



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:

7:00 Check In
7:30 Judge Instructions (Power's Auditorium)
7:50 Announcements (Cafeteria)
8:00 Debate R1
9:30 Speech R1
11:00 Debate R2
12:30-1:00 Lunch
1:30 Speech R2
3:00 Debate R3
4:30 Speech R3
6:00 Debate Semi
7:00 Speech Final (some debaters will arrive closer to 7:30 if they break in both)
8:30 Awards (Power's Auditorium)

Topics:

Lincoln-Douglas – January/February 2026 topic – “Resolved: The possession of nuclear weapons is immoral.”

Parliamentary – Topics written by tournament staff

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 – “Resolved: The Federal Trade Commission should establish a federal regulatory framework for sports betting.”

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 – Debate round one and two are prematched. Round three will be paired from r1/r2 results based on power matching. Policy debate is a round robin until entry size dictates otherwise.

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.

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:** relaxingdays

Food for judges/coaches: Breakfast food and snacks, catered lunch from Cafe Yumm separated out by ingredients to accommodate dietary/allergen needs.

Food for students: Free breakfast food available to all students, pre-purchased lunch packs (sandwich portion, chips, cookie) only if ordered ahead of time in Tabroom. There are many food options within walking distance, we recommend the following locally owned businesses:

Lee's Thai Food (open 12pm-7pm), event coupon available

Abby's Legendary Pizza (open 11am-10pm), event coupon available

Barger Grill (open 8am-12am)

Barger Food Trucks Courtyard (4190 Barger Dr) - several food trucks with varying cuisines

Contacts:

Tournament Emergency Contact: Ben Dodds, 541-531-3534

Tournament Director: Alex Larsen, 541-954-6298

Tab staff: Aameena Amdahl-Mason, Robyn Rose, KC Perley

Judges lounge: Kristen Sullivan

Extemp prep: Beau Woodward

Awards nomination forms:

Rob & Nicki Bingham Traveling Trophy:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoVxG4wDdtbgbuFGcbM5CxVbC-QvZsEP1ST9YjEwsGZW0shQ/viewform?usp=header>

Jim Grant Founders Award:

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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 lobby of Power's Auditorium.

Training – If you are new to judging or would like a refresher, training will be provided at 7:30am in the judge lounge, Power's Auditorium.

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