



*Hap Hingston Forensics
Invitational
January 11-12, 2025*

September 2025

Dear Forensics Colleagues:

Pacific University is pleased to invite you to the annual Hap Hingston Forensics Invitational to be held on **January 11-12, 2024**. The tournament is named after A.C. “Hap” Hingston. Hap was a faculty member at Pacific University from 1942–1973 and continued serving on Pacific’s Board of Trustees until 1983. He also served as chairperson of the department of communication and the director of forensics for many years. We are proud to have our tournament named after Hap Hingston.

We have a few tournament announcements this year:

- We will use electronic ballots—please bring a laptop and power cords to complete ballots. Typing comments is much easier on keyboards!
- We will run IEs on Saturday, January 11 and Debate (including Congress) on Sunday, January 12. Please submit Congress legislation by Friday, Jan 3.
- Please note our registration and change deadlines are Tuesday, January 7 and Thursday, January 9. We will post schematics on Friday, January 10 so students and coaches can check for errors early.
- We are delighted to announce that the Top Individual Events Sweepstakes winner will receive a scholarship, should they choose to apply and enroll at Pacific University in the future.

Finally, while we use the OSAA Speech Handbook as a guide, we WILL NOT strictly adhere to tournament procedures that govern the OSAA State Championship. This means we will: a) allow exceptions for use of notes, b) utilize unique topic areas in impromptu, c) utilize speaker points to break ties in individual events, and d) maintain brackets in semifinal and finals debate. We believe that we will meet Auto-Qual requirements based on the size of the tournament and usage of Oregon events.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in January.

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TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Entry Deadline: *Tuesday, Jan 7, 2025 at 10:00 pm*

This is your initial deadline to register for the tournament on SpeechWire. When registering judges that are available both days, they will need to be entered twice: once for Saturday (IEs) and once for Sunday (Debate). Please note in the comments if a judge has any restrictions to their availability or events they may judge; otherwise we will use them for any available round or style of competition.

Registration Close: *Thurs, Jan 9, 2025 at 12:00 pm*

Fees are calculated based on entries at this time. Email drops after this date to jconner@pacificu.edu. Please inform us immediately about drops past the deadline; it can affect event paneling, room and judge usage, the ability of other teams to participate, and a number of other logistical issues. We enjoy running tournaments, but they run much more effectively when we have up-to-date entry data for teams - thank you for helping us with this!

DIVISIONS & RESTRICTIONS

DIVISIONS

We will offer Junior and Senior divisions for all styles of IE and Debate with the exceptions of LIELL (Sr only), POI (Sr only), Serious Interp (Sr only) and Humorous Interp (Sr only). Please use the following guidelines to determine the appropriate divisions for your students:

- **Junior** – This division is open to first and second-year speakers. (Usually freshmen and sophomores, but upperclassmen who are just starting are welcome, too.) Students in the junior division are allowed exceptions for cases of memorization and notes.
- **Senior** – This division is open to all high-school students. Judges may use discretion in the case of memorization and notes.

Note: Students may be entered into different divisions of debate and individual events but only one division of individual events (e.g., if a student enters the junior division of Debate, they may enter the junior or senior division of IE's, but not both). The exception will be for events that only offer a senior division.

RESTRICTIONS

- **Entries** – Schools may NOT have more than 10 uncovered IE entries or 10 uncovered Congress entries or 2 uncovered Debate entries.
- **Divisions** – If there are insufficient entries in **ANY** event, divisions will be collapsed into the senior division accordingly, thereby adhering to senior division rules. (Judges may use discretion in the case of memorization and notes).
- **Topics** - Students identified as using cuttings or speeches that they used in previous years of competition will be dropped from that event for the competition. Petitions must be made exclusively to the tournament director for consideration.

DEBATE

CONGRESS

Congress will run three sessions on Sunday only. Legislation should be submitted to jconner@pacificu.edu by Friday, Jan 3 (email attachment or Google shared document). A legislation packet will be posted on the registration website. Depending on entry numbers, one chamber will have the alt-qual designation.

DEBATE TOPICS

Public Forum (PF) and Lincoln Douglas (LD) will use current topics provided by the National Speech and Debate Association. PF and LD will use the January Topics. For details, see:

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/handbooks/spehandbook.pdf>

and <http://www.speechanddebate.org/topics>.

For each round of Parli Debate (PD), the debaters will be given a choice of three topics from domestic and foreign affairs within the past two months. Each team will be allowed to eliminate one of the topics. Note: topic areas are not provided prior to the tournament.

Public Forum will flip a coin in their competition rooms. Parli will strike topics in their competition rooms.

DEBATE PAIRING

We will randomly pair the first round and power match the remaining preliminary rounds. For the Silver/Gold round, brackets will not be broken to protect same-school teams from meeting. The tournament will use a Bronze (quarterfinals) and Silver/Gold (semifinals) scheme to advance teams. If the entry supports it, eight teams will advance to the Bronze Medal round. Non-advancing debaters earn a Bronze placement. Advancing debaters enter the Silver/Gold round. Winners of the Silver/Gold round are Gold Medal winners, while the remaining debaters are Silver Medal winners. For all intents and purposes, the Silver/Gold round is considered a semifinal round.

When two teams from the same school meet in the Silver/Gold round, the coach may choose one of the following options:

- The highest seeded of the two teams will advance (no debate).
- The coach selects one of the two teams to advance (not necessarily the high seed; no debate).
- The teams debate the elimination round in front of three neutral judges (winner advances).
- The teams debate the elimination round in front of their coach (winner advances).

