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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the 2015 Becky Galentine Memorial Tournament at the University of Washington is now open for entries in Cross-Examination debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate, Public Forum debate, Congressional debate, and individual events.

The tournament will be conducted all day on February 13th and 14th. **Please note, IE entrants will only compete on February 14th and may check in on the morning of the 14th.** Below you will find information on our schedule and fees schedule. More tournament details—like directions, parking, and building locations, are forthcoming. You can also see more at our website (<http://www.com.washington.edu/debate/high-school-debate-tournament/>).

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 5:00pm Pacific time.

Tournament fee structure

School Fee:	\$25.00
CX debate:	\$30.00 per team
LD debate:	\$25.00 per competitor
PF debate:	\$25.00 per team
Congress:	\$15.00 per competitor
IE slot:	\$10.00 per event entry (student may double enter)

Uncovered Entries:

CX debate:	\$90.00 total entry
LD debate:	\$70.00 total entry
PF debate:	\$70.00 total entry
Congress:	\$25.00 total entry
IEs	\$20.00 total per event

Late Drop Fees

If you have a team drop after 5pm on February 10, you will incur a drop fee. Call tournament director Dr. Michael Souders immediately at 360-840-1947 if you have a post deadline drop. Drops at registration will be charged the full amount.

CX, LD, PF:	\$10 per late drop.
Congress:	\$5 per late drop.
IE:	\$5 per late drop.
Same day drop:	Full amount will be charged.

*Please, please, please note: Payment MUST be received at registration. UW is not kidding about this. If you have not paid by awards, your students will not receive awards. We simply cannot have outstanding amounts because we PAY for rooms. Don't make us do the awkward thing of confronting you about this—just come prepared to pay!

Entry & Event Rules

Please read the following rules about entries carefully:

Maximum Entries:

In CX, LD, or PF, schools may not have more than six entries in a division and Congress may not register more than 10 competitors without registering as a second school (with a second team fee). **This regulation may be waived if divisions reach large sizes and your entry makes up $\leq 33\%$ of a division.**

Division-Levels

CX: We plan to offer three divisions of competition: novice, junior varsity, and varsity. If there are insufficient entries, JV will be collapsed with varsity. **Please note that those entered in varsity CX may not compete in IEs—this impact JV competitors if the divisions are collapsed.**

LD: We plan to offer three divisions of competition: novice, junior varsity, and varsity. If there are insufficient entries, JV will be collapsed with varsity.

PF: We plan to offer two divisions of competition: novice and open.

Congress: We plan to offer two divisions of competition: novice and open.

IEs: We plan to offer two divisions of competition: novice and open. If there are fewer than 10 entries in any division, it will be collapsed into a single division, with novice awards given out for the best novice performers in the single division.

Double Entries

Debate: No debate team may double-enter in any other debate event.

IEs: Individual event competitors may enter in up to two events.

*Please note that those entered in varsity CX may not enter in IEs.

Judging Requirements

Schools are required to provide enough judges to cover their event entries. Partial entries require a full judging entry (i.e., three CX teams requires a school to provide two critics). Current high school students may not judge any event. Any portion of uncoverage incurs the entire "Uncovered team" fee.

CX: Schools must provide one qualified critic(s) to cover up to two entries. CX judges should have experience competing in or judging CX debate. Unqualified judges will not be credited.

LD: Schools must provide one qualified critic(s) to cover up to three entries. LD judges should have experience competing in or judging LD debate. Unqualified judges will not be credited.

PF: Schools must provide one critic to cover up to three entries.

Congress: Schools must provide one critic to cover up to six total entries in Congress.

IEs: Schools must provide one critic to cover up to five total entries in individual events.

*A judge may count toward debate and IEs, except for CX. Judges entered to cover a varsity CX team may not cover any IEs.

Physical Limitations

We will be conducting the tournament while the University of Washington is in session and we will be paying for rooms. Thus, there are limits to the number of entries we can accommodate. We will refuse more entries once we are beyond this limit.

Accessibility

The UWDU is committed to making forensics available to all students, regardless of physical abilities. Please contact us immediately if you have need to have rooms and/or facilities adjusted for students of limited mobility or other disability issues. Please handle these issues pre-tournament—once the tournament is in session, we will continue to accommodate but it works best if we can make arrangements beforehand.

Specific Event Rules

Debate

Cross-Examination Debate: We will use the NSDA/NFL 2014-2015 policy topic. We'll use 8-3-5 format with 6 minutes of preparation time. Quick decisions are encouraged and will be required after 1h 40m after start time in preliminary rounds. Coin flips will determine a winner if no decision is made at that point.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: We will use the NSDA/NFL LD topic for January/February. We'll use 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format and have 4 minutes of preparation time.

Public Forum Debate: We will use the NSDA/NFL PF topic for February with 3 minutes of preparation time.

Congress Debate: We will have no more than 25 persons per chamber and no more than 20 persons total in each division will advance to the Super Session.

