

Feline Frenzy 2015
Mt. Spokane High School
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The Mead & Mt. Spokane debate teams cordially invite you to the Feline Frenzy 2015 Invitational on December 4-5, 2015 at Mt. Spokane High School. Please read the invitation carefully.

Maximum Entry Limits: First come, first serve! When rooms are full, our tournament is full.

- **Debate:** 12 **debaters** per squad. (One CX entry = two debaters; one LD entry = one debater; one Public Forum entry = one debater)
- **Student Congress & Individual Events:** 30 IE and Congress entries including both divisions. One student entered in two (2) events = two (2) entries; each dual entry = one (1) entry.
- **Additional squads:** Additional squads will be permitted as long as room permits. Because the Feline Frenzy is a GSL qualifier, we reserve the right to delay registering extra squads until after the registration deadline, in order to insure that all teams have an opportunity for qualifications competition.

Registration:

1. We must reserve the right to refuse entries once the physical capacity of the MSHS facilities has been met. First come/first served entries guarantee a reserved spot for early registration. Once the reserved spots have been taken, no other entries will be accepted.

Registration deadline: Monday, November 30, 2015. Second squads will be accepted starting Dec 1, so please send your entry early! Drops only after Wednesday, December 2. Please register online at Tabroom.com. Fees will be assessed as of 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2. After 5PM on Wednesday, all drops or judge changes must be emailed to me at jessica.klingback@mead354.org

Please notify us of drops prior to registration.

Washington State's Supervision Requirement

The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) requires, and we must enforce, the presence at all times of a certificated staff member from the same school or school district, supervising your participants. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in school forfeiture and dismissal from the tournament.

Food

We will again offer food concessions at reasonable prices. There are no food options within walking distance, and the schedule is very tight, so leaving by car is not recommended either.

Important!

Please review the Important Policies sheet with your entire team. We cannot hold these tournaments without procedures that ensure our schools and staffs that diligent care will be taken to protect their property and our school.

AWARDS AND SWEEPSTAKES

Debate: Awards will be made to the quarterfinalists and above in each division of debate. The top 3 speakers in Policy, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum will receive awards.

Individual Events: Trophies will be awarded to the top three speakers in each event and division. Finalists will also receive recognition but no award.

Sweepstakes: Policy—1st-30; 2nd-20; 3rd-15; Qtrs.-10
LD—1st-15; 2nd-10; 3rd-7; Qtrs.-5
Public Forum—1st-12; 2nd-8; 3rd-5; Qtrs.-3
IE's—1st-10; 2nd-7; 3rd-5; Finalist-3
Congressional Debate—1st-10; 2nd-7; 3rd-5; Finalist-1; Outstanding PO-5

DEBATE

Debate: The first two rounds of debate will be randomly matched [and preset before the tournament.] Rounds 3 and all subsequent rounds will be power-matched.

Divisions

- **Novice Division:** Open to all students who have no debate experience prior to the current school year and who have not placed first through fourth in any debate division at two invitational tournaments with 15 or more schools.
- **Junior Varsity Division:** Open to any students who have not placed first through fourth at WIAA State Debate or in Junior division of debate at two invitational tournaments with 15 or more schools.
- **Varsity Division:** Open to any debater regardless of experience or class standing.

Cross Examination Debate

Resolution: The 2015-2016 topic is “Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance.”

- Novice teams must use the novice case areas approved by the WSFA.
- Computers are allowed. Please have a paper case ready to hand to an opponent or use a viewing computer. Competitors who refuse to allow an opponent to view a case may forfeit the round at judge discretion. See state guidelines on computer use.
- To prevent damage, under NO circumstances are existing plugs to be pulled from walls to accommodate your laptop use, nor are any computers allowed to be plugged into wall sockets by judges or competitors.
- Times: 8-3-5 with six (6) minutes of prep time per team.

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Resolution: The December Lincoln-Douglas topic is “Resolved: In the United States criminal justice system, jury nullification ought to be used in the face of perceived injustice.”

- **Times:** 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 with four (4) minutes of prep time per person.

Public Forum

Resolution: The December Public Forum topic is “Resolved: On balance, standardized testing is beneficial to K-12 education in the United States.”

Times: 4-4-2-4-4-2-2-2-3-2-2 with two (2) minutes of prep time per team.

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Congress will coincide with Debate. Rules will incorporate the newly adopted NFL Congress rulings. There will be NO student choice. Best PO will be chosen by the parliamentarian and the top three speakers in each division will be determined by adult scorers.

As per WSFA rules, students will be allowed to use computers in round for flowing, note taking, the reading of speeches and looking up pre-prepared evidence. Internet use will not be allowed, and scorers will be seated in a way to catch violators of this rule. The use of computers is at the risk of the individual competitor. Power strips will not be provided for competitors. Students are not allowed to use computers that are currently in the classroom. Competitors who unplug objects in a classroom will be disqualified from the tournament. The tournament will not be liable for any computer crashes or technological issues, and students should bring paper copies of evidence and speeches to be prepared for this occurrence.

