



Dear Colleague:

The Northwest College Forensic staff and students extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the *50<sup>th</sup> Annual Trapper Rendezvous Forensic Tournament for High Schools* to be held **January 8-9, 2021**.

This year the *Trapper Rendezvous* will be a virtual tournament. The tournament will be administered using [forensictournament.net](https://forensictournament.net), which is integrated with “8x8” video competition software. Coaches will need to include an email or phone number for each coach, student, and accompanying judge when they are registered so that students and judges can receive links to their rounds. **Please read the information available at <https://forensictournament.net/online> in order to familiarize yourself with the special requirements of virtual tournaments.**

**Because of the need for judges for this tournament, this year we will require all schools to “cover their entry.”** This means if you have an entry in an event category, you must provide a judge for that category. Each school must provide at least one judge for every two CX teams, one judge for every four LD and PF entries, and one judge for every 12 IE entries.

The 2021 Trapper Rendezvous will feature six preliminary rounds of Cross Examination and LD debate in varsity and junior divisions. We also provide the opportunity for competition in one open division of Public Forum Debate. All debate teams with winning records will advance to elimination rounds. Cross Examination debate competitors will NOT be able to enter individual events, public forum debate, or student congress. *Please note: LD and Public Forum debaters may enter **only one IE event**, which cannot be extemp, and may not enter Student Congress.* We will not make adjustments and it is up to students to make sure they get to all of their rounds.

We offer one open division of individual events, featuring competition in eight events divided into two patterns. We will have three preliminary and two elimination rounds, as entries warrant.

Please note that the Wyoming High School rules allow the use of laptop computers as outlined in the latest NSDA National Tournament Manual.

Tournament entry will be facilitated through the website “forensictournament.net”. Entries must be completed by 10:00pm Tuesday, **January 5, 2021**.

We are looking forward to you and your squad joining us for the challenging competition.

Yours truly,  
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Forensics Coaches

Madeline Martinson  
President  
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# **The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Trapper Rendezvous Forensics Tournament for High Schools**

## **Individual Events Schedule**

### Friday, January 8, 2021

10:00-11:30 Coaches check-in and final registration  
12:00 – Rd 1 Pattern A: Humor, Poetry, Inf  
Extemp Speaking Draw  
12:30 – Rd 1 Extemp Speaking  
1:45 – Rd 1 Pattern B: Drama, Duet,  
Oratory, POI  
3:15 – Rd 2 Pattern B: Drama, Duet,  
Oratory, POI  
4:30 – Rd 2 Pattern A: Humor, Poetry, Inf  
Extemp Speaking Draw  
5:00 – Rd 2 Extemp Speaking  
5:30 - Dinner Break  
6:30 – Rd 3 Pattern A: Humor, Poetry, Inf  
Extemp Speaking Draw  
7:00 – Rd 3 Extemp Speaking

### Saturday, January 9, 2021

8:00 – Rd 3 Pattern B: Drama, Duet,  
Oratory, POI  
9:15 – Extemp Speaking Draw for  
Semifinals  
9:45 – Semi Pattern A: Poe, Hum, Inf, Ext.  
11:30 – Lunch Break  
12:30 – Semi Pattern B: Dra, Duet, Ora.,  
POI  
2:00 – Extemp Speaking Draw for Finals  
2:30 pm - Finals: All Events  
5:00pm Awards

## **Debate Events Schedule**

### Friday, January 8, 2021

10:00-11:30 Coaches check-in and final registration  
12:00 – Rd 1 All Team, LD Debate  
1:00 – Student Congress Planning Session  
1:30 – Student Congress, Session 1  
1:45 – Rd 2 All Team, LD Debate  
3:15 – Rd 3 All Team, LD Debate  
5:30 – Dinner Break  
6:30 – Rd 4 – All Team, LD Debate  
6:30 – Student Congress: Session 2

### Saturday, January 9, 2021

8:00 – Rd 5 All Team, LD Debate  
8:30 – Student Congress: Session 3  
9:45 – Rd 6 All Team, LD Debate  
11:30 – Lunch Break  
12:30 – Super Congress (If Necessary)  
1<sup>st</sup> Elim – All Team, LD Debate  
1:30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Elim – LD & PF Debate  
2:30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Elim – CX Team Debate  
3<sup>rd</sup> Elim – LD & PF Debate  
3:30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Elim – LD & PF Debate  
5:00 – Awards  
5:30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Elim, CX Team Debate

## Tournament Regulations: In General

**Eligibility:** Any regularly enrolled high School student who is eligible to participate under the rules of the Wyoming High School Activities Association may enter this tournament. These rules can be accessed online by following the link <<http://www.whsaa.org/handbook/Handbook.pdf>>. The Speech rules begin on page 94.

