



May 27th, 2025

Dear Colleagues, Competitors, and Friends,

On behalf of Willamette High School and the Bethel Forensics Program, I am honored to invite you to the 1st annual Rob Bingham Memorial Invitational. This tournament is named in memory and honor of Rob Bingham, who coached the Willamette High School Speech and Debate team from 1997 to 2010, building the program to soaring success including state and national champions. May this tournament be a testament to his dedication and commitment to excellence in this activity and the incredible force for positive change that it is for everyone connected to it.

The tournament will be held at Willamette High School on February 21st, 2026. The tournament will feature all OSAA events, and will be following all OSAA rules and using OSAA ballots:

- **Debate:** Lincoln-Douglas, Parliamentary, Policy, Public Forum
- **Individual Events:** ADS, DI, Duo, Extemp, HI, Informative, Impromptu, LIELL, Oratory, POI, Poetry, Prose, Radio

I look forward to a fantastic day of competition and community among our esteemed programs. Thank you for the work that you do each and every day for your students.

May the Force be with you,

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Schedule:

7:00am-7:30am - Check-in	
7:30am - Judge training	
8:00am - Debate round 1	8:00am - Policy round 1
9:00am - Extemp draw	
9:30am - IE Round 1	10:00am - Policy round 2
11:00am - Debate round 2	
12:30pm - Lunch break	
1:00pm - Extemp draw	1:00pm - Policy round 3
1:30pm - IE round 2	
3:00pm - Debate round 3	3:00pm - Policy round 4
4:00pm - Extemp draw	
4:30pm - IE round 3	
6:00pm - Finals/runoffs (if needed)	
ASAP - Awards	

Topics:

Lincoln-Douglas – January/February 2026 topic

Parliamentary – Topics to be written

Policy – 2025-26 topic – “Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.”

Public Forum – February 2026 topic

Rules:

Policy schedule – Entries in policy debate are exclusive of other events, students may not double enter in policy and another event.

Debate/extemp double entries – Students who double enter in Lincoln-Douglas, Parliamentary, or Public Forum AND extemporaneous speaking do so at their own risk; students who are late to extemp prep will not be given extra time.

Round pairings – Rounds 1 and 2 of all debate events including policy are preset, round 3 of all debate events and round 4 of policy are all power matched based on win-loss record.

Internet – Usage follows all OSAA rules respective to the event the student is participating in.

Speaker points – The range for speaker points for all debate events is 25-30, with 25 being the lowest with improvement needed in all areas, and 30 being the best speech you’ve ever heard.

Sweepstakes – Sweepstakes points will be awarded according to a modified version of the points system found in the OSAA Speech Handbook Section 11.2. The modified version is as follows:

Debate – 15 points for first, 10 for second

IE – 10 points for first, 8 for second, 6 for third

Fees:

\$10 each entry for both IE and debate, with a \$20 one-time school fee. Policy debate entries are sponsored by the Forensic League of Eugene and are free, and any school that has entries in policy debate will have their school fee waived as well.

Accommodations:

Wifi: BSD-Events **Password:** handed out at check-in

Information about a hotel block and food options will be provided closer to the tournament date.

Contacts:

Tournament Director: Alex Larsen, 541-954-6298

Tab staff: Aameena Amdahl-Mason

Awards nominations:

Rob & Nicki Bingham Traveling Trophy and **Jim Grant Founders Award:** nomination forms will be posted in Tabroom when the tournament opens for registration.

Judges:

Obligation – Teams are expected to provide one speech judge for every 6 IE entries and one debate judge for every 2 debate entries in the tournament. Policy debate entries will require one judge for every 2 entries to be in the specific policy debate judge pool. If you are a new program and meeting judging obligations is a barrier, please contact the tournament director for more information.

Arrival and food – Judges are expected to check in by 7:30am unless otherwise noted in the availability note on Tabroom. Food is provided for judges in the judges lounge.

Training – If you are new to judging or would like a refresher, please attend the judge training in room 17 at 7:30am.

Topics – If you are judging extemp, impromptu, or parliamentary, please pick up the topics from the Tabroom before you go to your round.

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Map: A map will be posted in Tabroom closer to the tournament date.