



Dear High School Forensics Coach:

The Prairie High School Speech and Debate Team would like to invite you to the 2024-25 Falcon Invitational Speech/Debate Tournament on Saturday, January 11, 2025. This is a one-day tournament.

SUPERVISION

The WIAA requires the presence, at all times, of a certificated staff member from the school or district supervising all participants.

REGISTRATION

Registration is due by **Wednesday, January 8, 2025 @4:00 PM**. Link is below:

We will offer the following events:

DEBATE WIAA Rules will be enforced.

- **Lincoln-Douglas Debate Topic:** (January/February topic) *Resolved: The United States ought to become party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and/or the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.*
- **Public Forum Debate Topic:** (January topic) *Resolved: The African Union should grant diplomatic recognition to the Republic of Somaliland as an independent state.*
- **Student Congress:** *We will be using the WSFA approved student congress legislation.*

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS WIAA Rules will be enforced.

Dramatic Interp, Duo Interp, Extemporaneous, Humorous Interp, Impromptu, Informative, Oratory, Programmed Oral Interpretation, and Original Spoken Word.

COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS

We will run both Open and Novice although the tournament may collapse divisions if there are not enough students registered.

NOTE: Novice is **ONLY** open to those students who have no previous experience in Forensics prior to the current competitive year, or those students who have six (6) or fewer rounds of Forensics competition at Invitational, League, or District competition prior to the current competitive year and have not placed first through fourth (1-4) in Level 1 or higher in debate competition at two (2) invitational tournaments with 15 or more schools.

JUDGING

Each school *is required to provide:*

- **one (1) judge for every 2 Debate entries.**
- **one (1) judge for Student Congress.**
- **one (1) judge for every 5 Individual Event (IE) entries.**

One student doing two events counts as two (2) entries.

No student judges will be allowed. A qualified judge must have graduated from high school.

If a school does not supply the required number of judges, they may not be allowed to compete.

If a judge drops, let Leah Zika know as soon as possible. (Call or text: 360-921-8144)

FEES

\$30.00 per school registration fee

\$10.00 per individual event including Student Congress and LD Debate

\$15.00 per team event (Duo Interp, Public Forum Debate)

***** Registration fees are waived for schools within WIAA District IV.***

AWARDS

Open and Novice Divisions: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

SCHEDULE - Saturday, January 11, 2025

Lunch: Fit in between rounds/as time allows.

7:30 AM	IE and Debate Registration
8:00 AM	Individual Events Round 1 Extemp draw.
9:00 AM	Debate Round 1 SCongress Session 1 (9:00-10:30 am)
10:30 AM	Debate Round 2
11:30 AM	Individual Events Round 2 Extemp draw.
12:30 PM	Debate Round 3 SCongress Session 2 (12:30 - 2:00 pm)
2:00 PM	Individual Events Round 3 Extemp draw.
3:30 PM	Debate Round 4 (if needed)
Awards ASAP	

FOOD: Across the street is Taco Bell, Dairy Queen, Subway, Fairway Coffee, and Winco with a deli.

Contact: Leah Zika, Prairie HS Speech/Debate Coach; zika.leah@battlegroundps.org; 360-885-5033 (direct school line).