

# The Auburn Triumph of Troy NIETOC Invitational

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Dear Coaches and Squads,

The Auburn High Speech and Debate Team cordially invites you to attend our Speech and Debate Tournament on November 3-4, 2023. This tournament will offer Cross Examination, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum Debate, SPAR, Student Congress, World Schools and Washington State IEs in two divisions and will be a **State Qualifying Tournament** for WCD III schools. We will also offer Editorial Commentary and Oral Interpretation. We are pleased to announce that we are also a **NIETOC** qualifying tournament! This will also be a Hybrid Tournament for **NIETOC IE's and World Schools Debate**. We will follow current WSFA rules for all events. The rules can be found at:

<https://wiaa.com/ConDocs/Con1144/2019-20%20Bound%20for%20State%20Regs.pdf>.

## **DEBATE**

Please check <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/> for the accurate topic wording for all topics.

**Lincoln-Douglas:** We will offer 2 divisions of LD, Novice and Open. As this is a qualifying tournament in LD for many schools we will use the **November-December topic for ALL DIVISIONS**. Rounds will follow the 6-3- 7-3-4-6-3 format and have 4 minutes of downtime per competitor.

**Cross Examination:** We will offer 2 divisions of CX, Novice and Open. We will follow the Novice case area list as determined at the September WSFA meeting. Please inform you novice teams of their approved case areas. Rounds will follow the 8-3-5 format with 5 minutes of prep time per team. If there are not enough competitors we will collapse the divisions. We plan on running CX even if there is a low turnout.

**Public Forum:** At this time we will be offering two divisions of Public forum. We will use the November December topic as published on the NSDA website. Please note that PF runs with LD and CX. Rounds will follow standard PF time format with 3 minutes of prep per team.

**Student Congress:** Two, two and a half hour sessions of Student Congress will be offered on Friday night. Both sessions will conflict with CX and LD. We plan on having a minimum of three chambers, at least one in each division, Open and Novice.

We will be using legislation from the WSFA packet as emailed out by the congress committee. If you need a copy of this document, please let me know. It will be posted online and will also be available via email. **There will be no copies of bills made at the tournament.** Kindly bring enough copies for your team. This timeline should allow students to research and understand the topics at a greater level than surface knowledge.

We are holding a Super Congress on Saturday – students advancing will be announced ASAP on Friday

night – if not posted before you leave, it will be posted on tabroom.com so you can check.

You can find the bill packet at

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1\\_YyONUBZ5Op5-Az9PvZ\\_S2vVUAOkXoSA](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_YyONUBZ5Op5-Az9PvZ_S2vVUAOkXoSA)

**Spontaneous Argument:** We will offer offering two divisions of SPAR (may collapse depending on interest). ***They will be run during the I.E. rounds.*** Format will be 1:00 minute prep, 2:00 minute constructive speeches, 2:00 minutes of cross examination, followed by 1:00 rebuttal. There will be a wide variety of topics.

**World Schools:** Teams of 3-5: [World School Format and Judging](#)-Please provide one judge per team. We will run Worlds School through Hybrid and Google Meets so that we can have more schools join us if they choose to do so.

Prepared Motions:

- This House would ban targeted political advertising.
- This House opposes the use of public funds for school vouchers.
- This House supports the right to secession.
- This House regrets the rise of citizen journalism.
  - Info Slide: Citizen journalism is citizen-based journalism where citizens play an active role in the process of collecting, reporting, analyzing and disseminating news and information. The underlying principle of citizen journalism is that ordinary people, not professional journalists, can be the lead authors and distributors of messages. In recent times, citizen journalism has become more possible thanks to the development of various online platforms.

## **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

**AHS is a NIETOC Bid Tournament.** We will offer two divisions in all 8 Washington State events (see descriptions below). Novice division is open to first year competitors only. **Anyone with one year of experience or more must register for the Open Division.** See comments below about online competition. This will be ran in a Hybrid format with Google Meets with out of state competitors or competitors with special circumstances and will be run in Pacific Standard Time. Competitors are responsible for making it on time to their round and will be held accountable.

