Participants MUST be from a school and have official school adult supervision

We welcome students who represent schools and who are school adult supervised teams to our tournament. Only Schools who are members of their State Speech/Debate Organization* may participate in this tournament (look at the list of state organizations to make sure your school is able to participate). If you have questions, please contact me. We want you in our tournament but we also, sadly, have to follow this Washington state rule.

WSFA/WIAA regulations prohibit unsupervised students and students who are not from schools from attending the tournament. This means that students who are not participating as part of a school may not attend tournaments in Washington State. If you are not from a school and you are participating without a school official supervising you during the tournament, you will be dismissed from the tournament without refund. Concerns? Contact Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu We value every student that wants to participate in speech and debate and we do not agree with this exclusionary policy but if we don't follow it, we will face severe penalties. So, if you are not participating as a school representative, you may not participate in our tournament.

Our Online Policies

- Make sure that your students have active Tabroom accounts well ahead of the tournament. Otherwise, they won't be able to compete.
- Students and Judges should have Cameras on. This is a safeguard against outside assistance, and it is an important accessibility feature. Cameras also help maintain the social atmosphere of speech and debate. That said, if there is a significant reason you need the camera off, you are not required to have the camera on.
- **MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENTS ARE READY TO GO. They need a decent webcam, working microphone and speakers, and MOST IMPORTANT, reliable internet connection.**
- **Test your Internet Connection (Click here). Should be 10mb+download, 5mb+upload.**
  Please test at the same time as our event. If you don't get 10+/5+, please go to another location.

Use of AI Policies

WSFA AI POLICY APPLIES TO ALL EVENTS AT OUR TOURNAMENT
AI examples: ChatGPT, Gemini, Co-Pilot, Claude, etc.

- **Verify sources.** AI-generated information cannot serve as the primary source for facts or figures. Students must verify and cite the original human-generated sources.
- **Disclose AI-assisted writing.** Competitors must disclose the use of generative AI for case or speech writing during the round when they begin using that content.
- **Cite AI material.** Direct quotations or paraphrases from generative AI must identify the specific AI source.
- **No AI during rounds or timed preparation.** Generative AI is prohibited during competition rounds and timed pre-round preparation, including Extemporaneous Speaking preparation. The prohibition applies to competitors, judges, and spectators.
- **Violations carry consequences.** The policy states that violations by competitors may result, at a minimum, in forfeiture of the round.

Be Positive and Supportive

At all times, treat each other with courtesy and respect. Every person. Every room. We want a fun, positive, and educational environment.

Mistreatment happens?

If you are mistreated or you witness mistreatment—we encourage you to speak up against that if you feel safe doing so. Please report such events to Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu

If you are a coach or judge, you are _required_ to speak against and to try to stop mistreatment and report it to our helpers on Zoom **AND** to Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu

Name People as they wish to be named

We encourage students, judges, and coaches to refer to each other by name or by speaker position. Don't get someone's gender wrong because you assumed it.

Students and Judges with Disabilities

Have a need? Please contact Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu We want you to participate!

If you have an issue during the tournament . . .

We will actively seek to address your questions and concerns as soon as possible.

We will have SEVERAL staff ready to speak with you to address your questions and concerns.