

Southern Oregon Novice + BQ

Saturday, October 9th, 2021

Dear students, coaches and parents,

St. Mary's School is pleased to invite you to an in-person novice tournament to help kick off the 2021-2022 school year. This will be the first tournament ever for many students and the first in-person tournament for others. We hope to make it a positive and welcoming experience for all.

In order to mitigate the risk of COVID exposure, we plan to hold all of the day's events outside if weather permits. Masks are required whenever inside the building, and a minimum of 3-feet of social distancing is required throughout the day.

The tournament will be completely run on Tabroom with online ballots. Please visit www.tabroom.com to create a free account if you have not already done so.

This tournament is open to novice competitors only (with the exception of Big Questions). Novice competitors are defined as students who are in their first year of competition or who have had less than 10 rounds of competition prior to the current school year.

Judges will be varsity high school students and community members trained to give positive feedback and gentle constructive criticism. Please bring at least one judge for every five entries. Extra judges are welcome! First-time judges desiring additional training may be assigned to rooms as spectators if requested. Note that the schedule has been designed to make it possible for varsity students to both compete in BQ and serve as a judge for novice rounds.

OSAA Speech Handbook rules will be followed for all events. (This means no internet prep for Parli!) Judges may give supportive feedback to students after speeches if requested and if time permits.

All events will run concurrently. Students may enter a maximum of two speech events or one standard debate event (LD, PF, Parli). Big Questions is open to both novice and varsity competitors, and there are no restrictions on entries. Students who are entered in both speech and Big Questions should attend their speech round first to deliver their speeches, then excuse themselves to head to their Big Questions round.

There will be three preliminary rounds for all events. Awards will be given to the top three entries in each event following prelims.

There is a per-school entry fee of \$25. This fee will be waived for all schools providing at least one BQ competitor.

Please register on Tabroom by Thursday, 10/7 at 5pm:

<http://sonovice.tabroom.com>

Schedule:

Check-in/Judge Training: 8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Novice Round 1: 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

(BQ Round 1): 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Novice Round 2: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

(BQ Round 2): 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

LUNCH: 12:30 PM-1:00 PM

Novice Round 3: 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

(BQ Round 3): 1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Awards Ceremony: 3:00 PM

Event-Specific Information:

Public Forum will use the September/October NSDA topic: **Resolved: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization should substantially increase its defense commitments to the Baltic states.**

Lincoln-Douglas will use the September/October NSDA novice topic: **Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.**

Big Questions will use the 2020-2021 NSDA topic: **Resolved: On balance, societies benefit from religious belief and practice.**