**PLEASE READ THE RULES CAREFULLY AS SOME HAVE CHANGED**

### **Event Rules**

**Extemporaneous:** State Rules apply. Thirty minutes of prep time followed by **7 minutes** of speaking time. Judges will provide time signals while the competitor is speaking. Novice speakers may use a 4x6 note card. **30 second grace period.**

**Oratory:** This is a memorized speech that has a **ten (10) minute time limit with a 30 second grace period**. A manuscript must be available on the judge's request. The speech must have no more than 150 quoted words.

**Informative:** May be memorized or not memorized with a **10 minute time limit, 30 second grace period**. Visual aids are not required but are preferred by most judges. There may be no more than 150 quoted words.

**Interpretation:** All have a **ten (10) minute time limit with 30 second grace period**. Programs may be one or more selections of published prose, poetry, radio, or television scripts. The program must be memorized. Titles and authors must be identified during the program. Full body movement is allowed.

**Open Only: Humorous Interp :** This must be humorous in nature.

**Open Only: Dramatic Interp :** This must be dramatic in nature.

**Open Only Duo:** This may be serious or humorous in nature. Two people perform with no interaction except at introduction if they choose.

**Program of Oral Interpretation:** This is a 10 minute, themed program that must have at least one cutting of prose and one of poetry and/or drama. All pieces must be published and titles and authors must be identified during the program. Delivery must involve the use of a manuscript/binder. **30 second grace period**.

**Impromptu:** The contestant will have **6 minutes** in which to choose one of three topics, prepare, organize thoughts, and speak. The topic of choice must be stated as part of the introduction. Judges will give time signals during prep time and while the contestant is speaking. All speakers are to remain in the room until all have performed. The only exception is for double entries. **30 second grace period**.

**Open Editorial Commentary:** A scripted speech which is intended to be an analysis of a news event rather than a running synopsis of news. Speakers will read their manuscript from a seated position. The script should be timed to end between 1:45 and 2:00. Any speaker ending before 1:45 or after 2:00 shall be ranked one score lower. **There is only open division for this event.**

### **Middle School Division**

The tournament will be open to all middle school students as defined by your school district (e.g. some districts have 4-8 middle schools; some have 6-8; some have 7-9 etc.). Since many middle schools don't have NSDA accounts, you may register your middle school students with your high school. Middle schoolers will have their own division if numbers allow. If not, there will be top middle schooler awards for each division. You may register your middle schoolers in the open division; however, WIAA rules prevent middle schoolers from winning state bids (middle schoolers may also not win NIETOC bids).

### **ACCOMODATIONS**

Food will be provided for coaches and judges in the judges' lounge located in the DECA room located off the commons: With food being in walking distance and the invention of DoorDash and

Uber Eats, we found that kids would rather enjoy a variety of choices than cup of noodles and Costco Pizza.

### **REGISTRATION AND FEES + LIMITATIONS**

No more than 20 IE entries per squad (dual counts as 1 entry) across both divisions. You are limited to a maximum of 6 entries per event in each division. You may enter more participants, but you must register them as a second squad on a separate registration form.

You are limited to a maximum of 6 total debate entries per squad. This means you may enter 6 LD or 6 CX, or 3 LD and 2 CX and 1 TT, or any combination that keeps you at 6 debate entries per squad. Additional debate entries will have to be entered as a separate squad.

Registration this year will occur through the website <http://www.tabroom.com>. The deadline for registration is **Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7 PM**. Fees will be set on that day. Drops after that time will not be deducted from the entry fee. Please register early. Changes in registration must be made at the website. We will leave the website open until Thursday evening for changes.

Concerning drops and changes: Please, please, please make changes before Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Late changes have drastic impacts on the tournament schedule. The earlier you can get changes to your entries made, the better the chances are for an ON TIME or early tournament.

#### **Fee Schedule:**

Each Squad:	\$35.00	Squad defined by limitations above.
Each CX team:	\$20.00	Each winning team gets two awards
Each LD:	\$12.00	
World Schools:	\$20.00	Each team member will get an award
Each PF team:	\$18.00	Each winning team gets two awards
Each IE entry:	\$12.00	One student doing two events counts as two entries.
Duo Entry:	\$18.00	Each winning team gets two awards
Student Congress:	\$10.00	Awards for top PO and 5 top speakers in each house.

