

2014 Tournament of the Great West – Pi Kappa Delta

December 1, 2013

Dear Colleagues:

The member schools of the Province of the Great West, Pi Kappa Delta, along with tournament host The College of Southern Idaho, are pleased to invite you to the beautiful Twin Falls area for the biennial **Tournament of the Great West**, March 8-9, 2014.

We will offer competitors 3 rounds of all 11 NIET events as well as plentiful rounds of Parliamentary Debate, Worlds Debate, and IPDA Debate! There will be no final rounds in speech events but we will offer a semi-final and final round in debate. We will use the Pi Kappa Delta awards system to recognize the top performers (see "Tournament Notes" for more information). Pi Kappa Delta tournaments provide an excellent opportunity to celebrate a season completed for some schools and also serve as the ideal "warm-up" for those schools that will attend the various national tournaments to come later in the spring!

In debate, there will be Novice and Open division in IPDA and NPDA. BP will have an Open division only. Please read the tournament guidelines for placement of students in these events. In Individual Events, there will be only an Open division.

Any time of year is a great time to travel to southern Idaho! We hope that you and your team will make this a "must attend" on your spring calendar! Twin Falls is very budget-friendly and east to access from I-84. We have arranged for some great lodging and dining options, ordered some very beautiful awards and hope to introduce to schools who are not part of Pi Kappa Delta to the benefits of being part of the nation's oldest forensic honorary! You do not have to be a member of PKD to attend this tournament, but we hope you will consider joining.

In all, this promises to be a great weekend in a very humane tournament format! Hope to see you in March in the Great West!

Jeff

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National President, Pi Kappa Delta

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Tournament of the Great West – Tournament Notes

Dates: March 8-9, 2014

Entry Deadline: Monday, March 3, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. (MST)

Conflict Patterns

Pattern A: Extemporaneous, Program Oral Interp, Dramatic Interp, Persuade, After Dinner

Pattern B: Impromptu, Poetry Interp, Duo Interp, Prose Interp, Informative, CA

Pattern C: NPDA Debate, Worlds Debate, IPDA Debate

Conflicts: All competitors may enter 3 events in Pattern A and B. If you are entered in Extemp, you may only enter 1 additional event in Pattern A. Students may only enter 1 debate format in Pattern C. Entrants are responsible to make all their rounds if they are double or triple-entered.

Only students with PKD, AFA, NFA and/or NPDA eligibility will be allowed to participate in the tournament. No presentations should be composed of material used by the student prior to September 1, 2013. Likewise, no student may use a selection or cutting in more than one event. NPDA/Worlds/IPDA Debate Novice Division: Novices are defined as those students in their first two semesters of debate competition, either high school or college, regardless of debate format.

NPDA/Worlds/IPDA Debate Open Division: Any competitor may enter the Open Division.
Tournament Headquarters: Taylor Building

Entries: Entering the tournament will be completed on-line at www.forensictournament.net
<http://www.forensictournament.net/>

Judges: We need your qualified critics! Judges for this event must be college graduates (Bachelor's degree) or must have exhausted their eligibility to compete at the collegiate level. Please see information in the invite for additional entry discounts if you bring additional judges. Individual Events: Competitors may enter up to 3 events in each pattern, unless entered in Extemp in A. All 11 NIET events will be offered. All AFA rules and time limits will be used in each event.

NPDA Debate: The parliamentary tournament will follow the NPDA rules with the topic announced centrally. The following time limits will be used for both divisions, Open and Novice: 7-8-8-8-4-5 and 20 minutes of prep. There will not be a warm room for this tournament.

IPDA Debate: This is a unique Lincoln-Douglas debate format emphasizing audience-oriented argumentation. This will be flighted and we will use 20 minutes of prep time. There is very useful information on this format at their website at www.ipdadebate.org

Worlds Debate: Worlds will adhere to the following rules:

