January 2017

Dear colleagues, competitors and friends,

Oregon Forensics invites you to the **2017 Robert D. Clark Invitational** on the campus of the University of Oregon in Eugene. This event is hosted by the Albert Kitzhaber Rhetoric Society in collaboration with Oregon Forensics.

At the 2016 coaches’ meeting I described how major enrollment growth precludes hosting the Clark during regular classes. After consultation with high school coaches, judges, students, parents, and volunteer coaches, we have kept our tournament on our traditional third weekend in February, but this year on **Saturday, February 18** and **Sunday, February 19, 2017**.

The 2017 Clark Invitational is based in the newly-renovated [Erb Memorial Union](https://emu.uoregon.edu/), including access to many new EMU rooms and a designated coaches' lounge in the Charles Miller Leadership Room (Room 107). On behalf of Oregon Forensics, we are grateful to Ameena Amdahl-Mason and Liz van Winkle who have agreed to run our tab room.

Early registration for the 2017 Clark Invitational begins Friday, February 17, 2017 in the Owyhee Room (Room 131), just inside the main entrance to the EMU near the Fish Bowl.

The 2017 Clark Invitational offers five preliminary rounds of debate in four different formats, three preliminary rounds of individual events, and Student Congress. This year we will be offering special awards for 1st place finishers and for the coach of the sweepstakes-winning school.

The 2017 Robert D. Clark Invitational offers:

* **All OSAA events, following all OSAA rules**
* **Two-day schedule**
* **Fully catered coaches’ meeting**

For the most recent schedule and updated information visit the [tournament website](http://blogs.uoregon.edu/forensics/clark2016/): <http://forensics.uoregon.edu/clark2017/>. Expect updates there as well as at the Tabroom.com registration site.

Students attending the Clark Invitational should return for our summer institute, the [Oregon Global Debate Institute](http://blogs.uoregon.edu/ogdi/) from July 22-August 5, 2017. This year we are excited to add two new instructional tracks for Model UN and for mock trial.

Please join us for the 2017 Robert D. Clark Invitational.

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# Events

We use [OSAA rules](http://www.osaa.org/docs/handbooks/spehandbook.pdf) on technology, coaching, announcement, and all other format questions, as interpreted by the Director of Forensics, whose decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

### – Debate

***CX uses the 2016-2017 topic:***

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People’s Republic of China.

***Parliamentary*** topics are written by Oregon Forensics and divisions are collapsed as needed.

***Public Forum*** *uses the* ***March topic.***

***Lincoln-Douglas*** *uses the* ***March/April*** *topic.*

### – Individual Events

We offer junior and senior divisions in all events with sufficient entries. Top 3 finishers in the junior division are recognized separately if divisions are collapsed.

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| **PATTERN A** | **PATTERN B** |
| Extemporaneous | Impromptu |
| Duo Interpretation | Humorous Interpretation |
| English Language Learner | Serious Interpretation |
| Oratory | Radio |
| Expository | Prose |
| After Dinner Speaking |  |
| Poetry |  |

* LD and Public Forum almost certainly will be in flights
* Potential flights in parliamentary debate with hallway preparation
* Students may enter any *single* debate event and one IE from each pattern
* Extemporaneous and debate *strongly* discouraged because rounds cannot be held up
* Congress conflicts with all debate and all Pattern A events
* Students may enter Congress and one (1) Pattern B event

All IEs follow OSAA rules and use OSAA ballots. For event descriptions visit: <http://www.osaa.org/docs/handbooks/spehandbook.pdf>

### – Student Congress

We use OSAA rules. There are two sessions. Awards based on entry size. Top distinctions (speaker and parliamentarian) count as IEs 1st place for sweepstakes. Other awards ranked accordingly.