**Awards:** Appropriate awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place in all individual events. Dual trophies will be presented in CX team debate, public forum debate, and duet interpretation. Awards will be presented to speaker award winners in CX team debate. Awards will also be given for 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place sweepstakes in 4A, 3A, and in 2A-1A classes. Additionally, we will offer 1<sup>st</sup> place sweepstakes awards in individual events and in debate. We will continue our policy of offering NWC forensics scholarships to the first-place winners of all varsity events.

**Fees:**           \$15.00 per debate (CX or Public Forum) team  
                  \$10.00 per L-D entry  
                  \$ 5.00 per individual event slot, including student congress and duet teams.  
                  An Individual event slot is one competitor in one event; a student double-entered in two individual events requires a fee of \$10.00

**Fees will be assessed as of 2:00pm, Thursday, January 7, 2021.** Any changes or drops not received by this deadline will be figured into the registration fees. All vouchers should be made payable to “NWC CHARLOTTE PATRICK SPEECH AND DEBATE SOCIETY” and all tournament entry fees are due and payable at registration. Schools can pay fees online through [forensicstournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net)

**Nuisance fees:** Furthermore, since changes at registration create some degree of chaos in what would otherwise be (we hope) a well-run tournament and since coaches do know about last minute “drops” before they leave for our tournament (and could therefore call us), any **changes at registration** will incur the following penalty:

                  \$25.00 each debate or LD entry changed at registration  
                  \$10.00 each individual event contestant changed at registration

So, please let us know about any necessary changes IN ADVANCE of registration. We’d much prefer to avoid any penalty assessment, however as various coaches can attest, we are serious about collecting this registration penalty. NO “additional” entries are permitted at registration, unless there is an open slot.

**Judges:** Coaches will be utilized as judges. We encourage you to bring judges as well. This would be an excellent opportunity to give your “accompanying” judges for State some experience and we’d be happy to put them to work in lots of rounds. No high school students as judges, please. We will also utilize to the fullest extent possible: the NWC forensics squad and alumni, our NWC faculty and staff, students and staff from other Wyoming colleges, and Powell, Cody, and Big Horn Basin community judges. There are no judge “strike” systems in operation at this meet. **Schools which have debate teams or LD entries MUST provide at least one judge in that event category.** This means that if you have one CX team, you must provide at least one judge capable of judging CX. Schools *must* provide one judge for every two CX teams, one judge for every four LD or PF entries, and one judge for every twelve IE entries. The

tournament reserves the right to restrict entries or charge judge assistance fees. Please make sure you and your accompanying judges read the information available at <https://forensictournament.net/online> in order to familiarize yourself with the special requirements of virtual tournaments.

**Elimination Rounds:** This tournament is scheduled on the premise that all events will break to semifinals. The only exception to this policy is if an event has 24 or fewer entries. Event numbers after the first round of competition will determine if that event will go to semifinals or not.

**Tab Room:** In accordance with American Forensic Association procedures and standards of ethics (and our traditional policy), the tab room will be closed. There will NOT be a ballot verification period at this tournament.

**Ethics and Personal Behavior:** The Trapper Rendezvous is governed by the American Forensic Association **Code of Standards**, as well as the **National Parliamentary Debate Association's** bylaws regarding ethics and personal behavior at tournaments.

### **Tournament Regulations: Debate**

NWC will utilize the official NSDA 20-21 topic for CX debate, the official January/February topic for LD debate, and the January topic for Public Forum. Cross Examination debate competitors will NOT be able to enter any other events. LD and Public Forum debaters may enter only one IE event, which cannot be extemp, and may not enter Student Congress.

### **Divisions:**

Varsity CX Team Debate/ Varsity LD Debate: Any student may enter this division regardless of previous debate experience.

Junior CX Team Debate / Junior LD Debate: Only students in their first year of forensics competition may enter this event.

In the unlikely event of insufficient entries in any of the debate divisions, the tournament staff reserves the right to collapse CX Teams and/or LD into one open division, recognizing that attempts will be made in preliminary pairings to accommodate experience levels and that the elimination rounds will be separated into two divisions. Elimination rounds will start at the appropriate level depending on entries. No more than ½ of the teams competing at the tournament in a division can advance to elimination rounds. All teams with winning records will advance to elimination rounds.

Format for CX Team Debate: All teams must be prepared to debate both sides of the 2020-21 NSDA debate topic. Rounds 1-2 will be preset with rounds 3-6 power-matched. Speaking and cross examination times in the CX team division will be 8-3-5 with each team allowed a maximum preparation time of FIVE minutes per round. Brackets will be broken if necessary to keep teams from the same school from meeting in elimination rounds.

Format for LD Debate: A LD 'team' shall consist of one student prepared to debate both sides of the January/February NSDA LD topic. Each debater should debate three affirmative and three negative rounds although not necessarily in alternating order. The format, as listed above, for CX team debate will apply to LD in terms of scheduling rounds, pairings, and qualifications for LD

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