



January 2023

Dear colleagues, competitors and friends,

Oregon Forensics invites you to the **2023 Robert D. Clark Invitational** on the campus of the University of Oregon in Eugene. The tournament is **Saturday, February 18** and **Sunday, February 19, 2023**. Our tournament is entirely in-person this year. Aameena Amdahl-Mason is again directing our tab room.

We use Tabroom.com for tournament and participant registration (clark.tabroom.com) and will use NSDA Campus for online competition. Recording of rounds will not be supported by our tournament platform and the policy of the tournament is that no recording of any kind is permitted without the express consent of all parties to the round.

We will again be using electronic balloting for debate and IEs. Please ensure all judges and students have an account on Tabroom.com.

The 2022 Robert D. Clark Invitational offers:

- **All OSAA events, following all OSAA rules**
- **Two-day schedule**
- **Debate: Policy, Parliamentary, Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglas**
- **Pattern A: Extemp, Inform, Duo, LIELL, ADS, POI, DI**
- **Pattern B: Impromptu, HI, Radio, Prose, Poetry, Oratory**

For the most recent information visit the tournament page on Tabroom.com.

It is our plan to return to an in-person tournament in next year and are considering moving the tournament to the Fall.

Welcome to 2023 Robert D. Clark Invitational!

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Events and topics

We use [OSAA rules](#) on technology, coaching, announcement, and all other format questions, as interpreted by the Director of Forensics, whose decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

Divisions collapsed as needed.

For event descriptions visit: <http://www.osaa.org/docs/handbooks/spehandbook.pdf>

– Debate

Policy Debate – 2022-2023 Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its security cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in one or more of the following areas: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity.

Novice Case Limits for the 2022-2023 Policy Debate Topic

Artificial Intelligence: Restrict development and/or use of Lethal Autonomous Weapons (LAWs);

Biotechnology: Ban the use of germline genetic engineering in humans; Biotechnology: Substantially increase funding for vaccine research Cyber: Ban offensive cyber operations

Parliamentary topics written by Oregon Forensics.

Public Forum uses the **March topic**.

Lincoln-Douglas uses the **March/April topic**.

– Individual Events

We offer junior and senior divisions in all events with sufficient entries.

PATTERN A

Informative

Duo Interpretation

LIELL

Programmed Oral Interpretation

Dramatic Interpretation

Extemporaneous

After Dinner Speaking

PATTERN B

Impromptu

Humorous Interpretation

Radio commentary

Prose

Poetry reading

Oratory

- Students may enter any *single* debate event and two IEs from each pattern
- Extemporaneous and debate *strongly* discouraged
- Congress conflicts with all debate and all Pattern A events
- Students may enter Congress and one (1) Pattern B event

All IEs follow OSAA rules and use OSAA ballots.

– Student Congress

We use OSAA rules. **Submit bills on Tabroom**. Awards based on entry size. Top distinctions (speaker and parliamentarian) count as IEs 1st place for sweepstakes.

FEE CALCULATION WORKSHEET

(Present this worksheet with check for total fees at registration)

School name:

| | | Entries & fees | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---|----|---------|
| | | # | | \$ | Total |
| A | Pattern A entries | | * | 10 | |
| B | Pattern B entries | | * | 10 | |
| C | All debate (incl. LD) | | * | 35 | |
| D | Congress | | * | 10 | |
| Total for entries | | | | | |
| School Fee | | | | | \$50.00 |
| Late fees (see below) | | | | | |
| TOTAL DUE | | | | | |

-----MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Oregon Forensics-----

*Late Fees

BEFORE 11:59pm 2/15/ 2023

AFTER 12:00am on 2/16/2023:

\$50 School Fee
 \$30 *per* debate team
 \$10 *per* IE entry
 \$10 *per* Congress entry

LATE ENTRY FEES

-these are **additional** fees-
 \$35 *per* team
 \$10 *per* entry (\$20 total)
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Late entry begins at 12:00am on 2/16/2023

After 5:00pm on 2/17/2020: **Drops only, no refunds**

Uncovered judges

Debate: \$150 *per* judge needed (see below)
 IEs: \$25 *per* entry
 Student Congress: \$25 *per* entry

Judging

One judge covers 2 CX policy entries, 2 parliamentary debate entries, or 2 Lincoln-Douglass/Public Forum debate entries. The same judge can cover up to 5 IE/Congress entries. Judges covering Congress can be used for debate, IEs, and Congress, barring conflicts.

We will use coaches as sparingly as possible until elimination rounds.

All schools must either cover judging obligations or let us know in advance so your fees can hire judges: Cover early or pay a fee.

Judges are obligated one round beyond the final round in which they have a student competing.

Registration

All registration through TabRoom.com using procedures detailed there.

Sweepstakes

Sweepstakes awards are calculated using the formula below. There will be a large and small school first, second and third. Teams below 50% of the average entry size are small schools.

| Debate | 1st | 2nd | Semis | Quarter |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----------------|----------|
| Team Debate | 15 | 12 | 9 | 6 |
| Solo Debate (LD) | 12 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
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| Individual Events | 1st | 2nd | 3 rd | Finalist |
| Single IE | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Team IE (Duo) | 12 | 9 | 7 | 5 |