Send **Bills** and **Resolutions** using the form at [http://forensics.uoregon.edu/2017-student-congress/](http://forensics.uoregon.edu/2016-student-congress/)

# **Fees**

**(Please present this worksheet with check for total fees at registration)**

**School name:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Entries & fees |  |
|  |  | # |  | $ |  |
| A | Pattern A entries |  | \* | 10.00 |  |
| B | Pattern B entries |  | \* | 10.00 |  |
| C | All debate (incl. LD) |  | \* | 20.00 |  |
| D | Congress |  | \* | 10.00 |  |
|  | Total for entries |  |
|  | School fee | 25.00 |
|  | Uncovered judge fees  |  |
|  | Late fees (see below) |  |
|  | **TOTAL DUE** |  |

**----------MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Oregon Forensics----------**

**\*Late Fees**

**BEFORE** 12:00am 2/15/ 2017 **AFTER** 12:00am on 2/152017

 **LATE ENTRY FEES**

$25 School Fee -these are additional fees-

$20 *per* debate team $30 *per* team ($50 total)

$10 *per* IE entry $10 *per* entry ($20 total)

$10 *per* Congress entry $10 *per* entry ($20 total)

**Late entry begins at 12:00am on 2/15/2017**

After 5:00pm on 2/17/2017: **Drops only, no refunds**

**Uncovered judges**

Debate: $150 *per* judge needed (see below)

IEs: $25 *per* entry

Student Congress: $25 *per* entry

# Judging

**All judges must provide contact information and indicate their availability on tabroom.com. C**

Coaches may provide this information for their judges but contact and availability for each judge must be provided prior to the tournament and judging.

One judge covers 2 CX policy entries, 2 parliamentary debate entries, or 4 Lincoln-Douglass/Public Forum debate entries. The same judge can cover up to 5 IE/Congress entries. Judges covering Congress can be used for debate, IEs, and Congress, barring conflicts.

We will use coaches as sparingly as possible until elimination rounds.

***All schools must either cover judging obligations or let us know in advance so your fees can hire judges: Cover early or pay a fee.***

Judges are obligated one round beyond the final round in which they have a student competing.

# Registration

All registration through [tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=6735) using procedures detailed there.

Entries at the Wednesday 2/15/2017 deadline not covered by judges are assessed a judge fee even if a judge later appears. Unexpected judges only reduce by half the uncovered judge penalty.

Tournament email:**forensics@uoregon.edu** **(subject: Clark2017)**

# Sweepstakes

Sweepstakes awards are calculated using the formula below. There will be a large and small school first, second and third. Teams below 50% of the average entry size are small schools.

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| **Debate** | **1st** | **2nd** | **Semis** | **Quarter** |
| **Team Debate** | 15 | 12 | 9 | 6 |
| **Solo Debate (LD)** | 12 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Individual Events** | **1st** | **2nd** | **3rd** | **Finalist** |
| **Single IE** | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| **Team IE (Duo)** | 12 | 9 | 7 | 5 |

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# **Campus Wireless Network**

UO visitors can now create their own 7-day accounts for access to UO’s wireless network!

1. On your computer or mobile device, select the UO Guest wireless network.
2. Select ‘Create an account’.
3. Provide the requested information, then check the box indicating you accept the terms and conditions (UO’s Acceptable Use Policy), and click Register.
4. Click Send password via email and/or Send password via text message. (Note: The system may not acknowledge the button click, but it is sending you the message.)
5. Once you’ve received a message containing your password, click Log in.
6. Enter your assigned username and password. You should then be connected to the UO Guest wireless network.

# Lodging

Hotel options within blocks of the University of Oregon campus include:

PHOENIX INN SUITES

http://www.phoenixinn.com/eugene/

850 Franklin Boulevard, Eugene, OR

(541) 344-0001

BEST WESTERN NEW OREGON MOTEL

http://bestwesternoregon.com/hotels/best-western-new-oregon-motel/

1655 Franklin Boulevard, Eugene, OR

(541) 683-3669 ‎

BEST WESTERN GREENTREE INN

http://bestwesternoregon.com/hotels/best-western-greentree-inn/

 1759 Franklin Boulevard, Eugene, OR 97403-1983

(541)485-2727

SLEEP INN & SUITES

599 East Broadway, Eugene, OR

(541) 345-2331

DAYS INN EUGENE DOWNTOWN/UNIVERSITY

1859 Franklin Boulevard, Eugene, OR

(541) 342-6383