

# ***Shikellamy H. S. Forensics***

## **Earlybird Tournament**

Dear Forensics Coaches,

In the past, the Early Bird Tournament has been a huge success and a fun day of “low-keyed”, friendly competition for beginning speakers. This year the event will be hosted at the Shikellamy High School in Sunbury on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025.

The three-round event is open to any first year HS competitor, regardless of age, AND any middle school students grades 6 - 8. Experienced high school students may judge at this tournament. Also feel free to bring interested "non-competing" students along to participate in a workshop and observe rounds of competition. Our plan is to include workshops in: Oral Interp, Speech, and Congress. Students may attend a workshop and then go see the event in action.

**Events:** Congressional Debate - (Using the NSDA October legislation Packet as well as any bills submitted by attending schools) Send bills to Craig Specht at [spechtc@shikbrves.org](mailto:spechtc@shikbrves.org) by October 10th.

**Speech:** Oratory (Informative or Persuasive), Extemp, Extemp Commentary, and  
Declamation

**Interp:** Prose, Poetry, Dramatic Performance (Humorous and Dramatic combined),  
Duo Interpretation

Notes may be used for Extemp, Oratory, and Declamation. DI, HI, and Duo may also use scripts or binders for this event. **NO PENALTIES FOR NOT BEING MEMORIZED!!!!** The important thing is for the students to get some experience.

**New Judges Workshop:** A workshop for new judges, interested parents, and any potential helpers will be held during the workshop time slot. We will discuss the speech, congress, and interp events, online balloting, round procedures, and helpful judging tips, as well as opening the floor for questions.

**REGISTRATION FEES:** School Fee - \$5.00

Per Competitor - \$3.00 (a Duo team would be \$6.00)

Per Observer/Workshop Participant - \$1.00

**Schedule:** 7:45 - 8:15 -Registration Shikellamy High School Lobby

**8:15 - Opening Meeting - Auditorium**  
**8:30 - Workshops and Coaches Clinic**  
**9:30 - Round 1 – All Events**  
**10:30 - Round 2 – All Events**  
**11:30 - Round 3 - All Events**  
**12:45 - LUNCH and AWARDS - Cafeteria**

**Lunch:** Two slices of pizza, chips, water, and a cookie will be available for lunch at \$7.00 per student. There will also be a concession stand with snack items for purchase throughout the day. If possible, lunch counts should be submitted to tabroom by Thursday 10/16 at 6PM, but tickets can be purchased Saturday as well.

**Coaches and Judges:** Lunch will be provided for all coaches and judges. Coffee and doughnuts will also be available in the morning.

**JUDGE QUOTAS:** If possible, please provide 1 judge for every 5 speech/congress entries **REMEMBER:** Experienced HS students may judge at this event. If you are a new school just getting started, don't worry about having a full quota of judges, we'll help you cover your interested students.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Wed. Oct. 15 at 6PM - Register at [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com)

**Drop deadline – Thurs. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM .** There will be a \$3.00 drop fee for any changes made after that time. Name changes can be made without charge.

**Checks should be made payable to: SHIKELLAMY HS FORENSICS**

**We look forward to seeing you on Sat. Oct. 18, 2025.**

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