**Location (NEW THIS YEAR, PLEASE NOTE):**

## Ringdall Junior High School

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Dear Coaches and Squads,

Bellevue Speech and Debate cordially invites you to attend the 7th Annual Bellevue School District Invitational on December 6th and 7th, 2024. We are pleased to offer Individual Events, Congressional Debate, Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Worlds Schools Debate. Once again, this is a **State Qualifying Tournament in all events for WCD District II schools**. We will follow current WSFA rules, and NSDA guidelines implementing the Coaches and Students Code of Ethics/Code of Honor. Registration will occur through the website <http://www.tabroom.com>. The deadline for registration is **5pm Wednesday, December 4, 2024**. **Fees will be set as of deadline.** Late drops considered under health or act of god circumstance. All fees paid to BHS Speech and Debate.

*We are at a smaller venue this year. Due to event size and space, we will have to institute squad size restrictions. A team squad is defined as a total of 10 CX, LD, PFD, or Worlds debate entries and 25 individual event entries. Congress entries are limited to 10 per squad. One student doing two events is counted as two toward the 25-entry limit. A dual interpretation pair is counted as one entry. Squads will be allowed to increase beyond the squad size limit depending on venue availability. First preference will be given two district two local schools as this is a D2 tournament, then furthest traveled schools, then first come first serve as can be met.*

Here are more details about our events:

**Congressional Debate**:

We will offer two 2 ½ hour sessions on Friday evening and Super Congress on Saturday (divided into a novice final and open final, if numbers merit). All sessions will conflict with CX, LD, and PF.

*We will use the Fall Legislation Packet*

Because Washington State uses a pre-prepared legislative docket prepared by the Washington State Forensics Association, any out-of-state schools may submit one piece of legislation to the tournament director for inclusion at the tournament. The legislation must be received by 8:00 AM Monday, December 2nd, 2024 to be allowed in the preliminary round tournament docket. This deadline ensures that all schools will have adequate time to prepare for debating the legislation. Any contestant may sponsor such an item in the event an author is not present in chamber.

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.

Awards will be given to the top 5 speakers and the top presiding officer in each chamber.

**Policy Debate:**

We will offer **Novice and Open** divisions and use the **2024-2025 CX Topic.** We will follow the Novice case area list as determined at the September WSFA meeting. Rounds will follow the 8-3-5 format with 6 minutes of prep time per team. Speaker awards will be presented to the top 5 individual competitors in each division.

**Lincoln Douglas**

We will offer **Novice, Junior (if enough numbers), and Open** divisions and use the **November/December LD Topic.** Rounds will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format and have 4 minutes of prep time per competitor. Speaker awards will be presented to the top 5 individual competitors in each division.

**Public Forum**

We will offer **Novice, Junior (if enough numbers), and Open** divisions and use the **November/December PF Topic.** Rounds will follow the new NSDA PF time format with 3-minute summary speeches and with 3 minutes of prep time per team. Speaker awards will be presented to the top 5 individual competitors in each division.

**Worlds Schools**

We will offer **Open** division and use the **Fall Prepared motions.** There will be both Impromptu and Prepared motions throughout the tournament. Speaker awards will be presented to the top 5 individual competitors.

**Individual Events**

**IE’s offered at the novice and open levels**. **Novice competitors are permitted to use scripts.**

**All IE’s conflict though ample time given for students to double enter. Students are responsible for making it to all their rounds on time. Maximum IE entries held at two events, no triple IE event entries allowed.**

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION/TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

Every school is required to pay a $30 SCHOOL ENTRY FEE per squad. The fee for each individual event is $10. The fee for Dual Interpretation is $18 per pair. Congressional Debate is $10 per entry. Each Worlds team is $20, Policy is $18 per team, Public Forum is $18 per team, and LD is $10 per entry.

