

Seattle University



Middle School Parli 3 on 3 Debate Tournament Invitation Saturday, January 20, 2024

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We welcome you to a middle school debate tournament hosted by Seattle University featuring **4** rounds of MS Parli 3-on-3 debates for ALL debaters with judge feedback, engaging topics, along with awards and recognitions.

ALL ONLINE using Yaatly exclusively.

FOUR Items due before the Tournament Starts

IMPORTANT: Each school must provide a coach or adult with tournament experience to work Tournament Administration or the school pays a \$5 per debater fee. We need help with tab, checking rooms, making sure ballots get turned in, etc.

TUESDAY JANUARY 16: Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/su-grades-3-12-registration-saturday>

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17: ALL of your judges/students/you do the "SU Test Tournament."

THURSDAY JANUARY 18: Make sure all of your students have e-signed the waiver form at <https://fs12.formsite.com/hansonjb/su-waiver-for-all/index>

1. Support Each Other Positively and Inclusively

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

2. Topics

Round 1 Topic: The United States federal government ought to guarantee the right to housing.

Round 2 Topic (you take the other side): The United States federal government ought to guarantee the right to housing.

Round 3 Topic: Impromptu topic #1

Round 4 Topic: Impromptu topic #2

3. Debating Times

Topic announce, Go to your debate room for your 20 minutes prep. If it is an impromptu topic, prepare in your school room for 15 minutes, then go to your debate room for the remaining 15 minutes.

- Prop 1st speaker: 5 minutes
- Opp 1st speaker: 5 minutes
- Prop 2nd speaker: 5 minutes
- Opp 2nd speaker: 5 minutes
- Opp 3rd speaker: 5 minutes
- Prop 3rd speaker: 5 minutes

POIs during the middle 3 minutes of each speech subject to POI rules.

4. Debating Rules

Reminder: Treat your Partners, Opponents, Judge and Audience Positively and Inclusively!

Debaters must be 10-14 years of age or receive league president permission to debate in this tournament.

Notice: We are likely to require the use of tournament provided flow paper.

Prep Time Rules

- You CAN view materials you researched/prepared before prep time started EXCEPT you cannot do this if it is an impromptu topic.
You CAN talk with your debate partners
You CAN hand write notes/flow arguments for your speeches.
- You CANNOT research online during prep time.
You CANNOT get debating help from coach(es) or parent(s) during prep time.
- NOTE YOU CANNOT USE typed items during the debate except for ADA reasons.

During the Debate

- You CAN use HAND WRITTEN notes prepared during Prep Time ONLY ON TOURNAMENT PROVIDED FLOW PAPER.
You CAN pass notes with your debate partners.
You CAN quietly speak with your debate partners who are not speaking.
- You CANNOT view nor use materials during the debate that were prepared before prep time.
You CANNOT use materials on your computer/tablet/phone during the debate except for ADA reasons. Use handwritten notes ONLY (except for ADA reasons).
You CANNOT use an electronic flowsheet when we are online (eg flowing on Google Spreadsheet) except for ADA reasons
You CANNOT research during the debate.
You CANNOT get help from coach(es) or parent(s) during the debate.
You CANNOT speak to teammates who are speaking.
- No heckling.
- POIs (questions/short arguments) allowed in ALL speeches for the middle 3 minutes of the speeches.
- Each speaker must take two POIs except they do not take POIs requested less than 30 seconds after taking a POI.
- When there is an impromptu topic for a debate, logic and reasons should be given just as much weight as a debater citing a study/statistic/fact.

5. Parents

We welcome parents supporting their children's growth as speakers! We ask that you abide by our tournament rules:

- You may watch your child debate in their debating room.
- No video recording, no photographs, no screen shots during debates.
- Please, no talking with students from other schools.
- No coaching your kids nor any students during prep time nor during the debate.
- Spectators should remain neutral and quiet during the debate. You may applaud for all competitors after the final speech.
- We encourage you to be supportive of your debater.
- Complaint about a judge? Two things: 1) Remember not everyone agrees even if you feel really strongly your child should have won. 2) If a judge violated a rule and especially if they did not treat students with courtesy and respect—please report it to your coach who can bring the issue to the attention of the tournament directors.
- **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE FOOD UNLESS YOU KNOW YOUR COACH HAS PAID FOR FOOD.**

6. Judges

Thank you for serving as a judge. You are helping students grow and become better communicators.

