



June 1, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

The University of Utah Forensics Team and the Department of Communication cordially invite your team to attend the first annual Beehive Bonanza, October 8th and 9th, 2010, on the University of Utah Main Campus in Salt Lake City, Utah. The tournament will feature Student Congress, all three styles of NFL debate (policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and public forum), and six NFL IE events (dramatic interp, humorous interp, duo interp, extemp, oratory, and impromptu).

We hope the Beehive Bonanza will become one of your favorite tournaments of the season. The Bonanza will offer a couple of unique features that we hope will help celebrate your students' accomplishments in debate. First, we will be hosting a separate round-robin tournament to recognize outstanding varsity debaters with what we hope will become one of the nicer features of your competitive schedule. In addition to the round robin, we will be offering \$500 partial scholarships to top finishers at the Bonanza in Lincoln-Douglas and Policy Debate, and who attend the University of Utah and participate in Utah Forensics. Finally, to make our tournament more appealing to coaches and judges, we look forward to providing a well-stocked wellness room featuring light refreshments, snacks, and beverages for coaches/judges.

We look forward to seeing you at our judges' reception on Friday, October 8. If you have any additional questions about the tournament, feel free to email (n.russell@utah.edu) or call (480.250.4947) with any questions or comments. From our team to yours, we wish you the best for a relaxing summer and a safe and competitive 2010-2011 travel season.

Best Wishes,

Nicholas Russell
Tournament Director
Co-Directors of Forensics

Michael Middleton
Co-Director of Forensics

Jacki Evans
Assistant Coach

Robyn Moreno
High School Outreach Coordinator

Tournament Information:

Rules: NFL rules and regulations will be in effect, unless otherwise specified in this invitation. No hybrid entries will be accepted in any team events.

Competitor Eligibility: Any high-school student who is currently enrolled and in “good standing” (as determined by their school’s administration) is eligible to compete. No person who has competed more than 8 semesters or has competed in four years of national high-school speech or debate tournaments may compete.

Entry Procedure: The Beehive Bonanza will be using www.forensicstournament.net exclusively for entries. Entries must be completed by 5:00 MST on Monday, October 4, 2010. Drops and name changes (but not adds) can be entered no later than 5:00 PM MST on Wednesday, October 6, 2010.

Harassment and Discrimination: Please note that the University of Utah takes a firm stance against harassment and discrimination on the basis of sex, gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, national origin, veteran status, and bodily ability. We will use the CEDA Statement on Sexual Discrimination to arbitrate instances of harassment and discrimination. For details, see <http://cedadebate.org/files/2010SpringConstitution.pdf>.

Food: There are plenty of restaurants conveniently located near campus that you can choose to visit for lunch/dinner during the tournament. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer food for students who are not competing in the round robin. Light snacks will be provided for judges/coaches in the wellness room and dinner (Friday) and lunch (Saturday) will be provided for Round Robin participants.

Individual Events:

Events offered: Students may not enter in more than 3 IE events. It is the sole responsibility of the competitors to complete all events in the given time. Failure to do so will result in a no-show record for the round. We will offer the following events: Dramatic Interp, Humorous Interp, Duo Interp, Extemp, Original Oratory, Improptu.

Divisions: We plan to offer both Open and Junior divisions in all the above events. However, we will collapse divisions if there are fewer than twelve entries in a division. In such an event, the top two competitors from the Junior division will receive an award in addition to the Open division awards. No competitor in J.V. division should have more than two semesters of forensics experience. A semester means that the student has competed in at least three tournaments of any style of forensics.

Elimination Rounds: Any event with less than 7 contestants will not have a final round. For events with more than 7 competitors, a final round will be held. At the Beehive Bonanza, any event with more than 24 entries will advance to semifinals.

Advancing to Elimination Rounds: No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by highest cumulative rankings, then by the highest speaker points. All attempts will be made to make a clean break (by cumulative rankings).

Placement in Elimination Rounds: Students will be rank ordered first by cumulative rankings, then by judge's preference, followed by the highest reciprocal score (decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

Debate Events:

Topics: We will use the 2010-2011 NFL policy, the September/October 2010 LD, and October PF topics. Likewise, we will use the speech times set forth by the NFL (policy: 8 minute constructive, 5 minute rebuttals, 5 minute prep time per team; LD: 6-3-7-3-4-6-3, with 4 minutes of prep time per team; PF: 4-4-3-7-7-3-2-2-3-2-2 with 2 minutes of prep time per team).