***Make checks payable to Bellevue High School Speech and Debate.***

## Payment of fees preferred in advance, or during registration. Acceptable methods of payment are 1) School Check, 2) School or District Purchase Order, or 3) Personal Check. Confirmation of payment or P.O. must occur before your team can compete. We anticipate a robust registration and encourage early registrations, thank you. Payments after invitational mailed to Bellevue High School Speech and Debate, 10416 SE Wolverine Way, Bellevue, Washington 98004. All fees to be made payable to Bellevue High School Speech and Debate.

Registration will occur through the website <http://bellevue.tabroom.com> Deadline for registration is **5pm Wednesday, December 4, 2024**. **Fees will be set as of deadline.** Late drops considered under health or act of god circumstance.

Drops and changes: Please call or email about any changes to your registration proactively! Late changes have drastic impacts on the tournament schedule. The earlier you can get drops to us the better the chances are for an ON TIME tournament. Please email drops, and challenges, to [mccormicka@bsd405.org](mailto:mccormicka@bsd405.org) *and* [0217mikeliu@gmail.com](mailto:troutmanm@bsd405.org).

# SUPERVISION

The WIAA requires the presence, at all times, of a certificated staff member from the school or district supervising your participants. Your team cannot be allowed to compete if out of compliance.

**JUDGING**

Each school is required to provide *one judge for every two debate teams in Cross-Examination or Worlds Debate, and one judge for every three Public Forum, or Lincoln Douglas debate entries*. In Individual Events and Congressional Debate: *one judge is required for 1-5 entries, two judges for 6-10 entries, three judges for 11-15 entries, and so on.* One student competing in two events counts as two contestants. A Dual Interp pair is counted as one entry. Schools may provide senior division students to judge **novice** division IEs and debate contestants, but must provide the required number of adult judges for open division contestants. **Lack of a judge at registration will result in an automatic reduction in your school’s number of entries.** Remedy: $100 Judging Fee will be charged to your school.   
In the interest of keeping to the schedule, judges are asked to FIRST turn their ballot in and THEN give feedback to the debaters IF requested.   
An additional problem that may occur is judges leaving early throughout the tournament. If a ballot is assigned to a judge/school and no one is available to cover for it, escalating consequences can occur. Remedy: first missed ballot = $100 Judging Fee will be charged to your school. Fines will be added for every uncovered ballot.

**ONLINE TOURANMENT INFORMATION**

* As of November 1, 2024, we expect to be in-person for all speech & debate events
* Should we need to move any part of the tournament online due to COVID numbers, we will communicate early and often via Tabroom emails

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**December 6-7, 2024**

* Postings are in the cafeteria/commons and online through Tabroom.com
* Judges lounge is in the library
* Registration/help desk/questions in front of library, just up the staircase

Friday, December 6th, 2024

3:00 Registration in front of library

4:00 Round 1 CX/ LD/ PF/Worlds (Impromptu)

4:15 Session I Congressional Debate

6:00 Round 2 CX/ LD/ PF/Worlds (Prepared)

7:15 Session II Congressional Debate

8:00 Round 3 CX/ LD/ PF/Worlds (Prepared)

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

7:30 IE Registration in front of library

8:00 IE Round I All Patterns (Extemp Draw 8:00)

9:30 Round 4 CX/LD/PF/Worlds (Impromptu)

9:30 Session III Congressional Debate (Super Congress)

11:30 IE Round II All Patterns (Extemp Draw 11:30)

1:00 Round 5 CX/ LD/ PF/Worlds (Prepared)

1:00 Session IV Congressional Debate (Super Congress)

3:00 IE Round III All Patterns (Extemp Draw 3:00)

4:15 Debate LD/PF Quarterfinals CX/Worlds Semifinals (Prepared)

5:15 Debate LD/PF Semifinals CX/Worlds Finals (Impromptu)

6:00 IE Finals All Patterns (Extemp Draw 6:00)

6:30 Debate LD/PF Finals

8:15 (ASAP) Awards