

THE WESTERN STATES COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION FORENSICS TOURNAMENT

February 21-23, 2020

Hosted by

Metropolitan State University of Denver

EVENTS

NPDA: Junior and Open Divisions (with sufficient entries)
NPDA format (7-8-8-8-4-5) Prep time 20 minutes (3 minute forfeit rule)
No 'maverick' (partner-less) entries will be permitted.
NPDA eligibility guidelines will be followed.

Individual Events: Junior and Open Divisions (with sufficient entries). Competitors may enter a maximum of three events per pattern. Students with multiple entries in a pattern are responsible for getting to their competition rooms on time. Events with more than 30 participants will have a semifinal round. AFA competition rules and eligibility guidelines will be followed. In all IEs, a minimum of two rounds will be held.

IPDA: Junior and Open Divisions (with sufficient entries)
IPDA format (5-2-6-2-3-5-3). Prep time 30 minutes
IPDA rules and guidelines will be followed

NFA LD: (6-3-7-3-6-6-3; 4 minutes prep) One open division (with sufficient entries.) 2019-2020 resolution is:

"The United States federal government should implement an energy policy that substantially increases investments in one or more of the following domestic energy sectors: nuclear, hydroelectric, geothermal, wind, solar."

Pattern A: Extemp, Informative, ADS, Prose, POI, Poetry; NFA LD

Pattern B: Impromptu, Persuasive, CA, DI, Duo, NFA LD

ELIGIBILITY

School/Team Eligibility

To compete at the tournament, students must be enrolled in a collegiate debate organization recognized by and in good standing with their home university. Tournaments are open to any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two-year or four-year college or university in good standing with and representing the school's debate team/club.

Contestant Eligibility

The eligibility guidelines of the respective sanctioning organizations for each competitive event will determine the eligibility of individual competitors to take part in the WSCA tournament. No contestant may enter the tournament unless representing a school/team that meets the requirements identified above.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

Students may enter no more than three individual events per pattern; or they may participate in NFA LD debate. Students are responsible for making it to all rounds on time; if a student does not perform by the end of the scheduled round, they may be dropped from the event. *A student may not enter both LD and IEs; they MAY enter IEs and NPDA Debate (or IPDA Debate).*

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

1. Each institution must provide adequate judging to cover their entries. Obligations are as follows:
 - a. One judge covers two NPDA or IPDA debate teams. One judge covers 5 IE slots per pattern OR two LD entries.
 - b. All debate judges are committed through the first full elimination debate and/or one round past their school's elimination from the tournament. All IE judges are obligated through finals.
 - c. Failure of a school to meet its judging obligation may result in the withdrawal of that institution's students and/or the assignment of judging fees.
2. We will gladly hire you if you can judge beyond your commitment. If you know of qualified individuals who would like to be hired, please have them contact the Speech Activities Coordinator.
3. Disclosure: Disclosure is at the discretion of the judge in debate rounds and should follow the return of the ballot. Critics may disclose as much or as little information as they see fit so long as it *does not interfere with the tournament schedule*. Delays caused by coaches/judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including removal from the tournament. We don't want to do it, so don't put us in a position where we would need to do it. NOTE TO JUDGES: All debate rounds must have one winner and one loser.

Practices and Standards

The WSCA Tournament subscribes to and will abide by the NPDA and IPDA rules and bylaws for debate, and the AFA Code of Standards.

Brackets will be broken in the pairing of elimination rounds of Parli and NFA-LD. As per the IPDA bylaws, brackets will not be broken in IPDA.

AWARDS

Competitor Awards

At minimum, the WSCA tournament will recognize and provide awards for the finalists in each division of debate, the top three IE competitors in each IE event, and the top junior competitor in each IE event.

Tournament Sweepstakes

At minimum, sweepstakes awards will be awarded to the top two four-year and the top 2 two-year institutions competing in the WSCA tournament.

Sweepstakes awards will be based on the following point system:

IEs

1st Place IE: 10 points

2nd Place IE: 8 points

3rd Place: 6 points

IE Finalists: 4 points

IE Semi-Finalist: 2 points

Debate

Debate sweepstakes will be awarded 5 points for each preliminary win for the top four teams/entries from any one school in each division.

“Best in the West” Traveling Trophy

Each year, the WSCA Tournament will award one “Best in the West” award, a travelling trophy determined by most cumulative points from past WSCA tournaments, beginning with the 2019 tournament. Schools will total their overall sweepstakes points from each WSCA tournament, accruing a cumulative total throughout their years of participation. Each year, the school with the highest total will win this award and have their points convert to “0” entering the next year of the tournament.

TOURNAMENT FEES

School Fee	\$50.00 per school
NPDA Debate	\$50.00 per team
IE’s	\$8.00 per slot/\$16 for Duo
NFA-LD & IPDA	\$20.00 per debater
Hired Judges	\$75.00 per uncovered debate team
	\$15.00 per uncovered IE slot
	\$30.00 per uncovered LD debater

Fees will be assessed as of 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Please make checks payable to the Western State Communication Association and write “Forensics Tournament Fees” in the memo

ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be received by 10:00 p.m. MST on Tuesday, February 18, 2020; Changes will be allowed on ForensicsTournament.net until 11:00pm MST Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

Any changes after Wednesday, February 19, 2020 should be e-mailed to Carlos Tarin at: catarin@utep.edu

Entries will be facilitated through *ForensicsTournament.net*

Forensics Showcase

The WSCA Convention will sponsor a showcase of IE events following the tournament. If you have students that might be able to participate in this event, please let us know at registration.

Food

The tournament will not be providing food. There are several food options available near or on campus, and a lunch break is built into the schedule on Saturday.

Lodging

There is not a 'tournament hotel' for the 2019 WSCA tournament.

2020 WSCA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, February 21st

Noon-1:30PM: NPDA, IPDA, LD, and IE Registration

2PM: NPDA/IPDA Rd 1

4:30PM: NPDA/IPDA Rd 2

6:00PM: NPDA/IPDA Rd 3

7:30PM NPDA/IPDA Rd 4

Saturday, February 22nd

7AM: Late registration for schools not competing in NPDA or IPDA

8AM (EXT Draw)

8:30AM: Pattern A round 1, LD Rd 1

9:45AM: Pattern B round 1, LD Rd 2

11AM: NPDA/IPDA Rd 5

12:30PM-1:30PM: Lunch Break

1:30 PM: Pattern B round 2, LD Rd 3

2:45PM: NPDA/IPDA Elim 1

4:15PM: NPDA/IPDA Elim 2

5:45PM: NPDA/IPDA Elim 3

7:15PM: NPDA/IPDA Elim 4 (if needed)

Sunday, February 23rd

8AM: Extemp Draw

8:30AM: Pattern A round 2, LD Rd 4

9:45AM: Pattern B Semis/Finals, LD Elim 1

11:00AM: Extemp Draw

11:30AM: Pattern A Semis/Finals, LD Elim 2

1:00PM: All remaining Finals, LD Elim 3

3:00PM or ASAP: Awards