

Clackamas and Nelson Holiday Edge 2025

If you are looking at the PDF invite: [The digital version of this invitation is the most up-to-date version.](#)

All Novice speech and debate events will be hosted at Nelson (14897 SE Parklane Dr, Happy Valley, OR 97015) on December 6

All Open speech and debate events will be hosted at Clackamas (14486 SE 122nd Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015) on December 6

Congress (novice and open) will be hosted on Friday at Clackamas Middle College (12021 SE 82nd Ave, Happy Valley, OR 97086) on December 5

Registration:

Please register for all novice speech and debate events at:

nelsonholidayedge.tabroom.com

Please register for all open speech and debate events and both divisions of Congress at: *holidayedge.tabroom.com*

Clackamas and Nelson are about 10 minutes apart. Students and judges can only be registered at one site on Saturday.

We will also run the Holiday Sweater contest at both sites.

If you have questions, you can reach Ameena Amdahl-Mason (Clackamas) at amdahl-masona@nclack.k12.or.us and Anesh Nath at mr.aneshnath@gmail.com

Both locations will use the same schedule and patterns.

Congress - Friday only at Clackamas Middle College

Pattern A - Debate

Policy Debate, Parliamentary Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate,

Pattern B - Individual Events

Humorous, Dramatic, Duo, Impromptu, Extemp, Poetry, Prose, Inform, Oratory, ADS, POI, LIELL, and Radio.

We will follow state rules and reference the latest edition of the state ballots. You can find them on the [OSAA website](#).

No rounds may be recorded at this tournament. Please see Ameena at Clackamas or Anesh at Nelson if you have questions.

Policy Debate – 2025-2026 Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.

Novice policy will follow novice cases and use the material in the NDCA novice packet:
<https://www.debatecoaches.org/resources/novice>.

Lincoln Douglas Debate Topic (November/December): Resolved: The United States ought to rewild substantial tracts of land. **We will not be using the Novice LD Topic.**

Public Forum Debate Topic (November/December): Resolved: The United States federal government should require technology companies to provide lawful access to encrypted communications.

Parliamentary Debate topics will be a variety of policy and value topics.

Congress: Please upload legislation for Congress by 9 pm on Monday, December 1. Congress legislation will be posted by 8 am on Tuesday, December 2.

Limits:

Students may NOT double-enter in Debate. While our Tournament will allow double entry in the Individual Event pattern, you may NOT double-enter with Extemp. *We will initially allow two entries per event per school, except Congress, where there is no limit. Additional entries may be admitted off the waitlist if there is space.*

Deadlines:

Adds/Drops without penalty will be allowed for all events until Thursday, December 4 at 5 pm.

Judges for all events are due Thursday, December 4, at 5 pm.

Payment: Make checks payable to Clackamas High School with Clackamas Speech and Debate in the memo line or Nelson High School with Nelson Speech and Debate in the memo line.

Online payment for Clackamas is available here:

<https://northclackamas.graystep.com/Index.aspx#/6/product/744>

Online payment for Nelson is available here:

Fees:

\$25.00 per school registration fee

\$10.00 per Individual Event entry

\$15.00 per Debate Event

Judging:

One judge covers five entries and will be expected to judge debate and IEs.

One judge can cover up to 6 Congress entries.

Judges will be fed!

Judges must be entered at either Clackamas or Nelson - they cannot do both!

Friday (at Clackamas Middle College - 12021 SE 82nd Ave)

3:30-3:50 Registration - Please do not arrive before 3:30 pm

3:50 pm Opening assembly in the commons

4 pm - 6 pm Session 1

6 pm - 6:45 pm Dinner break

6:45-8:15 pm Session 2

Awards ASAP after Session 2

Saturday

Open Events at Clackamas High School - 14486 SE 122nd Ave

Pattern A: Debate

Pattern B: IEs

7:00 Judges Check-in

7:30 Judge Instruction

7:50 Announcements for students in the commons

8:00 Pattern A Rd 1

9:30 Pattern B Rd 1 (Extemp draw at 9:30, speak at 10)

11:00 Pattern A Rd 2

12:30 Pattern B Rd 2 (Extemp draw at 12:30, speak at 1)

2:00 Pattern A Rd 3

3:30 Pattern B Rd 3 (Extemp draw at 3:30, speak at 4)

5:00 Pattern A Semifinals/Finals

ASAP Pattern B Finals (Extemp draw at 6:30, speak at 7)

Awards ASAP after Pattern B Finals

Novice Events at Nelson High School - 14897 SE Parklane

Pattern A: Debate

Pattern B: IEs

7:15 Judges Check-in

7:45 Judge Instruction

8:15 Pattern A Rd 1

9:45 Pattern B Rd 1 (Extemp draw at 9:45, speak at 10:15)

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