30 (**I cannot stress this enough we will need EVERY SINGLE JUDGE TO MAKE THIS ROUND HAPPEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**)

Quarters PF/LD – 5:30 – 6:30

Semis Policy – 4:30 – 6:30 (if needed, this could be quarters, then semis during IE finals, final at 7:30)

IE Finals – 6:30 – 8:00 (If still in, in db8, speak STAT in IE then head to next db8 round)

Semis PF/LD – 7:30 – 8:30 or SOONER, if students are not in IEs

Finals PF/LD – 8:30 – 9:30 or SOONER, if students are not in IEs

Finals Policy – 7:30 – 9:30

Awards – 8:30 or ASAP

Students breaking in IEs and debate will be scheduled in IE finals to accommodate possible conflicts.

**ALL JUDGES** are obligated for **at least 2 out rounds, beyond their TEAM's last competitor**. This is an ambitious schedule, but many tournaments have made it work!

**Questions?**

Contact Sarah Sherry at [sherrysm@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:sherrysm@puyallup.k12.wa.us)