Divisions: Provided that there are at least 12 entries per division, we will offer Junior and Open Division. Division rules will follow NFL guidelines. Eligibility is determined based on the partner with the most experience. No debater in J.V. division should have more than two semesters of debate experience. A semester means that the student has competed in at least three tournaments of any style of debate. In the event divisions are collapsed, awards will be given to the top two Junior Teams.

Disclosure: Utah Forensics embraces disclosure as a powerful form of forensics pedagogy. Following 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 want to do it. NOTE TO JUDGES: All rounds must have one winner and one loser. If a judge does not assign one winner and one loser, the tabulation staff will forfeit all teams from that judge's school for the round in question.

Preliminary Rounds: The computer will randomly match Rounds 1 and 2. Additional prelims will be paired based on the notation in the tournament schedule.

Elimination Rounds: Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by judge variance. In elimination rounds, brackets will be broken. If more than 32 teams in any division, the tournament will advance to a full octafinal round. If fewer than 32 teams are in any division, partial octafinals will be held to advance all teams with winning records.

Student Congress

Sessions: Two, two hour sessions of Student Congress will be offered on Friday afternoon/evening. Both sessions will conflict with debate events. We plan on having a minimum of two chambers, one in each division, Open and Junior. If there are fewer than 20 entries per division (or 45 total entries), Junior and Open will be collapsed to form one Open chamber.

Legislation: The docket will be set and emailed prior to the tournament. We'll be using legislation that your students draft prior to the tournament. If you have students competing in congress, please email me at least two pieces of legislation no later than 5:00pm MST Monday, September 27, 2010. The bills will be compiled, an agenda set, and the docket emailed back to all. There will be no copies of bills made at the tournament. Kindly bring enough copies for your team. This timeline should allow students to research and understand

the topics at a greater level than surface knowledge. Awards will be given to the top 5 speakers in each Chamber. Please submit all legislation to Nick Russell at n.russell@utah.edu.

Divisions: Provided that there are at least 20 entries per division, we will offer Junior and Open Division. No participant in the J.V. division should have more than two semesters of forensics experience. A semester means that the student has competed in at least three tournaments of any style of forensics. In the event divisions are collapsed, awards will be given to the top two Junior participants.

Financial Information

Entry Fees: We will be using the UHSAA's fee schedule for this year's Beehive Bonanza. Please have cash or check to pay your entry fees during registration. Checks should be made payable to University of Utah-Communication. Please write "Forensics-Beehive Bonanza" in the memo line. Fees will be assessed at 5:00 pm MST on Monday, October 4, 2010. The fee schedule is as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per entry</u>
School Entry Fee	\$15
Team Entry Fee (policy, PF, Duo)	\$7
NFL Individual Event Entry Fee	\$3.50
Drop Fees	\$3.50/individual, \$7/team
"No Show" Fee	\$25/individual

Judging: One judge can cover up to 6 IE slots or 2 debate teams. Judges may not cover both debate and Student Congress. Debate judges are committed through octafinals and one round beyond their team's/debater's elimination. An I.E. judge is committed through finals. Meeting this commitment is essential in order for the tournament to run. Judges wishing to judge beyond their commitment should notify the Tournament director. Compensation may be available. Your generosity will be most appreciated.

Uncovered Fees: First and foremost, please, please, please, bring your judges. We only have a limited pool of available judges to hire. Hiring qualified judges is expensive. Please note: if you do not bring judges, the entirety of your judge fee will be used to pay hired judges not as an instrument to earn profit. Uncovered judge fees will be assessed on the following basis:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per judge</u>
Uncovered Team Debate Entry	\$75 (covers 1-2 teams)
Uncovered LD/PF Entry	\$50 (covers 1-2 PF teams/LD debaters)
Uncovered IE Fee	\$25 (covers 1-6 entries)

Tournament Awards

Individual Events Awards: We will offer awards for the first three finishers, with certificates for finalists and semifinalists.

Debate Awards: We will offer awards for every team advancing to elimination rounds as well as the top 10 speakers in each division (though we will recognize the top 20). Speaker awards will be determined in the following way: adjusted points, total points, double adjusted points, judge variance (Z-score).

Scholarships: We will offer \$500 partial scholarships to the top competitor in both Lincoln-Douglas and Policy Debate. Please keep in mind that these scholarships can only be used by students who attend and compete at the University of Utah.

