
Seattle University Debate Tournament



Welcome Packet

Dec 2 and 3, 2023 (In Person at Seattle University)

Share with Students, Judges, Coaches.

Welcome to the Seattle Debate Tournament IV

Below is information I hope you find useful. **Please share this document with your students and judges.**

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Something missing? Have a question? Please email Jim Hanson at hansonj@seattleu.edu

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1. QUESTIONS? SOMETHING I CAN HELP WITH?

Email me at hansonj@seattleu.edu (my other email addresses work as well) or call or text me on my cell phone at 360-536-1983

2. EXPECTED WEATHER—BRING WARM CLOTHING

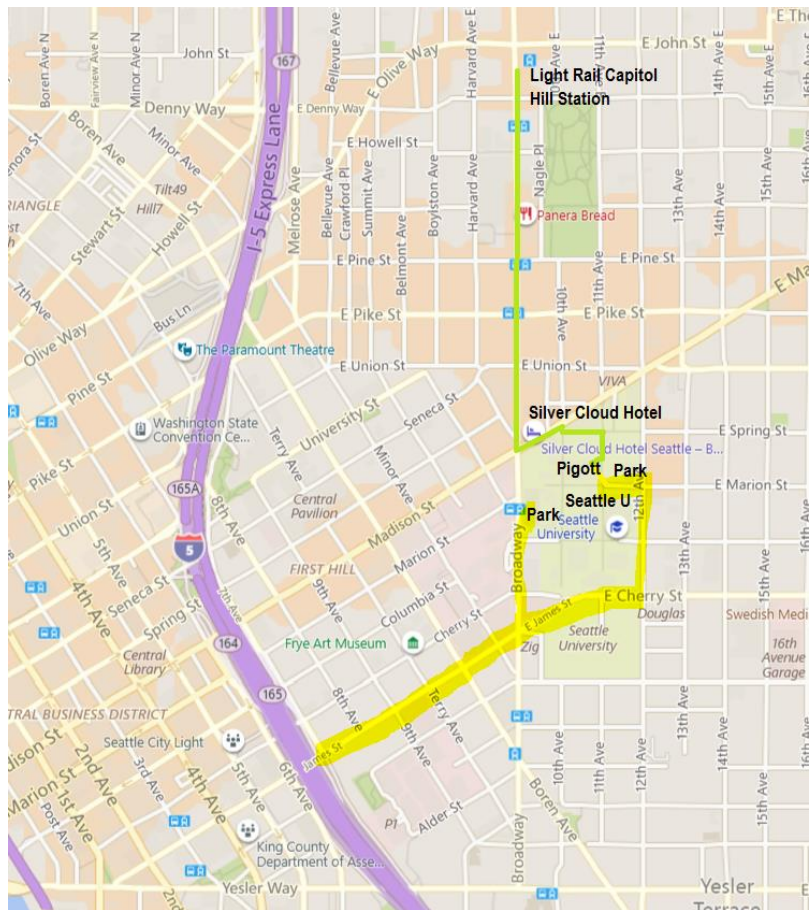
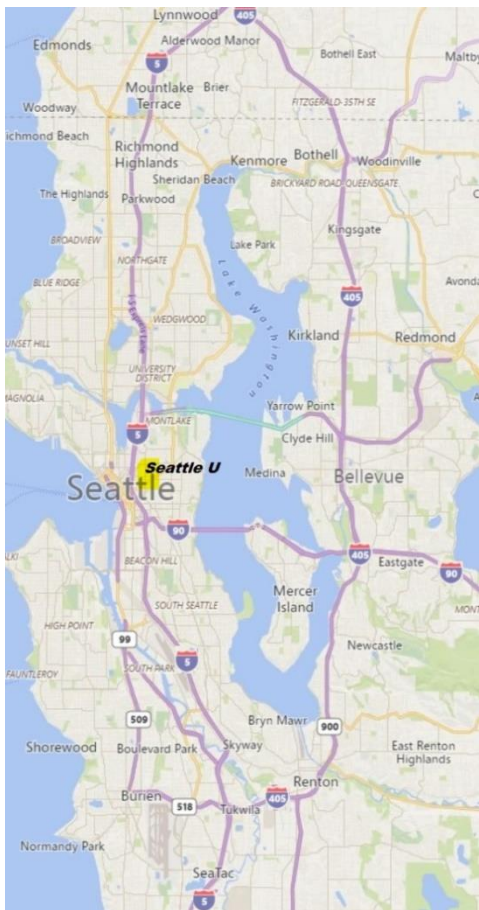
--Low 50s during the day; High 40s at night – **VERY COLD (Cold "bites" you in Seattle)**
--Rain. If you arrive on Friday, expect cold rain.

