

4th Annual Oak Hill 'Purely Policy' Debate Tournament Saturday, November 18, 2017

You are cordially invited to the 4th annual 'Purely Policy' debate tournament, hosted by Oak Hill School (Eugene, Oregon), on ***Saturday, November 18, 2017***. Our goal is to offer CX policy teams at least ***five rounds*** of solid, early-season competition. We also plan to again offer three divisions -- Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Novice – assuming we have sufficient JV entries.

Entries: This is, indeed, a tournament for ***CX Policy Debate only***. While we would like to include other events, the size of our campus makes that impossible. In addition, we must limit the tournament to 32 total CX teams. To meet our format preference and pairing priorities (see below), we must – at least initially – restrict the number of entries per school to ***two CX teams per division*** (i.e., a school may enter two Varsity teams, two JV teams, and two Novice teams, for a total of six CX teams). If we receive insufficient JV entries, we will collapse those teams into the appropriate division. Consistent with OSAA rules, we accept three- and four-person CX policy teams. We encourage you to register early to ensure spots for your teams; as much as we'd like to, we simply cannot accommodate more than 32 CX teams.

Awards: Awards will be presented to the top teams and top speakers in each division. How 'deep' awards go will depend on the number of entries in each division, but – at a minimum – we will recognize the 1st and 2nd place teams. 'Top Speaker' awards will be given to a roughly equivalent percentage of competitors in each division; we do not designate places for speaker awards. We will also recognize a 'Policy Sweepstakes' school winner and runner-up.

Judges: While we hope to find supplemental qualified judges within the Eugene/Springfield and University of Oregon communities, ***schools must bring enough judges to cover their entries*** (i.e., one judge to cover 1-2 teams, two judges to cover 3-4 teams, and three judges to cover 5-6 teams). If you have alumni at the University of Oregon or elsewhere in the Eugene/Springfield area who might be interested in judging, please have them contact debate@oakhillschool.net directly. We will gladly offer fee waivers to schools supplying extra judges.

Fee Schedule:

School fee:	\$25.00
Each CX Policy team:	\$20.00
Hired Judge (if available):	\$75.00

Pairing Priorities and Tournament Format: We will pre-pair preliminary rounds before the tournament begins. As in previous years, our pairing priorities are to: (a) maximize the number of rounds per team; (b) avoid fratricidal rounds (i.e., teams from the same school debating each other) prior to semis or finals; and (c) avoid two teams meeting a second time prior to semis or finals. To best meet these priorities, the exact format we use will be determined by the final number of entries and their distribution by school and division. ***The most likely divisional formats are either single- or multi-pool round robins.*** We may opt to use slightly different formats in different divisions if that allows us to best meet our pairing priorities. We will not make final decisions on divisional formats until registration closes and we know exactly how many entries we have per division. If preliminary results suggest the need or appropriateness, we reserve the right to break to semis in any or all divisions and declare the semifinal round winners to be co-champions. In both JV and novice divisions, we reserve the right to declare a single team that has

gone undefeated in prelims to be divisional champion, then use the break round to determine the 2nd and/or 3rd place finishers.

Novice Rules Apply: The novice division will use the OSAA-designated 2017 Oregon Novice Debate Case Areas (<http://www.osaa.org/docs/spe/17NoviceDebateCaseAreas.pdf>), including the prohibition on running Kritiks and counterplans.

Oak Hill ‘Purely Policy’ Definitions of Varsity, Junior Varsity (JV), and Novice Debaters: In registering your teams, please use the following definitions/descriptions:

- **Varsity:** One or both members of the team is a 3rd or 4th year high school debater (**or** any team that might otherwise be considered JV or novice may choose to compete at this level);
- **Junior Varsity (JV):** No team member has participated in competitive high school debate in more than one previous season (**or** any team that might otherwise be considered novice may choose to compete at this level);
- **Novice:** All team members are in their first year of competitive high school debate.
 - Note 1: If one or more members of a team has extensive experience in middle school debate **or** attended a Summer 2017 debate workshop that lasted longer than one week, we encourage coaches to register that team in the JV division.
 - Note 2: If a student competed in five or fewer rounds of speech or debate in a previous high school season, that student may be treated as a novice for Oak Hill’s tournament.
- **Be Aware:** To avoid byes, we may ask coaches to shift a JV team to Varsity or a Novice team to JV **if**, before the tournament starts, odd numbers of teams are registered in multiple divisions.

Schedule: We anticipate the first round will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. (please be at Oak Hill to receive pairings and find your room no later than 7:45 a.m.). We plan to present most awards prior to the elimination round. As necessary, we will update the schedule on Tabroom.com as the tournament approaches.

Meals and snacks: As in the past, we expect the Student Council will offer a limited selection of lunch items, snacks, and drinks for purchase during the tournament. Please note that it will be difficult, given our location, for debaters to leave the campus to get lunch elsewhere. We encourage your teams to either bring their own meals/snacks or to plan to purchase them at Oak Hill.

Judges/Coaches Lounge: As always, we will offer coaches and judges a selection of breakfast items in the morning, followed by a luncheon buffet that will include vegetarian options. Coffee, tea, other beverages, and snacks will be available throughout the day.

Location: Oak Hill School is located just off I-5, adjacent to Lane Community College. If you're using a GPS device, our street address is **86397 Eldon Schafer Drive**. You can find a map at <http://oakhillschool.com/about/campus-map/>.

Questions & additional information: Please feel free to email tournament director Keith A. Eddins at debate@oakhillschool.net if you have any questions/comments, or for additional information.

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