Sweepstakes: The top five schools competing in the tournament will receive recognition and the top three will be awarded sweepstakes trophies. We will calculate sweepstakes awards using the UHSAA's "Quartile System." All contestants (including disqualifications, drops, no shows, etc.) in each category shall be ranked in order of finish. The category shall then be divided into equal fourths. Odd numbers shall be placed in the highest fourth possible (one odd number shall be added to the first quarter; two odd numbers shall add one to each of the two highest quarters, etc.). The first quarter shall be 'Superiors', the second quarter shall be 'Excellents', the third quarter shall be 'Goods', and the final quarter shall be 'Fairs'. Points shall be assigned as follows:

Quartile	Policy and PF debate	Congress, L-D, and IEs
Superior	10	5
Excellent	6	3
Good	2	1
Fair	0	0

Rankings in all Individual Events and Legislative Forum shall be based on ranks in preliminary rounds. Ties shall be broken by comparing ratings, but not by comparing individual boxes marked on ballots. Unavoidable ties shall increase the higher quartile by the number involved and decrease the lower quartile by the same number. When quartiles do not break cleanly, adjustment will be made in the direction which least skews the quartile. For example: If ten superiors are needed and the choice is between nine superiors or seventeen superiors, nine will be used since it more closely approximates the quartile. If the number is the same, regardless of direction, the greater number would be used. Rankings in Policy, Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas Debate shall be based on win-loss records in preliminary rounds. Ties shall not be broken on speaker points. Unavoidable ties shall increase the higher quartile by the number of teams involved and decrease the lower quartile by the same number.

Lodging and Directions:

If you are travelling to the Beehive Bonanza from out of town, Salt Lake City has an abundance of hotel space. We've worked with the following hotels in the past; while we haven't secured any special rates with them, we're sure you will find one of these most likely meets your taste and budget. These hotels also offer the added convenience of being located in downtown Salt Lake City and boasts convenient access to/from the University by TRAX, our local light rail.

Red Lion Hotel Salt Lake Downtown
 161 West 600 South
 Salt Lake City Utah, 84101
 (801) 524-0312

Motel 6 Downtown Salt Lake City
 176 W 600 S
 Salt Lake City, UT 84101
 (801) 531-1252

Super 8 Salt Lake City/Downtown
 616 S. 200 W.
 Salt Lake City, UT 84101-2705
 (801) 534-0808

Driving Directions

From the Airport/I-80: Out of airport, follow signs toward Park City/Cheyenne. You will pass through downtown on the freeway as it curves right and then left. When you arrive at 1300E, exit the freeway and turn left onto 1300E. Go north until you reach 100S and turn right at the northwest corner of campus. Follow this street onto the U of Utah campus. The street winds around the north side of campus (it changes as it winds, ending up as North Campus Drive). Take a right following signs to Olpin Union or OSH (Orson Spencer Hall, the Tournament HQ), the Street is Central Campus Drive (you can park in the pay lot).

From I-15: As you come into Salt Lake City, you'll want to take the 600S exit in downtown SLC. When you arrive at 600S, exit the freeway and merge on to 600S. Continue travelling eastbound on 600S until you reach State Street. Turn left on State and continue northbound until you reach 100S, where you will make a right turn. Follow 100S east until you reach the northwest corner of campus. The street winds around the north side of campus (it changes as it winds, ending up as North Campus Drive). Take a right following signs to Olpin Union or OSH (Orson Spencer Hall, the Tournament HQ), the Street is Central Campus Drive (you can park in the pay lot).

Parking: Your best bet is to park in the visitor pay lot on S. Central Campus Dr. Rates are \$1.00/hr with a maximum \$10.00 ticket charge.

Schedule**Friday, October 8**

2:30-3:00	Registration
3:00-3:15	Judge's Reception
3:00-3:15	Student Assembly
3:20-5:00	Round I, Debate (Preset)
5:10-6:30	Round II, Debate (Preset)
6:40-8:00	Round III, Debate (High-High)
3:20-5:20	Congress, Round I
5:30-7:30	Congress, Round II

Saturday, October 9

8:00-9:30	Round IV, Debate (High-Low)
9:40-11:00	Round I, IE
11:00-12:20	Round II, IE
12:20-1:20	Round III, IE
1:20-2:40	Lunch
3:00-4:30	Elimination Round I, All Events
4:30-6:00	Elimination Round II, All Events
6:00-7:30	Elimination Round III, Debate
7:30 or ASAP	Awards (will run concurrent with Debate Elim IV, if necessary)

University of Utah Championship Round Robin

Description: We hope the Utah Round Robin will feature the best and brightest policy debate students in the West. To provide the most competitive experience possible, the round robin will feature two pods of seven debate teams each. This means that we will accept the top fourteen policy debate teams who apply for entry into the round-robin. The selection panel will include Utah Forensics representatives and members of the local community of coaches.

