**COME TO THE QUALIFIER!**

Jan. 11, 2014

Hi friends:

On behalf of Joe Gantt, District Chair, and myself, the tournament director, we invite you to The American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament District II qualifier on Friday, February 21, 2014 at Mt. Hood Community College in Portland.

This is part of the doubleheader happening that weekend: NIET Qualifier on Friday – followed by the Earl Wells Memorial Speakeasy Tournament at Oregon State Univ. (IE & IPDA) on Saturday and Sunday.

Although this is a qualifier for the AFA-NIET anyone can participate. **The top three people in each event will qualify for NIET nationals.** In addition, any student earning an at-large qualification (requiring three “legs”) will also qualify. If the qualifier has nine schools, legs from the qualifier will count towards qualification.

This year's AFA-NIET will be held at Arizona State University in tropical Tempe Arizona from April 4-7, 2014. Fly to Phoenix, and it’s a short drive to ASU. Registration is Friday, April 4, prelims start Saturday and the national awards are presented Monday night, April 7. Full details at: http://www.afa-niet.org/

If you have students who have qualified at-large for the NIET, you will need to submit an at-large qualification form for each student by Wednesday, February 19, 2014. ALL QUAL SHEETS SHOULD BE E-MAILED to Brent Northup, Tournament Director, [bnorthup@carroll.edu](mailto:bnorthup@carroll.edu) (Contact Brent or Joe if you need help with this.)

Entries are due Friday, February 14 on forensicstournament.net. Drops need to be communicated to Brent (bnorthup@carroll.edu) \ via email by Thursday, Feb 20 at 4 pm. Any drops after that time will incur an $10 drop fee per slot.

Megan Towles of Carroll & Jackson Miller of Linfield will run tab computer. Megan Towles will be running the tournament on Friday. I’ll be handling all the paperwork before and after the tournament.

Shannon Valdivia will be our host.

Hope to see you at Mt. Hood on Friday, Feb. 21.

Best wishes,

Brent, tournament director

[bnorthup@carroll.edu](mailto:bnorthup@carroll.edu) (406) 459-2371

Joe Gantt, NIET District 2 Chair

**DISTRICT II AFA-NIET INFORMATION SHEET**

1. **DATE:** District tournament: the District Qualifier will be held on Friday, Feb. 21, 2014 at Mt. Hood Community College.

2. **Duo:** please remember that the rules around duo allow for cuttings from any genre of literature.

3. **Extemporaneous Speaking:** the extemp format has changed at nationals. We won’t be adopting those changes at the qualifier (no CX in finals). No live Internet is allowed in Extemp prep. Files stored on a computer can be accessed during prep.

4. **Dues**: the AFA-NIET registration fee is a $50 after 12/01/13. The invoice—and a very easy to use online payment form—can be found on the newly updated AFA-NIET website http://www.americanforensics.org/. Alternately, you can pay the AFA-NIET fee at the District Qualifier. You must be an AFA-NIET member to participate.

5. **AFA-NIET All American Applications**: please bring these with you to the tournament. We will form a committee for the review of these applications at the District Qualifier. These and other forms can be found on the AFA-NIET website:

http://www.mnsu.edu/cmst/niet/niet.html.

6. **Leg Information**: please bring your leg information to the tournament.

7. **Enrollment Information**: if you already have students who are qualified, please bring their enrollment verification from your registrar. If you have any questions about what is required, you can visit the AFA-NIET website. If you still have questions, contact Brent (bnorthup@carroll.edu) and we will walk you through the process.

8. **EVENTS & PATTERNS:**

Pattern A Events: Informative, Prose and Impromptu

Pattern B Events: Extemp, POI, Persuasion, Duo

Pattern C Events: Dramatic, Poetry, After Dinner, Communication Analysis

Tab Room and Extemp draw room location announced later.

9. **ENTRIES & FEES:**

School Fee is $30. There is a $50 AFA-NIET school participation fee (if not paid already). Cash is preferred, but checks can be made out to Brent Northup.

Entry Fee is $10 per slot. Duo counts as one slot, each judge covers 6 slots.

Uncovered Entry Fees is an additional $10 per slot.

10. **LIMITS:** A school may not enter more then five students in any one event. Each student can enter two events per pattern, six events maximum.

11. **JUDGES:** It is a Friday, so hired judging is not easy to come by. Reach out to anyone you can. Entries are Due on Forensicstournament.net no later than Friday, Feb. 14.

12.**Drops** after Thursday, February 20 will result in an $10 drop fee.

Please make checks payable to Brent Northup, Tournament Director, District 2 AFA-NIET (sorry, but no other form of payment will be accepted without prior approval). Cash is always fine.

13. Student verification form must be submitted to compete, certifying the student is enrolled at your college. Form enclosed.

**FOOD**

Food options to be supplied soon.

