



**51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL  
TRAPPER RENDEZVOUS FORENSIC TOURNAMENT**

Dear Colleague:

The Northwest College Forensics Program and the Charlotte Patrick Speech and Debate Society extends to you a cordial invitation to attend the **51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL TRAPPER RENDEZVOUS FORENSICS TOURNAMENT** to be held in Powell, Wyoming, on September 25-26, 2020. This is a different date than in the past, and we hope that this new date will allow more of you to attend. Our goal is to provide good competition at a reasonable price and in a reasonable amount of time.

Please note that this year we will be using [Forensicstournament.net](http://Forensicstournament.net) for administration of the tournament. This program uses 8x8 video interface for competition. Additionally, please note that NWC operates a closed tab room.

The 2020 Rendezvous will feature: 6 preliminary and 2-4 elimination rounds (depending on entries) in two divisions of parliamentary debate, five rounds of Worlds style debate, and one division of IPDA. **PLEASE NOTE: Students will not be able to enter both IPDA and Parliamentary Debate.** Should the need arise (if there are less than 2 novice teams) we reserve the right to collapse divisions in parliamentary debate, but our intention is to have novice competitors only debate other novice competitors. In addition, the Rendezvous will feature two preliminary rounds and two elimination rounds in one open division for eleven individual events. Please note the schedule change for Friday afternoon. All individual events will follow NIET rules and format.

This invitation includes a copy of the regulations, a schedule of events, and contact information. A motel list for Powell and Cody is included, and we encourage you to make early reservations. The tournament entry should be received no later than **Tuesday, September 22**. Entries will be facilitated by the [Forensicstournament.net](http://Forensicstournament.net) website.

We look forward to hosting you and your squad.

Cordially,  
Dr. Jeannie Hunt  
Director of Forensics  
Charlotte Patrick Speech and Debate Society

Dr. Bob Becker  
Division Chair  
Department of Communication

## **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS: GENERAL**

ELIGIBILITY: Any regularly enrolled full-time college student in good academic standing is eligible to attend this tournament. NWC students are eligible to participate and advance in all events. NWC is ineligible for sweepstakes.

AWARDS: Awards will be given for all finalists in all categories of competition. Two third place awards will be presented in all divisions of debate and in duet. Top speakers in Parliamentary debate will be recognized and receive an award. Awards will also be given for 1st and 2nd in Overall Sweepstakes.

JUDGES: Because of the scarcity of judges in Powell, it is necessary to hire judges from the surrounding communities. In order to pay their expenses we will charge a \$50.00 judging fee for each debate team not covered by a judge, \$15.00 for every individual event slot not covered, and \$25 for each uncovered IPDA debater. One judge covers six total i.e. slots, two NPDA teams, 2 IPDA debaters, or 3 Worlds teams. All judges are expected to remain available for judging through the individual events finals.

Practices and Standards: NWC subscribes to and will abide by the NPDA rules and bylaws, the IPDA Constitution and bylaws, and the AFA Code of Standards.

## **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS: INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

CONFLICT POLICY: Students may enter up to three (3) individual events in conflict patterns A and B, but must accept any hardships created by multiple entries. **EXTEMPERS CHOOSING DOUBLE ENTRY WILL BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PERFORMING WITHIN THE ALLOTTED SCHEDULED ROUND TIME WHETHER THEIR OTHER ENTRY ALLOWS THEM THEIR 30 MINUTES OF PREP TIME OR NOT.**

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS: All individual events programs, speeches, and materials used by participants should be composed of materials not used in competition prior to September 1, 2019. Specific events will follow general AFA-NIET guidelines and will be available at the tournament.

## **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS: DEBATE**

Open Parliamentary Debate: Open to anyone eligible to attend the meet.

Novice Parliamentary Debate: In accordance with the NPDA bylaws, a novice team must consist of two debaters with fewer than two semesters of high school or college experience. Neither student should have advanced to elimination rounds more than three times. Students with extensive high school experience should not participate in the novice division.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE: There will be six preliminary rounds and appropriate elimination rounds in debate divisions. The format will include flex time 7(2)-8(2)-8(1)-8-4(1)-5. Prep time will be 20 minutes. Topics will be taken from current political and social issues of the day. Topics may be policy, value or metaphor. If a topic is a metaphor, it will occur in an odd-numbered round, and the following round also will

contain a metaphor. Topic announcement will follow the national norm of a centralized topic announcement. Topic announcement will be in an 8x8 meeting room.

Worlds Style Debate: Open to anyone eligible to attend the meet. The division will follow the WUDC format, with 15 minutes preparation time and 7-minute speeches. Topics will be derived from current political and social issues of the day.

IPDA: Open to anyone eligible to attend the meet. Topics will be derived from current political and social issues of the day. We will use the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with thirty (30) minutes of preparation time. Debaters will be presented with five resolutions; each debater will be allowed to strike two resolutions, thus leaving one resolution to be debated.

Fees: A \$10.00 fee will be assessed per competitor. You MUST cover your entry. We would rather have your judges than your money.

\$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED FOR EACH UNCOVERED DEBATE TEAM  
\$15.00 WILL BE ASSESSED FOR EACH UNCOVERED IE SLOT,  
\$25.00 WILL BE ASSESSED FOR EACH UNCOVERED IPDA COMPETITOR

Fees will be assessed as of 12:00 noon Thursday, September 23, 2020.

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**TRAPPER RENDEZVOUS**  
**OFFICIAL SCHEDULE**

Friday, September 24

7:30-8:00am		Registration and Check-in
8:00-8:30am		Worlds Debate Meeting and Workshop
8:00-9:30am	Round 1	NPDA, IPDA
8:30-10:30am	Round 1	Worlds
9:30-11:00am	Round 2	NPDA, IPDA
10:30am-12:30pm	Round 2	Worlds
11:00-12:30pm	Round 3	NPDA, IPDA
1:00pm		Extemp Draw
1:00pm-2:15pm	Round 1	Pattern A (Duo, Persuasive, Prose, ADS, POI)
1:30pm	Round 1	Extemp
2:15-4:00pm	Round 1	Pattern B (Impromptu, Inform, Poetry, Drama, CA)
4:00-5:15pm	Round 2	Pattern B (Impromptu, Inform, Poetry, Drama, CA)
5:15-6:30pm	Round 2	Pattern A (Duo, Persuasive, Prose, ADS, POI)
7:00pm	Round 3	Worlds
7:30pm	Round 4	NPDA, IPDA

Saturday, September 25

8:00-9:45am	Round 5	NPDA, IPDA
	Round 4	Worlds
9:45-11:15am	Semis/Finals	Pattern A
11:15am-12:30pm	Round 6	NPDA/IPDA
	Round 5	Worlds
1:00-2:15pm	Semis/Finals	Pattern B
2:15-4:00pm	Elim 1	All Debate
4:00pm Awards		
4:30pm	Elim 2	Debate
6:00pm	Elim 3	Debate