- ALL Judges carefully read and follow the judging instructions given to you.

Ballots are sent via email. Judges do the following at the end of the debate:

1. **ASAP, EMAIL your ballot with the winner and speaker points for the debate.**
2. Give constructive feedback to debaters orally.
3. **After oral feedback, submit Reason for Decision and Comments Form:** with 1) Arguments that persuaded you to vote for the team you did; 2) at least 1 good thing each debater did; 3) at least 1 thing each debater needs to improve on.

7. Coaches

We want to make sure you and your team know what is going on—topics, pairings, etc.

- All announcements will happen in the Piggott Auditorium.
- All debate rounds will show in the Piggott Auditorium and we also may post them online.
- Please train your debaters to look for their names under Pro/Prop/Aff or Con/Opp/Neg—and then to follow across to their room number and judge name. **AND TO WRITE IT DOWN OR TAKE PICTURE OF THE POSTINGS** before leaving the auditorium.
- Coaches distribute Flow Paper to Students in their School Rooms. Individual students do NOT pick up the flow paper.
- Issues/concerns during the tournament—please contact the tournament directors.
- Have a judge no show before the tournament starts? Contact Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu as soon as possible and provide a replacement judge (or tell Jim so you can be charged judging fees).
- **Please register your tournament helpers to take on a role in running the tournament; each school/program is expected to do this. You register them on the same spreadsheet as for teams and judges.**

8. Team and Judge Registration--Due Tues. JANUARY 16.

<https://tinyurl.com/su-grades-3-12-registration-saturday>

Do NOT make changes to the registration after Tuesday January 16 After that date, you must email Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu PLEASE AVOID LATE CHANGES.

NOTICE: YOU MAY NOT ADD JUDGES AFTER TUESDAY JANUARY 16. Jim Hanson will hire and PAY judges on Wednesday Jan. 17 based on the numbers of teams and judges registered as of the 16th. Adding judges after Tuesday Jan. 16 WILL NOT REDUCE your hired judging fees. NOTE THAT WE USUALLY HAVE A LIMITED POOL FOR HIRING IN-PERSON JUDGES.

9. Test and be Ready for Yaatly Online Debating—Due Wed. JAN. 17.

By 9pm on Wednesday, January 17, each and every student AND judge on your team must go into the “SU Test Tournament” and make sure your webcams work in a _debate_ room in addition to the auditorium (Jim will send an email)

Problem? See the Yaatly Guide for troubleshooting and/or contact Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu

DO NOT DELAY DOING THIS. We CANNOT handle all or even a small number of tech issues Saturday morning. IF YOU DO NOT TEST THE USE OF YAATLY BY WEDNESDAY EVENING—YOU MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE TOURNAMENT. SORRY—NOT DOING THIS WILL SEVERELY HARM THE TOURNAMENT AND HURT KIDS ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE.

Jim Hanson is ready to help you INCLUDING arranging a time to help your participants address tech problems so they can use Yaatly. Email Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu

MUST DO FOR USING YAATLY!

