Clackamas and Nelson Holiday Edge 2026

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 Saturday, December 5

All Open speech and debate events will be hosted at Clackamas (14486 SE 122nd Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015) on Saturday, December 5

Congress (novice and open) will be hosted at Nelson (14897 SE Parklane Dr, Happy Valley, OR 97015) on Friday, December 4

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 Catriona Dahlke (Nelson) at

Both locations will use the same patterns.
Congress - Friday only at Nelson HS
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 Catriona at Nelson if you have questions.

Policy Debate – 2026-2027 Topic
Resolved: The United States federal government should establish national health insurance in the United States.

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: De-extinction is unethical. **We will not be using the Novice LD Topic.**

Public Forum Debate Topic (November/December): Resolved: European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

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

Congress: Please upload legislation for Congress by 9 pm on Monday, November 30. Congress legislation will be posted by 8 am on Tuesday, December 1.

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. Students in Policy debate may not enter Extemp.

We will initially allow two entries per event per school, except Congress, where the limit is five per division. Additional entries may be admitted off the waitlist if there is space.
TBA Entries will be dropped immediately. Please do not register TBA entries.

Deadlines:
Adds/Drops without penalty will be allowed for all events until Thursday, December 3 at 5 pm.

Judges for all events are due Thursday, December 3, 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.

Fees:
$30.00 per school registration fee
$10.00 per Individual Event entry, including Congress
$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!
Judges can be entered for Congress on Friday and at Clackamas or Nelson on Saturday.

Friday at Nelson High School - 14897 SE Parklane
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 ASAP, speak 30 min after draw)

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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Awards ASAP after Pattern B Finals