



September 2017

Dear colleagues, competitors and friends,

Oregon Forensics invites you to the **2018 Robert D. Clark Invitational** on the campus of the University of Oregon in Eugene. The tournament is **Saturday, February 17** and **Sunday, February 18, 2018**. We are again based in the beautiful Erb Memorial Union and Ameena Amdahl-Mason is again directing our tab room. Please register on TabRoom.com.

The 2018 Robert D. Clark Invitational offers:

- All OSAA events, following all OSAA rules
- Two-day schedule
- Catered coaches' lounge
- Debate: Policy, Parliamentary, Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglas
- Pattern A: Extemp, Duo, ELL, Oratory, Expos, ADS, Poetry
- Pattern B: Impromptu, HI, DI, Radio, Prose

For the most recent schedule and updated information visit the [tournament website](https://forensics.uoregon.edu/clark2018/): <https://forensics.uoregon.edu/clark2018/>

Students attending the Clark Invitational should return for our [summer institute](#) from July 21-August 4 2018. Housed in the state-of-the-art Global Scholars Hall, we offer an exceptional learning environment that prepares students for success in debate, individual events and, beginning in 2018, Model UN and mock trial.

Welcome to 2018 Robert D. Clark Invitational!

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## Events and topics

We use [OSAA rules](#) 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

*Policy or Oregon CX uses the 2017-2018 topic:*

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.

*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. Construction in 2016 may require entry limits; final events posted on February 17, 2016. Top 3 finishers in the junior division are recognized separately if divisions are collapsed.

#### PATTERN A

Extemporaneous  
Duo Interpretation  
English Language Learner  
Oratory  
Expository  
After Dinner Speaking  
Poetry

#### PATTERN B

Impromptu  
Humorous Interpretation  
Serious Interpretation  
Radio  
Prose

- 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/2018-student-congress/>.

**FEE CALCULATION WORKSHEET**  
(Present this worksheet with check for total fees at registration)

School name:

		Entries & fees			
		#		\$	Total
A	Pattern A entries		*	10.00	
B	Pattern B entries		*	10.00	
C	All debate (incl. LD)		*	25.00	
D	Congress		*	10.00	
Total for entries					
School fee					\$50.00
Late fees (see below)					
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>					

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

**\*Late Fees**

BEFORE 12:00am 2/15/ 2018

AFTER 12:00am ON 2/16/2018

\$50 School Fee  
\$25 *per* debate team  
\$10 *per* IE entry  
\$10 *per* Congress entry

**LATE ENTRY FEES**

-these are additional fees-  
\$35 *per* team (\$60 total)  
\$10 *per* entry (\$20 total)  
\$10 *per* entry (\$20 total)

**Late entry begins at 12:00am on 2/13/2018**

After 5:00pm ON 2/16/2018: **Drops only, no refunds**

**Uncovered judges**

Debate: \$150 *per* judge needed (see below)  
IEs: \$25 *per* entry  
Student Congress: \$25 *per* entry

## Judging

One judge covers 2 CX policy entries, 2 parliamentary debate entries, or 2 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 using procedures detailed there.

Entries at Thursday deadline not covered by judges will be assessed a judge fee even if a judge later appears. Unexpected judges only reduce by half the uncovered judge penalty.

Tournament email: [UOClark2018@gmail.com](mailto:UOClark2018@gmail.com)

## 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.

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

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Visit 2018 Clark website schedule and contact numbers

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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