

# Seattle University



## Middle School Parli 3 on 3 Debate Tournament Invitation Saturday, Nov 18, 2023

VERSION 1.0

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

**ALL IN-PERSON AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY—NO ONLINE.**

*If you want Online—choose the Friday afternoon/evening Nov. 17 tournament.*

## 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 Fee. We need help with tab, checking rooms, making sure ballots get turned in, etc.

**MONDAY NOV 13:** Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/su-grades-3-12-registration-saturday>

**LATE ENTRIES COST MORE AND MAY NOT BE ALLOWED. GET YOUR ENTRY IN.**

**WEDNESDAY NOV 15:** You upload parental release forms to [Google Shared Drive](#).

**Please work on securing in-person judges for your school!**

## 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 justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ought to be term-limited.

**Round 2 Topic (you take the other side):** The justices of the Supreme Court of the United States ought to be term-limited.

**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, submit 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](mailto: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 Mon. NOVEMBER 13.

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

**Do NOT make changes to the registration after Monday Nov. 13** After that date, you must email Jim Hanson at [hansonj@seattleu.edu](mailto:hansonj@seattleu.edu) PLEASE AVOID LATE CHANGES.

**NOTICE: YOU MAY NOT ADD JUDGES AFTER MONDAY NOV. 13.** Jim Hanson will hire and PAY judges on Tuesday Nov. 14 based on the numbers of teams and judges registered as of the 13<sup>th</sup>. Adding judges after Monday Nov. 13 WILL NOT REDUCE your hired judging fees. WE USUALLY HAVE A LIMITED POOL FOR HIRING IN-PERSON JUDGES.

## 9. Collect Parental Release Forms—Due Wed. November 15

All coaches are required to collect signed parental release forms for each student who debates, observes, or attends the tournament.

THE PARENTAL WAIVER IS AT THE TOURNAMENT INVITATION PAGE

<https://www.nwforensics.org/00-jim-tournaments/0-su-k12-tournaments.htm>

All coaches are required to post these forms to the [SHARED GOOGLE DRIVE](#) on THURSDAY EVENING BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT STARTS

## 10. 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.*

## 11. Paying Fees

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

---Additional Fee for each judge/coach/student: \$15.00 (includes muffin/bagel/croissant breakfast; soup and salad lunch; pizza slice early late afternoon snack).

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 MONDAY 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 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle WA 98122

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

## **12. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

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

**By 9:20am, COACHES REPORT ANY MISSING TEAMS AND JUDGES**

If a team is missing a debater—they just have one of the debaters give two speeches.

**9:20 Round 1—Announcements**

**9:30 Round 1—Actual debate begins**

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

**20 minutes Prep, Judges submit winner and points by 10:50am.**

**11:40 Round 2**

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

**20 minutes Prep, Judges submit winner and points by 1:00pm.**

**Lunch break after Round 2**

**1:50pm Round 3**

**Impromptu Topic announced.**

**30 minutes Prep, Judges submit winner and points by 3:10pm.**

**3:50 Round 4**

**Impromptu Topic announced.**

**30 minutes Prep, Judges submit winner by 5:10pm.**

**5:40 Awards, Expected completion 6:00pm**