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

For complete event descriptions and rules please visit “Specific Contest Rules” at:

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/handbooks/spehandbook.pdf>.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

MULTIPLE ENTRIES

Students may **triple-enter** within either pattern of individual events. Students are responsible for getting to their rounds on time. The tournament will not wait for students entered in multiple events that do not show up on-time.

PATTERNS

Pattern A: Duo Interp, Impromptu, Oratory, POI, Radio, Serious Interp, LIELL

Pattern B: After Dinner Speaking, Informative, Extemp, Humorous Interp, Poetry, Prose

ALT QUAL/PROTECTING JUNIOR DIVISION

We do not want to sacrifice competitive opportunities for junior students, especially as recruitment of students is even more difficult after the pandemic. We will not collapse events for the benefit of the Senior Division for alt qual and we will preserve the Junior Division where possible.

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

For complete event descriptions and rules please visit “Specific Contest Rules” at: <http://www.osaa.org/docs/handbooks/spechhandbook.pdf>.

LIMITED PREP PROCEDURES

Extemp Draw will be in a central draw room on campus. Tab will email extemp judges each round with a copy of the topics.

Impromptu topics will be distributed to the judge in their assigned competition rooms. Each speaker will be given a different set of topics. The tournament recommends judges give 10 seconds for the students to read the topics before starting time.

Students are permitted to time themselves in limited prep events. However, judges should always verbally confirm with students if they want time signals and at what intervals.

AWARDS & SWEEPSTAKES

AWARDS

We will offer **certificates** to all finalists in IE’s and Debate. Additionally, we will offer awards for:

- o The top senior division1 will receive the coveted “Specific Peach” t-shirt.
- o The top three teams in Division I and Division II teams based on overall team entry size.
- o The top three teams with Quality Awards. This is calculated by taking the total sweepstakes points divided by the total number of entries. Schools must have at least five entries to be eligible.
- o The top three individuals in each senior style of debate
- o The top three individuals earning the most IE points in senior
- o We offer a speech scholarship to the top Individual Events performer should they choose to apply and enroll at Pacific in the future. Students may not earn the scholarship more than once.

SWEEPSTAKES

We will follow the OSAA sweepstakes guidelines summarized below. Events that go straight to finals will receive sweepstakes for the top-half placements in the round. For full details of OSAA guidelines please visit “General Contest Rules” at: <http://www.osaa.org/docs/handbooks/speechhandbook.pdf>.

	<u>Place & Points</u>				
<u>Events</u>	1st/Gold	2nd/Silver	3rd/Bronze	Finalist	IE <u>Semifinalist</u>
Debate	15pts	10pts	7pts	-	-
IEs and Congress	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts	2pts

JUDGING & FEES

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

Schools **MUST** provide judges for the tournament. Judges will be obligated up until the time of awards, and in the case of debate, one round past when their teams are eliminated. Schools are responsible for ensuring that their judges fulfill **ALL** judging obligations throughout the competition. Please use the following guidelines to determine your judging needs:

IEs: one judge covers **ten entries**. One student in two events counts as two entries.

Debate: one judge covers **two entries** in PD, or PF, or LD, or **sixteen entries** in Congress.

Schools may **NOT** have more than **10 uncovered IE entries** or **10 uncovered Congress entries** or **2 uncovered Debate entries**.

Note: For example, if you have five entries in Pattern A, five entries in Pattern B, and two parliamentary debate entries, one judge will cover all of those entries.

ENTRY FEES (per)

School:	\$30
LD Entry:	\$15
PF/Parli Entry:	\$30
Congress Entry:	\$5
IE Entry:	\$10

UNCOVERED FEES (per)

LD Entry:	\$70
PF / Parli Entry:	\$70
Congress Entry:	\$10
IE Entry:	\$20

We understand that many programs are constrained by limited budgets. We want to provide students the opportunity to participate. Please contact us if you would require any specific discounts to attend. We may be able to waive or reduce certain fees, pending on individual team needs.



Hap Hingston Forensics Invitational 2025 Tentative Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

- 7:45 Check in University Center (UC) main floor/ballot table
- 8:15 Rd 1 – Pattern A
- 9:30 Extemp draw @ 9:30, speeches begin @ 10:00
- 9:45 Rd 1 – Pattern B
- 11:15 Rd 2 – Pattern A
- 12:15 LUNCH
- 12:45 Extemp Draw @ 12:45, speeches begin @ 1:15
- 1:00 Rd 2 Pattern B
- 2:15 Rd 3 Pattern A
- 3:30 Extemp Draw @ 3:30pm, speeches begin @ 4:00
- 3:45 Rd 3 Pattern B
- 5:00 IE Elim 1
- 6:15 Extemp Draw @ 6:15, speeches begin @ 6:45
- 6:30 IE Elim 2
- ASAP Awards (McCready Auditorium in Taylor Meade)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- 8:00 Check in University Center (UC) main floor/ballot table
- 8:30 Rd 1 – Debate
- 10:00 Rd 2 – Debate
- 11:30 LUNCH
- 12:00 Rd 3 – Debate
- 1:30 Rd 4 – Debate
- 3:30 Debate Elim 1 Bronze Round
- 5:15 Debate Elim 2 Silver/Gold Round

ASAP Awards

EVENT KEY

Pattern A:	Duo Interp, Impromptu, Oratory, POI, Radio, Serious Interp, LIELL
Pattern B:	After Dinner Speaking, Extemp, Humorous Interp, Informative, Poetry, Prose
Debate:	Lincoln-Douglas, Parli Debate, Public Forum

Congress Schedule (Sunday)	
8:30am-10:30am	Session 1
11:00am-12:30pm	Session 2
1:00pm-3:00pm	Session 3