1. **Windows, Mac, or Chromebook computer are best.** Smart phones work but you need the Yaatly app. Newer Tablets work BUT only with the latest chrome firefox or edge browser.
2. **You must use Google Chrome, Firefox, or NEW Edge browser.** Older Versions of these browsers plus Safari, Internet Explorer and others do NOT work.
3. **You must use wifi or be plugged in with ethernet.** A cell phone hotspot is NOT likely to work. PLEASE SIT CLOSE—within 25 feet—TO YOUR WIFI ROUTER/CABLE MODEM.
4. **Your computer should be fully charged or, preferably, plugged in.** The event is long; your battery may not last as long as the event.
5. **We strongly recommend you don't use a separate microphone;** use the one built into your laptop. Yes, you can use headphones/earbuds.
6. **You should have only one computer connected to Yaatly per room.** Additional computers in the same room running Yaatly create nasty feedback loops that will hurt your ears.
7. **Be ready to provide your cell phone number as a backup.** Have the person with problems call, then put them on speakerphone, and they'll be heard over Yaatly so that they can debate or judge in the event you can't get connected to Yaatly.

10. Collect Parental Release Forms—Due on Registration Day

All coaches are required to collect signed parental release forms for each student who debates, observes, or attends the tournament. The form is available at <https://fs12.formsite.com/hansonjb/su-waiver-for-all/index>

11. Judging Needs

You need 1 judge for your first team; You need 1 judge for additional increments of 1 or 2 teams

Example: 5 teams need 3 judges

If a judge no-shows, we add \$35.00 to your fees per round missed.

If a judge fails to fill out written online comments, we will add \$15 to your fees for each round.

Note: Fee reduction for providing excess judging is given only if Jim Hanson gives approval after the registration deadline.

12. Paying Fees

---School Fee: \$20 Fee Per Debater Entered: \$10.00.

Late Registration subject to 20% fee per day late and is allowed only if Jim Hanson says it is okay.

---Fee for each _debate team_ needing a judge (not for each judge): \$80.00

---Fee for each debate entry needing a tournament helper: \$5.00

---If a judge no-shows, we add \$35.00 to your fees per round missed.

---If a judge does not fill out online comments, we add \$15.00 for each round with no comments.

LATE REGISTERING? First, when you are late, you CANNOT hire judges from the tournament. Second, you MUST get Jim Hanson's permission to register late. Third, 25% higher fees each day late after Monday the registration deadline.

ALSO, DROPS AFTER TUESDAY NIGHT DO NOT LOWER YOUR FEES. Food fees, data entry are all set on Monday night.

Mail your check made to Seattle University to:

Jim Hanson, Comm Department, Seattle U, 901 12th Ave, Seattle WA 98122

You can also pay by credit card—see Invoice emailed to you by Jim.

13. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

9:00am, Judge Training, Debaters check in with Coaches

9:20 Round 1—Check-in

Posting should appear on Yaatly at 9:10am

GO TO YOUR YAATLY DEBATE ROOM AND CHECK IN WITH JUDGE

JUDGES REPORT NO-SHOW TEAMS AT 9:20AM BY EMAILING TAB

DEBATERS REPORT NO-SHOW JUDGES AT 9:20AM BY EMAILING TAB

At 9:20am, go back to the main Yaatly room.

9:30 Round 1—Postings and Announcements

TEAMS WITH “BYES” or missing opponents, BE on standby as we’ll try to get you a team to debate.

Be in the Yaatly Auditorium, Prepared Topic announced.

20 minutes Prep, 1st Prop should speak at 9:55am.

Judges submit winner and points by 1:00pm.

11:40 Round 2 Postings and Announcements

Be in the Yaatly Auditorium, Prepared Topic announced.

MISSING JUDGE? ALWAYS REPORT THAT TO TAB WHEN 7 MINUTES LATE.

20 minutes Prep, 1st Prop should speak at 12:05pm

Judges submit winner and points by 1:00pm.

Lunch break after Round 2

1:50pm Round 3—Impromptu Topic Announced

Be in the Yaatly Auditorium, Impromptu Topic announced.

30 minutes Prep, 1st Prop should speak at 2:25pm

Judges submit winner and points by 3:10pm.

3:50 Round 4—Impromptu Topic Announced

Be in the Yaatly Auditorium, Impromptu Topic announced.

30 minutes Prep, 1st Prop should speak at 4:25pm

Judges submit winner by 5:10pm.

5:40 Awards

Expected completion 6:00pm