3. ROAD CONDITIONS

Road will be congested/slow on Friday. We believe major roads will be free from ice but will be wet, Friday through Sunday. CHECK CONDITIONS. Note that for those traveling on Interstate 5, there are backups and slowdowns even in off peak hours; using google/apple maps would be helpful; traffic can be slow EVEN on Saturdays and Sundays at all times.

4. DRIVING TO THE TOURNAMENT?

- Go to the Pigott Building at Seattle University.
- Take the James Street Exit off of Interstate 5.
- After exiting, take James Street going east (away from downtown, up the hill).
- Make a left at 12th avenue.
- Drive on 12th to Marion where you make a left turn and go into the parking lot.



Close up of Seattle U? See next page.

5. PARKING

\$20 per day. Use the phone app: paybyphone.com .(<https://www.paybyphone.com/>)

Notice: If the Parking Lot by Pigott is full—you will need to head to the Broadway Parking Lot. Apologies as it adds driving and walking time.

Person with a disability? Bring disability parking permit to park in the disability access spots in the parking lot near Pigott.

6. LIGHT RAIL TO THE TOURNAMENT?

Get out at the Capitol Hill Station and walk south on Broadway (follow the lime green line in the map on the previous page). Make a sharp left on Madison, enter the campus.

7. CHECK-IN AT THE TOURNAMENT

See Jim Hanson for payment in Pigott 106.

8. BP GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pigott Auditorium—on the first floor; walk through the big lobby on the right go a bit of the ways down the wide hall, up stairs/incline and the auditorium is on the left.



Debates happen in the PIGOTT Building.

Seattle U is a smoke-free campus—walk to 12th avenue or Madison avenue to smoke.

Note: Be careful and alert to construction on and near Madison St/Ave. The construction may block access.

9. WIRELESS

Use the guest wireless network: SU-visitors
Then go to web browser and register your email (note, this process can take 15 seconds to 2 minutes to process)

10. POSTINGS

--In Person—on the Screen in Pigott Auditorium; may also be available online—watch for announcements.

11. ELIM BREAKS

--Open, Partial to Full Quarters
--Novice, breakout Semifinals or Finals

12. BATHROOMS

Please feel free and supported to use the bathroom that matches the gender you identify with. THIS YEAR THERE IS A GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOM in Pigott—SECOND FLOOR JUST SOUTH OF THE STAIRS. In Admin, there are gender neutral bathrooms (I believe on the 2nd and 3rd floor).

13. PRONOUN POLICY

We encourage people to provide space and opportunity for people to state their pronoun preferences. If you don't know—the tournament default is restatement of the person's name or speaker position/official position or they/their/gender neutral.

14. EQUITY ISSUE? PROBLEM?

Please contact the Equity Team including Denise Vaughan or Jim Hanson,. We want to help work out problems and make the tournament a positive DEIJ experience for you.

Stacy: forstacybell@gmail.com

Jim: hansonj@seattleu.edu

At all times, participants are expected to follow the Equity guidelines.

Accessibility? We will work with you to provide rooms/facilities/adjustments to address limited mobility or disability issues. We want to make sure everyone participates. We urge you to contact us as soon as possible so we can best make this right.

Stress? Pigott 108 is a quiet room for those not feeling well or needing a peaceful, quiet environment.

15. SCHEDULE

IN-PERSON TOURNAMENT Planned Schedule

YODL RULES APPLY.

YODL uses WUDC rules except:

1. 5 motions provided for each debate. Each team strikes 1 motion.
2. Points of Order permitted where equity is addressed in round.
3. Judges engage in Open deliberation in prelims.

[Details](#)

Saturday, December 2

All Times are Pacific Time Zone

8:50am to 9:10am –Do Check-In

--IMMEDIATELY, NOTIFY TAB of judges/teams who won't be participating.

--WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DROP JUDGES/TEAMS WHO HAVE NOT CHECKED-IN BY 9:10AM

Tournament Briefings Go to Auditorium Room

Round 1 topic announce asap after briefings conclude.

Noon -- Lunch Break

1:00pm – Round 2

3:30pm – Round 3

5:45pm – Round 4

Sunday, December 3

All Times are Pacific Time Zone

8:50am to 9:10am -- Do Check-In

--IMMEDIATELY, NOTIFY TAB of judges/teams who won't be at the first elim.

--WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DROP JUDGES/TEAMS WHO HAVE NOT CHECKED-IN BY 9:10AM

Round 5 topic announce asap after 9:10am.

11:30am – Lunch Break

12:30pm - First Elim

3:00pm - Awards

3:30pm – Second Elim

5:45pm – Final Elim

From me and all of the Seattle Debate Union—welcome to the tournament! :)



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