Individual Events

Editorial Commentary: Included because it was the tournament director's first forensics event in 1994! A scripted speech which is intended to be an analysis of a news event rather than a running synopsis of news. Speakers will read their manuscript from a seated position. The script should be timed to end between 1:45 and 2:00. Any speaker ending before 1:45 or after 2:00 shall be ranked one score lower.

Expository: A speech that is designed to be informative in nature. Visual aids and note cards are permitted, but are not required. Time: eight minutes (8) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

Dramatic Interpretation: One or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is serious in nature. The presentation is MEMORIZED. Time: ten minutes maximum with 30 second grace period.

Duo Interpretation: A cutting from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which may be either humorous or serious in nature. The selection must be memorized but given without props or costumes. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum with a 30 second grace period.

Extemporaneous Speaking: Thirty minutes before speaking time, each speaker will select a topic from a choice of three. Questions will be based on current events. Speaker will be expected to organize and analyze material relevant to the subject area and answer the chosen question. One note card for novices only is permitted. Time: seven minutes (7) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace. ****Please note**:** Extemporaneous speaking draw will occur 15 minute prior to the schedule round. Due to limited times, extemporaneous speaking competitors will only be able to double-enter into editorial commentary.

Oratory: An original speech designed to persuade—that is, to change or reinforce an existing belief, to eulogize, to cause agreement with speaker's position, or to motivate to action. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum, with a 30 second grace period

Impromptu: Student will enter the room and be given a choice of three topics. The student will choose a topic and have six minutes to prepare and speak on the chosen topic. Time may be used in any manner the speaker chooses (example-2 minutes prep and 4 speaking or 4 minutes prep and 2 minutes speaking). Time: six minutes (6) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

Humorous Interpretation: One or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is humorous in nature. The presentation is MEMORIZED. Time: ten minutes with no grace. Novices may use scripts.

Interpretive Reading: At least one cutting of prose and one cutting of poetry linked thematically. We will follow WSFA rules. Time: eight minutes maximum with thirty seconds grace.

Awards

CX, LD, PF Debate:

All competitors reaching elimination rounds will receive awards.

Top 10 speakers in each division will be recognized, with at least the Top 5 receiving awards.

Congress Debate

The Top 6 speakers and the top presiding officer will receive an award.

Individual Events

All competitors reaching an individual event final will receive an award.

Sweepstakes

We are planning, but still may reconsider, offering a sweepstakes awards for the Top 3 schools and the Top Small Entry School. We are still working out the details.

Food, Parking, Directions, Hotel

Currently we do not have plans to offer food, though we are working on the idea. The University of Washington has several food locations on and/or near campus, including at the Husky Union Building (HUB). We will provide more details in a later document.

Same story will parking and directions. We are still negotiating with UW on these issues. Please stay tuned.

We do not have a tournament hotel, but you can see our options in the previous document or at our website (<http://www.com.washington.edu/debate/high-school-debate-tournament/>).

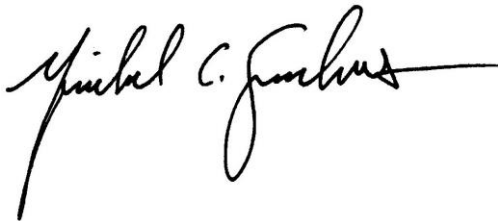
Schedule

Friday 2/13	Friday 2/13	Friday 2/13	Friday 2/13
Open CX/OPEN LD	PF, JV/Novice LD/CX	IE	Congress
CHECK-IN 9:00am	CHECK-IN 9:00am		CHECK-IN 9:00PM
ROUND 1— 10:00am	ROUND 1— 10:00am		SESSION 1: 10:00AM
ROUND 2— 11:30am	ROUND 2— 11:30am		
ROUND 3—	ROUND 3—		SESSION 2:

2:30pm	2:30pm		2:30PM
ROUND 4— 4:00pm			
ROUND 5— 7:00pm	ROUND 4— 7:00pm		

Saturday 2/14	Saturday 2/14	Saturday 2/14	Saturday 2/14	Saturday 2/14
OPEN CX	OPEN LD	PF, JV/Novice LD/CX	IEs	Congress
			IE ONLY CHECK-IN 7:00AM	
ROUND 6— 8:00AM			8:00AM- ROUND 1	
	ROUND 6— 9:30AM	ROUND 5— 9:30AM		9:30AM Super Congress 1
QUARTERS: 10:30AM				
			11:15AM ROUND 2	
SEMIS: 1:15PM	ELIM 1- 1:15PM ELIM 2-- 2:15PM	ROUND 6— 1:15PM		1:15PM Super Congress 2
FINALS: 3:15PM			3:00PM ROUND 3	
			4:30PM FINALS	
6:30 AWARDS	6:30 AWARDS	6:30 AWARDS	6:30AWARDS	6:30 AWARDS
	7:30 FINALS	7:30 PF/JV/Novice Elims		

Sincerely,



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