***Make checks payable to Auburn Senior High School Speech and Debate.***

Payment of fees may be made in advance or at AHS during registration. Acceptable methods of payment are 1) School Check, 2) School or District PO, or 3) Personal Check. Payment must be made before your team can compete.

Please keep track of your entries on the tabroom website. I will not be sending any sort of confirmation to you before the tournament. You will receive communication during the week of the tournament about entries, drops, judging, and other necessary items so that we will run smoothly and on time.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **FOOD**

A portion of the entry fees will be used to pay for food for judges. Food for competitors will be available for

purchase.

## **SUPERVISION**

The WIAA requires the presence, at all times, of a certificated staff member from the school or district supervising your participants. You will not be allowed to compete if you do not comply with this rule.

# **JUDGING INFORMATION**

## **ALL JUDGING WILL BE DONE ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH TABROOM! This includes postings, assignments, ballots.**

Your judges will need to have linked accounts through tabroom. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THIS PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT! It will speed things on tournament days. Please ask your judges to have a laptop, tablet, or smartphone at the tournament. We have an open wireless network with excellent coverage. **Judging assignments and ballots will be delivered electronically this year.**

As there are conflicts in the schedule, please be sure to calculate your judging needs properly. We will not have a large number of judges for hire and need to be able to run the tournament efficiently. Please tell your judges when they need to be in the building to judge as we don't have a lot of free time. **IF YOUR JUDGES DO NOT SHOW WE WILL BE FORCED TO START DROPPING YOUR COMPETITORS – STARTING WITH YOUR MOST SENIOR PEOPLE IN THE EVENT YOUR JUDGES FAIL TO SHOW. THE NUMBER DROPPED WILL BE EQUAL TO THE RATIOS SHOWN BELOW.**

- One judge covers **five (5) IE entries.**
- One judge covers **3 Public Forum entries or 3 LD entries.**
- One judge covers **2 CX teams.**
- One judge and one parliamentarian is required to be nominated and available for each school entering Student Congress participants.
- \*One Judge per World Schools Team
- Your school is obligated to provide judges for the categories and divisions in which your students are entered.
- Senior division students with at least one full year of experience who are not competing at AHS may judge novice division in the events in which they have experience.

**Please remember: Lack of a judge at registration will result in an automatic reduction in your school's number of entries. If your judges do not pick up ballots we will drop competitors starting with Open Division until judging requirements are met. We will reduce numbers starting with your most senior competitors.**

Please contact us if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing everyone in December!

Sincerely,

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## **Tentative Tournament Schedule**

**\*IF YOU ARE IN A DIFFERENT TIME ZONE, YOU MUST FOLLOW PST FOR SCHEDULE\***

Friday, November 3, 2023

**\*Please do NOT come before 2:40\***

2:40 – 3:15 PM Registration - Cafe

3:30 pm (or asap) Debate – LD/CX/PF Round 1, Worlds Round 1- Impromptu Prep

4:00 pm Congress Session 1

4:30pm Worlds Round 1

5:30 pm Debate – LD/CX/PF Round 2

6:00pm Worlds Round 2- Impromptu Prep

7:00 pm Congress Session 2; Worlds Round 2

7:30 pm Debate – LD/CX/PF Round 3

Saturday, Nov 4, 2023

8:00 Speech 1 (extemp draw at 8:00, check in the prep room by 7:50 AM)

9:30 Debate 4 (super congress 1); Worlds Round 3 Prepared topic (side 1)

11:30 Speech 2

1:00 Debate 5 (super congress 2); Worlds Round 4 Prepared topic (side 2)

3:00 Speech 3

4:30 CX sems/finals (if needed). LD, PF, Worlds Round 5 Prepared topic (side 1)

OR Semifinals– if needed.

6:00 speech finals

7:00 PM CX Finals, LD and PF sems (we will move these earlier if possible)

Worlds Finals Prepared topic (flip for sides)

8:15 PM LD/ PF Finals (earlier if possible)