- Divisions:
 - Novice Division: Open to all students who have no debate experience prior to the 2015-2016 school year, and who have not placed first through fourth in any debate division at two invitational tournaments with 15 or more schools.
 - Open Division: Open to any debater regardless of experience or class standing. The top six finalists in this division will receive a TOC Congressional Debate bid.
- Legislation:
 - The official legislation adopted by the State will be the legislation used for the tournament. A copy of the legislation is available at www.wiaa.com/finearts/forensics/.
 - Please have your students in Congress bring their own copies of the legislation. **NO COPIES WILL BE PROVIDED.**
 - We will follow the docket setting method suggested by the WSFA committee. Each school represented in each house will draw numbers to determine the order for a legislation draft. They will then take turns picking bills to be debated. This will determine the docket for the session. For further clarification, please refer to the first page of the packet.
 - Separate Legislation for Super Congress is included in the WSFA packet and will **ONLY** be used for Super Congress.
- Scoring:
 - The NFL has discontinued the use of the base system, **HOWEVER** if chambers are small and speakers make more than five speeches, the base system may be resurrected in order to ensure that quality over quantity prevails. Speaker precedence will not be reset between the sessions. Points awarded to POs for presiding count as speeches.
 - Each speech will be awarded up to 6 points by the judge in the round. The judges will also score the PO. After each session, judges will rank the top eight speakers. The cumulative total of these ranks in preliminary rounds will determine the students who will advance to Super Congress.
 - The parliamentarian's one-time ranking of the chamber at the end of preliminary rounds will be used to break any ties that result both in determining who breaks to Super Congress and in final awards.
 - If the number of entries results in more than one chamber of Congress for a division of competition, Session III will be a Super Congress. After Session II, the top 7 to 10 members of each chamber (based on total judge rankings from session I and II) will advance to the Final Session. The legislation identified by the State as Super Congress Legislation will be the only legislation discussed during this round. Awards will be based on the cumulative rankings of judges during the final round. Parliamentarian ranking will be used to break ties. The three competitors will receive Judge's Choice Awards. There will also be a top PO award as determined by the Parliamentarian.
 - If there is only one chamber of Congress for a division of competition, Session III will be a regular session, and final scores for 1st place, 2nd, and 3rd, will be determined by the accumulation of judges' rankings for all three preliminary rounds. Outstanding PO will be determined by the parliamentarian. There will be no Student Choice Award.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Two divisions will be offered: **Junior**-first year competition, and **Senior**-all others. If a student has experience in debate or IE's, that student must complete in Open Individual Events.

Overtime: No penalty should apply if the student falls within the 30-second grace period. Speaking beyond the 30 second grace period simply means that the student cannot receive first in the round.

Finals: Finalists will be the top 6 speakers in the event and division unless 50% of the total entrants in that event and division is less than 6, in which case the final panel will represent the top 50% of the entrants. The tournament directors reserve the right to determine winners of one panel events based on preliminary round results.

- **Extemporaneous:** Thirty minutes of prep with 7 minutes of speaking time. A preparation room and official will be provided. No prepared material will be permitted in the prep room. Novices may use **a note card**. Judges are required to give time signals.
- **Original Oratory:** No more than 150 words of quoted material. A manuscript should be available upon the judge's request. Memorized delivery. Ten minutes speaking time. No time signals.
- **Expository:** Can be delivered with or without notes. Visual aids are a speaker option, usually preferred by most judges. Eight minutes speaking time. No time signals.
- **Humorous Interpretation:** The program presented must be of humorous nature. Program must be a selection of published prose, poetry, or drama. The program must be memorized. Titles and authors must be identified during the program. Ten minutes speaking time. No time signals.
- **Dramatic Interpretation:** The program must be dramatic in nature. All other rules from HI apply. No time signals.
- **Interpretive Reading:** A balanced thematic program consisting of published prose and poetry (no drama) is to be presented. Titles and authors must be identified during the program. Delivery must be from a manuscript (except for transitions) with the illusion of reading maintained. Body movement is limited to a one-step radius. Eight minutes. No time signals.
- **Dual Interpretation:** The program presented may be serious or humorous in nature. Program must be a selection of published prose, poetry, or drama. The program must be memorized with off-stage focus. Ten minutes. No time signals.
- **Impromptu:** The contestant has six minutes in which to choose one of three topics, to prepare and organize thoughts, and to speak. The speaker must state the topic as part of the introduction. Judges are required to provide time signals.
- **Editorial Commentary:** The contestant will give a scripted speech that is intended to be an analysis of a news event rather than a running synopsis of the news. The script should be timed to be between 1:45-2:00 minutes with no grace period. Any speech under or over time must be ranked one score lower than it would normally have received and cannot receive first. Students may use a stop-watch to help with time but must maintain eye contact as would be appropriate in a televised commentary

IMPORTANT POLICIES

We ask that everyone at the tournament—adults, judges, and students—respect the following rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification or dismissal from the tournament.