Bid Procedure: To enter the round-robin tournament, please complete and return the attached round-robin bid sheet. Be sure to include students' names, coaches' names, and a resume of past competitive experiences. Return these materials, along with a letter of support from the student's coach, to Nick Russell (n.russell@utah.edu) no later than 5:00 PM MST Wednesday, September 1, 2010. We will notify you about round-robin participants no later than Friday, September 10, 2010.

Entry Procedure: Once your teams have been accepted into the round robin, please notify us if you will be attending by Friday, September 17 so that we can reserve your team's spot, or, if you cannot attend, allow another student the opportunity to compete. The Round Robin will feature a dinner on Friday, a luncheon on Saturday, cool awards, and a Utah Forensics tee-shirt for all who attend. Registration fees reflect the added cost of food, awards, judges, and shirts. Entry fees are \$100 per varsity policy debate team. Additional coaches wishing to attend the luncheon and/or dinner must pay a \$15 fee per person. This will cover the additional food costs, etc.

Judging: Each preliminary round will have a two judge panel; the final round will have a five-round panel, composed of representatives from our campus and local communities. All teams participating in the Round Robin must provide at least 1 qualified judge per team.

Please Note: Students who are entered in the Round Robin may not enter in the regular Beehive Bonanza Invitational.

Schedule

Friday, October 8

2:30-3:00	Registration
3:00-4:30	Round I (2 judges in each prelim)
4:40-6:10	Round II
6:20-7:00	Dinner Reception
7:00-8:30	Round III

Saturday, October 9

7:30-8:00	Continental Breakfast
8:00-9:30	Round IV
9:40-11:10	Round V
11:10-12:40	Round VI
12:30-1:30	Luncheon
1:30-3:00	Round VII
3:10-4:40	Finals (5 judges)
5:00-7:00	Closing Reception
7:00 or ASAP	Awards

**University of Utah Championship Round Robin
Bid Application**

PLEASE SUBMIT NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM, MST ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2010.

Checklist:

- Team Bid Application
- Resume of Past Competitive Experiences
- Letter of Support from Coach

Team Member Names:

Year in School

Email Address

1. _____

2. _____

Coach(es) Name(s):

Email Address

Mailing Address:

Competitive Record, 2009-2010 Season

(use additional pages if necessary)

Campus-Use Agreement

The Beehive Bonanza is made possible by the willingness of the University of Utah to allow us to use the campus facilities. This means campus facilities must be left in the condition they were found prior to the tournament. Students should be tidy, refrain from moving any furniture or equipment, and follow all posted campus regulations. It is the coach's responsibility to provide necessary chaperones/judges to monitor their students and to pay for any damages or additional janitorial fees.

If any participants are found vandalizing the campus they will immediately be removed from the campus, all participants from the student's school will be automatically disqualified from the tournament, and the school district and school administration will be notified. In addition, the University may take legal actions as warranted. Not only does violent or destructive behavior jeopardize the future of the Beehive Bonanza, it impinges directly upon the reputation of the University of Utah Forensics Team and its coaches. With this in mind, we are hoping that the directors of high school programs attend will help alleviate the problem. There are a number of steps we hope you will take.

- 1) Discuss with your students the ramifications of vandalism and the need to treat the campus with respect.
- 2) Bring enough chaperones to supervise the students you bring to campus.
- 3) Be contentious about what students you bring to the tournament. If you know you can trust your students to be responsible, we can avoid the majority of problems.

Failure to abide by these guidelines will require campus-use deposits in future years. This will only increase the costs for everyone involved.

By signing, I agree that I have read and understand this document, that I have informed my students of these guidelines, and that I accept financial and ethical responsibility for any damages caused in part or whole by any member, coach, judge, or other person affiliated with the team I represent.

School Name: _____

Coach's Name: _____ Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Contact Number (during tournament): _____

***** MUST BE SUBMITTED AT TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION. Schools without a use agreement on file will not be allowed to compete.**