**PARKING**

Parking information coming soon

**LODGING**

Schools should arrange their own lodging.

Please call the hotels directly or check prices online to find the best deals. We have not made arrangements with any of the hotels in the area.

**NIET DISTRICT 2 QUALIFIER SCHEDULE**

**Mt. Hood Community College**

**Friday, February 21, 2014**

8:30 a.m. Registration (Templeton Student Center)

9 a.m. Round I Pattern C (CA, DI, POE, ADS)

10:30 a.m. Round II Pattern C

11:45 a.m. Extemp Draw (location to be announced)

12:15 p.m. Round 1 Pattern B (EXT, POI, DUO, PERS)

1:45 p.m. Round 1 Pattern A (INF, IMP, PRO)

2:45 p.m. Extemp Draw

3:15 p.m. Round 2 Pattern B (EXT, POI, DUO, PERS)

4:45 p.m. Round 2 Pattern A (INF, IMP, PRO)

6-8 p.m. All finals (flighted, if necessary).

7:30 p.m. Student meeting led by student rep

8 p.m. Awards

**Legs:**

Each of the tournaments must have had at least nine schools competing in individual events.

The three tournament placements (LEGS) used for qualification may not exceed a cumulative total of eight (8), based on the following formula:

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| **# of entries in the event** | **# of legs earned** | **Places that earn legs** |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2-4 | 1 | 1st |
| 5-8 | 2 | 1st, 2nd |
| 9-12 | 3 | 1st, 2nd, 3rd |
| 13-16 | 4 | 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th |
| 17-20 | 5 | 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th |
| 20+ | 6 | 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th |

**STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM**

**AMERICAN FORENSIC ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TOURNAMENT**

**Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School:**   
(for NIET tournament director use only)

**SEND FORM TO YOUR DISCTRICT CHAIR. DO NOT SEND TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ENTERED INTO THE TOURNAMENT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FORM IS RECEIVED AND VERIFIED BY YOUR DISTRICT CHAIR.**

My signature below attests to the fact:

* I have informed my students of the AFA Code of Ethics and the rules of the AFA-NIET;
* The students understand entry in the AFA-NIET tournament signifies they will abide by the rules and codes of the AFA and the AFA-NIET;
* **The minimum of six hours of required academic work must be taken at the institution the student is representing at the NIET**;
* that in the event of cancellation on or before the stated deadlines as contained in the tournament invitation, my school or I will be liable for any and all of the following: 1) drop fees; 2) hired judge charge to cover canceled slots; 3) entry fees as determined in the invitation, and 4) any other fees that may be incurred as indicated in the invitation.
* **To the best of my knowledge, all students listed meet the minimum grade point average of 2.0.**

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School:**

(Director of Forensics)

**CONFIRMATION OF SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

**TO THE REGISTRAR/RECORDS OFFICER**:  
Listed below are students from my institution who are attending the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament. **A minimum of six hours of required academic work must be taken at the institution the student is representing at the NIET**. Please note if a student was a mid-year graduate. The official seal of the institution should be affixed below the last name on the list of students.  
  
**Students:**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  
  
**Institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **NIETbanner**  **At Large Reporting Form**  **FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF YOUR DISTRICT CHAIR BY MARCH 7, 2013**  STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fill out one form for each student)  SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  COACH: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | |  | **Event** | **Rank** | **Tournament** | **Date** | **# of Schools** | **# of entries** | | **GROUP A EVENTS: Informative/Prose/Impromptu** | | | | | | | | 1st event in "A" | . | , | , , ZXZZXZZ | , | , | , | | , | , | . . | . | . | . | | . | . | . . | . | . | . | | 2nd event in "A" | . | . | .. | . | . | . | | . | . | .. | . | . | . | | . | . | .. | . | . | . | | **GROUP B EVENTS: Extemporaneous/Dramatic Duo/Persuasion/Program Oral Interpretation** | | | | | | | | 1st event in "B" | . | . | .. .. | . | . | . | | . | . | . . | . | . | . | | . | . | . . | . | . | . | | 2nd event in "B" | . | . | .. | . | . | . | | . | . | ... | . | . | . | | . | . | .. | . | . | . | | .  **GROUP C EVENTS: Poetry/Communication Analysis/After Dinner Speaking/Interpretation of Drama** | | | | | | | | 1st event in "C" | . | . | . . | .. | . | . | | . | . | . . | . | . | . | | . | . | .. | . | . | . | | 2nd event in "C" | . | . | .. | .. | .. | . | | . | . | .. | . | . | . | | . | . | . | . | . | . | | Send completed form to your District Chair  **DO NOT SEND FORM TO THE NATONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**  **FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF YOUR DISTRICT CHAIR BY MARCH 7, 2013**  I certify the above information is correct and meets requirements for AFA-NIET At-Large Qualification  COACH’S SIGNATURE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | |