

Oxford High School Speech & Debate's 1st Annual,

# Dr. Barbara Lowe Charger Challenge

Speech and Debate Community,

We wish to formally invite you to attend the Dr. Barbara Lowe Charger Challenge, taking place November 18-19 at Oxford High School.

## Event Offerings:

*Debate:*

**Public Forum (Novice & Varsity), Lincoln Douglas (Novice & Varsity), Policy Debate, Congressional Debate, and Big Questions.**

*Flight A Individual Events:*

**Prose (Novice & Varsity), Impromptu, Dramatic Interpretation, Duet Acting, Original Oratory, Programmed Oral Interpretation, and Expository Speaking (9th and 10th grades only).**

*Flight B Individual Events:*

**Extemporaneous Speaking (Novice & Varsity), Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation (Novice & Varsity), Declamation (9th & 10th grades only), Informative Speaking, and Storytelling (9th & 10th grades only).**

## Schedule:

Debate prelims will be held on Friday evening with all individual events on Saturday. In Debate events (with the exception of Congressional Debate), quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals will be held on Saturday morning. Congressional Debate will have 2 preliminary sessions held on Friday evening, with Finals being held Saturday morning. A more detailed schedule will be posted on Tabroom.

### Legislation:

The MHSAA Bill Book will be used for tournament legislation, with any out of state schools sending supplemental legislation to [rlbankston@oxfordsd.org](mailto:rlbankston@oxfordsd.org) by November 4th.

### Awards:

Those advancing to elimination rounds in Debate; finals in Individual Events; and top 8 in Congress; will be individually recognized at our awards ceremony. We will also be awarding sweepstakes trophies to the top schools in Debate and Speech, as well as the top schools overall. Additionally, we will award “top individual performer” awards to the highest performing students at the tournament.

### Entry Limits:

All students are permitted to enter 4 events total, either choosing between 2 Flight A’s and 2 Flight B’s; or 1 Debate, 1 Flight A, and 2 Flight B’s.

### Deadlines:

Registration closes November 14th at midnight and Judge Registration closes November 15th at 5 PM.

### OHS Debate Leadership

Coach: **Ryne Bankston**

Captain: **William Berry IV**

Tournament Directors: **William Berry IV & Noah Amidon**

Speech Captain: **Fikir Beyene**

Public Forum Debate Captain: **Claire Anne Boudreaux**

Congressional Debate Captain: **Noah Amidon**

Lincoln-Douglas Debate Captain: **William Berry IV**

Big Questions Debate Captain: **Eli Nordstrom**

## Judge Obligations & Entry Fees

1. **Judge Quotas:** Each school must provide judges for each event based on a specific quota.
  - a. **Individual Events:** One judge for every 10 entries or fraction thereof.
  - b. **Debate Events:**
    - i. 1 judge for every 2 Lincoln-Douglas Debaters
    - ii. 1 judge for every 2 Public Forum Teams
    - iii. 1 judge for every Policy team.
      1. If at all possible, schools with policy entries should provide judges with policy judging experience and should indicate which judge(s) have such experience in the judge notes.
2. **Entry Fees:**
  - a. \$10 per entry in Individual events (not including Duo Interpretation and Duet Acting)
  - b. \$12 per Duo Interpretation or Duet Acting entry
  - c. \$10 per Lincoln-Douglas Debater
  - d. \$12 per Public Forum or Policy Debate team
  - e. \$10 per Congress entry.
3. **Uncovered Entries:** judge quota is not met.
  - a. **Debate:** \$25 per uncovered entry.
  - b. **Individual Events:** \$5 per uncovered entry.
  - c. Complete buyouts are not allowed. This means that all schools must provide at least one judge in debate (if entered in debate) and at least one judge in Individual Events (if entered in Individual Events)
4. All entry fees will be fixed as of the Monday of the tournament. Drop fees will be assessed for any drops after that point. Drop fees will be double the entry fees for any given entry. Judge fees for uncovered entries will be fixed as of the Tuesday deadline. Please email [rlbankston@oxfordsd.org](mailto:rlbankston@oxfordsd.org) with information regarding any drops as early as possible to avoid penalties.

5. Please Note: Any judge who misses a ballot assignment will incur a \$20 fine for their school, which must be paid prior to the release of the school's ballots.

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