The Commons is available for student gathering. Students should not congregate elsewhere throughout the building.

Each team is responsible for its own area. Please encourage your teams to be tidy and to clean up their garbage. Other people at the school who are not associated with speech and debate will develop a better perception of who we are. Secure valuables that belong to you; leave others' valuables alone.

Water only is allowed out of the commons area. No other beverages or food are permitted in classrooms or other areas of the school.

NO ONE (student or adult) is permitted to sit at teachers' desks or to borrow materials (pens, etc.) from a teacher's supplies. Please do not bother decorative items or classroom displays.

Please only rearrange the furniture as necessary to hold the round.

STUDENTS ARE NEVER PERMITTED TO ENTER A ROOM WITHOUT A JUDGE.

JUDGES

Please bring competent judges, and review the Important Policies with them. Encourage judges to make professional decisions regarding their behavior and language. They play a bigger role with our kids than they may sometimes realize.

Friday evening we have planned to increase the educational benefit of participating in our tournament by actually planning time for debaters to talk with their critics. The net gain from this effort will be directly proportional to your judges' abilities and willingness to talk with the students about their performance.

1. Schools are required to provide one judge for every two CX or 4 Public Forum teams or four LD debaters one judge for every 7 Student Congress entries. Remember that while congress counts like IE's toward your squad size, it runs against debate, so a single judge will not be able to cover congress and debate.
2. One judge is required for every five IE's.
3. Failure to cover your entry or failure of your judges to pick up ballots will mean that we have to drop some of your entries.
4. High school students may not judge.
5. Judges are welcome to indicate all events and levels for which they would like to judge, but you must bring judges to cover the division and event entries on your registration. (For example, if you bring Varsity Policy teams, be sure you have judges competent in judging Varsity Policy.)
6. Teams must provide judging coverage for at least one round after the team is eliminated from debate. Teams not fulfilling the duration of their judging obligation will be fined a \$30 judging fee.

All judges are encouraged to attend the brief judges' meeting at the beginning of the tournament. We will use this time to clarify our tournament procedures. Furthermore:

1. Judges need to remember that state rules prohibit the reading of evidence at the end of the round, unless the evidence was directly challenged during the debate. LD debaters must have copies of their evidence in its original context.
2. We also want to make clear to judges that the time schedule on Saturday does not allow for oral critiques.

We understand your interest in going home; we've all shared the feeling. Nonetheless, please do not make us beg for semi- and final round judges. How regrettable it is when the students who have worked to the top find themselves discounted and abandoned with no one to watch, care, or judge. Certainly, such feelings do nothing to promote high achievement!

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Tournament Schedule

Friday, December 4

- 3:00 Registration*
- 3:30 Debate Round I/ Student Congress Session I (2 hours)
- 5:30 Debate Round II
- 6:00 Student Congress Session II (2 hours)
- 8:00 Debate Round III

Saturday, December 5

- 7:00 IE Only Schools Register
- 7:15 Extemp Prep
- 7:30 IE Round I
- 8:45 Debate Round IV
- 8:45 Student Congress Final Session (2 hours)
- 10:30 Extemp Prep
- 10:45 IE Round II
- 12:00 Debate Round V
- 1:45 Extemp Prep
- 2:00 IE Round III
- 3:15 Debate Quarter Finals
- 5:00 Extemp prep (finals)
- 5:15 IE Finals
- 6:30 Debate Semifinals (LD and PF single flighted if judging allows)
- 8:00 Awards
- 8:00 Debate finals for LD and PF (if they were single flighted for semis)
- 8:00 Debate Finals for CX

*** We will triple-judge quarters if enough judges are available. Otherwise, we will prioritize allocation of judges, triple-judging varsity division first. Students should not assume that they are not in a quarterfinal match simply because they only have one judge.**

Feline Frenzy 2015 Fee Sheet

Total Fees:

_____ Team Fee (not per squad)	@	\$25.00	=	_____
_____ Policy Teams	@	\$20.00 per team	=	_____
_____ LD Competitor	@	\$15.00 per debater	=	_____
_____ Public Forum Teams	@	\$15.00 per team	=	_____
_____ Congress	@	\$8.00 per debater	=	_____
_____ IE Entries	@	\$8.00 per entry	=	_____
TOTAL FEES			=	_____

Make Checks Payable To: Mt. Spokane High School

REGISTRATION DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, November 30, 2015.

Note: This year, in an effort to make debate affordable to smaller programs, teams with fewer than 12 debaters may waive the team fee of \$25.00.