1. Time limits will be 7-7-7-7-7-7-7 with 20 minutes to prepare (including walk time).
2. Topics will be centrally announced and will vary by round. Topics will NOT be the same resolutions used for parliamentary debate. All topics will focus on issues appearing in the news during the month leading up to the tournament.
3. During prep time the debaters may consult any written materials. Debaters may not use electronic sources of information retrieval. Debaters may confer with their debate partner during prep time, but debaters may not confer with coaches or other teams.
4. The only materials allowed for use by the debaters during the actual debate are those notes the debaters themselves have written during the prep time.
5. Debaters may request a point of information (either verbally or by rising) at any time after the first minute, and before the last minute, of any speech. The debater holding the floor may accept or refuse points of information. If accepted, the debater making the request has 15 seconds to make a statement or ask the question. During the point of information, the speaking time of the floor debate continues.
6. Judges should reveal decisions and provide feedback to students at the conclusion of the round. To facilitate faster turnaround time between rounds, the ballot should be returned to the ballot table as soon as possible.
7. Three person debate teams are not permitted.
8. In other areas relevant to the debate, Worlds rules will be followed. Refer to the following website for more details: <http://flynn.debating.net/colmmain.htm>

Pi Kappa Delta Membership: Please visit the website to get more information on joining our organization, open to all 2 and 4 year institutions! www.pkd.com

Tournament of the Great West – Awards and Recognition

Awards: All students with a ranking of Superior, (top 10%) or Excellent (next 20%) in Individual Events and Debate will receive awards, as well as those that make elimination rounds in debate. Speaker awards will be presented to the top speakers in each debate format, as appropriate.

Sweepstakes: Sweepstakes awards will be presented in Individual Events, Debate, and Combined categories. The PKD awards system will be used to award sweepstakes, with the top 10% of schools in each category receiving Superior, and the next 20% receiving Excellent.

Tournament of the Great West – Meal Option

Fees:

School Fee:	\$35
Covered IE Entries	\$ 8 per slot
Uncovered IE Entries:	\$14 per slot additional (\$22 total)
1 judge covers 10 IE slots	
Covered NPDA/Worlds Teams:	\$50 per team
Uncovered NPDA/Worlds Teams:	\$75 per team (\$125 total)
1 judge covers 2 teams	
Covered IPDA Entries:	\$25 per slot
Uncovered IPDA Entries:	\$40 per slot (\$65 total)
1 judge covers 4 IPDA entries	

Note: IPDA, NPDA and Worlds run at the same time, therefore, a judge can cover 2 NPDA/Worlds teams, or 4 IPDA entries, or one NPDA/Worlds teams and 2 IPDA debaters.

Fee Calculation: Fees will be calculated at 5:00 pm, MST, on Monday, March 3, 2014. Entries may be dropped after that, but fees will not be. There will be no adding of entries after fee calculations have been made. This is necessary to facilitate the ordering of the awards. Your understanding is appreciated!

Please make checks payable to **Pi Kappa Delta**

Tournament of the Great West – Lodging

Tournament Hotel: Shilo Inn, 1586 Blue Lakes Blvd N, Twin Falls, ID 83301 (800) 222-2244 or (208) 733-7545

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Shilo Inn, conveniently located near the campus and close to many eating options. They have given us a great rate of \$65.00, plus tax, for up to 4 in a room. They have a continental breakfast on-site and are also located near many fast-food options. Please ask for the PKD block.

This year we have arranged with the on-site cafeteria in the Taylor Building to offer lunches both days for your students at a price of \$8 each day. If you want to take advantage of this option, please e-mail Beth or Jeff with the number of meals each day and the charge will be added to your registration and tickets will be issued with your registration packets.

Tournament of the Great West – Schedule

Tentative Schedule

Saturday, March 8, 2014

9:00 – 9:30	Registration, College Center
9:30 – 11:15	Debate, Round 1
11:15 – 1:00	Debate, Round 2
1:00 – 1:45	Lunch Break
1:45 – 3:30	Debate, Round 3
3:30 – 5:15	Debate, Round 4
5:30 – 7:00	Semi-Finals, Debate
7:00 – 8:30	Finals, Debate

Sunday, March 9, 2014

8:45	Draw
9:00 – 10:00	Round 1, Pattern A
10:00	Draw
10:15 – 11:15	Round 2, Pattern A
11:15	Draw
11:30 – 12:30	Round 3, Pattern A
12:30 – 1:15	Lunch Break
1:15 – 2:30	Round 1, Pattern B
2:30 – 3:45	Round 2, Pattern B
3:45 – 5:00	Round 3, Pattern B
5:15 – ASAP	Awards

If you have any questions about the tournament, venue, lodging or anything else related, please contact Tournament Director Jeff Stoppenhagen at jstoppen@u.boisestate.edu or Host Beth Hewes at bhewes@csi.edu

See you in March!