

Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 2016 Ohio University Interstate Individual Events Tournament (IIET) on January 27-28, 2017.

The tournament begins on Friday with 4 preliminary rounds and outrounds of open competition in Impromptu Debate (Parli with slightly different rules) and College Public Forum as well as prelims and finals of Interviewing and Scholarly Paper. All of these events conclude on Friday evening.

On Saturday, the tournament will offer Open and Novice in all NFA IEs and Open Divisions of all PCSDL events (except Current Events). For this tournament, "Novice" is defined as first or second year in college forensics. The tournament offers two rounds and finals in all Open IE divisions and 3 rounds with no final rounds in all Novice divisions.

**Novice for the IIET is defined as any student in their first two years of collegiate forensics competition**

On top of all of that, we will be concurrently hosting the Ohio Forensics Association Novice State Championships on Friday and Saturday. Judge pools for both tournaments will be merged and a joint awards ceremony will be held on Saturday night.

You will find all of the necessary tournament information enclosed in this invitation, including a tournament schedule, event rules, lodging and entry information. We look forward to seeing you here in Athens in January.

If you have questions about the tournament please contact Dan West at 740-593-9962 or email westd1@ohio.edu.

Respectfully,

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**Tournament Information**

**Events:** NFA event rules apply for all individual events (AFA rules for POI). We do not limit a school’s number of entries per event, however, individuals may enter no more than three events in each pattern. Students who are entered in more than one event in any pattern are responsible for notifying their judges. Judges will not wait for contestants longer than the scheduled times. The following individual events will be offered:

College Public Forum, Impromptu (Parli) Debate and Interviewing and Scholarly Paper are held on Friday. Students can enter either PF or Impromptu Debate. Students my cross-enter in Interviewing and Scholarly paper, as long as they are not entered in any other form of debate.

 **Pattern A Pattern B**

 Extemporaneous Speaking Impromptu Speaking

 Persuasive Speaking Informative Speaking

 Dramatic Duo Interpretation Prose Interpretation

 Programmed Oral Interpretation Poetry Interpretation

 Dramatic Interpretation After Dinner Speaking

 Rhetorical Criticism Great Speeches

 Table Topics Audition Monologue

 Slam Poetry Duet Improv Acting

 Impromptu Sales Ted Talks

 Stand Up Comedy

**Entry Deadline:** The deadline for all entries will be Tuesday, January 24, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. The deadline for changes (late adds or drops) will be Wednesday, January 25, 2016 at NOON. Late adds and drops will incur a $10 per change fee. Drops at registration are $25/slot.

**Judges:** Each school is required to provide one judge for every six individual events entries, and one judge for every two debate entries or portion thereof. Judges cannot cover entries for both the IIET and the OFA tournaments. Please attempt to cover your judging obligation; we would rather have your judges than your money. Dropped judges the day of the tournament will incur a $100 nuisance charge in addition to uncovered judging fees.

**Fees:** Entry fees for individual events are $10.00 per slot per tournament. Hired judges are $12.00 per slot per tournament. Entry fees for debate are $25.00 for each Interviewing/Scholarly Paper entry and $50 for each Impromptu Debate/PF team. Hired judges are $100.00 per uncovered Parli/LD/PF and $25 per Interviewing/Scholarly Paper entry.

**Parking:** **You will need to pay for parking on Friday.** Your two options are either the surface lot or the parking garage at the Baker University Center. The service lot utilizes the ParkMoblie App (which you can download to your phone) and the parking garage has a paystation for cash or credit cards. Parking in the Walter Hall Lot is free on Saturday. Parking meters are monitored 24/7 and you will need to either pay with coins or utilizing the ParkMobile App.

**Lodging:** The Ohio University Inn & Conference Center is delighted to offer preferred rates to those with the Ohio University Forensics Tournament.

The Inn is the closest hotel to the campus of Ohio University and is also Athens only full service hotel. Amenities include:  Complimentary Hi-Speed wireless internet, 24 hour business and fitness centers, Cutler's restaurant, Bunch of Grapes Tavern, In-room coffee makers, irons with ironing boards.  The bike- jogging path is within walking distance of the hotel as well as many uptown restaurants and shopping.

For reservations under the "Ohio University Forensics Tournament " group block, please enter through the link below or you may call the hotel directly at 740-593-6661 (866-593-6661) and ask for the Ohio University Forensics Tournament rate.  For details information about The Ohio University Inn & Conference Center as well as directions to Athens, please visit our website at [www.ouinn.com](http://www.ouinn.com)

**Registration:** Registration and ballot drop will be held in the HONORS COLLEGIUM on the 4th floor of the Baker University Center on the Ohio University Campus. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, but different from nationals. The facility, in addition to housing southeastern Ohio’s only escalators, has a food court, which will be open for lunch, as well as two coffee shops. **Neither** **The Baker Center nor our classroom buildings DO NOT OPEN before 7 am.** Additionally, we are sharing our campus with a number of events this weekend. As such, we will assign each school a warm up room prior to your arrival on campus

**Hospitality:** A continental breakfast will be provided Saturday morning, and snacks will be provided each afternoon. There is a $3 per person charge for hospitality each day.

**Awards:** Trophies will be awarded to all students placing in varsity individual events and all students who advance to debate elimination rounds. Medals will be awarded to all students placing in Novice events. Sweepstakes Awards will be awarded to the top three schools in Debate, the top three Open Entry IE Schools, the top three Focused Entry Schools, and the top overall Schools entered in both Speech and Debate. Individual Sweepstakes awards will also be presented to the top competitors entered in four or more events (speech and/or debate)

**Entries:** Please register for the tournament at [forensicstournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net). If you have not used this site before, you will need to create an account before you will be able to register. You will need to register for each tournament separately.

**2017 Ohio University IIET**

**January 27-28, 2017 – Athens, Ohio**

**Friday, January 27, 2017**

11:00 am Registration for Impromptu Debate, Public Forum and Congress

11:45 am Topic Announcement - Impromptu Debate

Noon Round 1 – Impromptu Debate, Public Forum, Scholarly Paper & Interviewing

1:00 pm Topic Announcement - Impromptu Debate

1:15 pm Round 2

2:15 pm Topic Announcement - Impromptu Debate

2:30 pm Round 3

3:30 pm Topic Announcement - Impromptu Debate

3:45 pm Round 4

5:00 pm Topic Announcement - Impromptu Debate

5:15 pm Elim Round 1

\*Please note - we only advance 25% of the field to elimination rounds in debate but award through 6th place.

ASAP Awards

# Saturday, January 28, 2017 - Ohio University IIET

 7:00 – 8:00 am Registration for IE’s Baker University Center

 8:00 Extemp Draw

 8:30 – 10:00 am Round I Pattern A

10:00 -- 11:30 am Round I Pattern B

11:30 Extemp Draw

Noon – 1:30 pm Round II Pattern A

 1:30 – 3:00 pm Round II Pattern B

 3:00 Extemp Draw

 3:30 – 4:45 pm Finals/Round III Pattern A

 5:00 – 6:15 pm Finals/Round III Pattern B

 7:00 pm Awards Ceremony

**Please note that the Saturday schedule may need to be adjusted to meet the needs of two tournaments running at the same time.**

Event descriptions for PCSDL Events can be found in a separate document on the ForensicsTournament.net website.