



August 1, 2010

Dear Colleagues:

The forensics programs of the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University are pleased to invite you to the Gem State Swing tournament in beautiful Boise on September 24-25, 2010. We are happy to offer two days of competition offering all 11 NIET events as well as both NPDA and IPDA. In addition to these events, we will also be offering British Parliament (BP) at this year's tournament.

We will offer three preliminary rounds of competition in all of the IE's as well as finals in events that warrant it due to entries. It is our desire to offer a full service tournament allowing your students to get some valuable feedback early in the year and be as ready as possible for the upcoming competition season! We will offer Novice and Open divisions in all IE's as well as debate. Should a division not meet the minimum numbers, we will collapse divisions but still recognize novices for their achievements. As much as possible, we will work to make sure that novices compete against other novices in the prelim rounds of debate.

We will be offering both Novice and Open divisions in NPDA and IPDA debate formats, with the same considerations applying if a debate format fails to meet the minimum number to be viable. We will only be offering BP in Open. All debate formats will have five preliminary rounds with appropriate elimination rounds. Placement of students in these divisions will be left to coach's discretion, but coaches should keep certain philosophical guidelines in mind (see information on next page).

We hope that this will give your students a great opportunity to get the season started in a positive and educational way. Late September in the Treasure Valley is beautiful and we hope our location will offer a chance for some schools from different regions to meet in the middle and begin to polish those new events early in the season.

We'll see you in September!

Sincerely,

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

GEM STATE SWING
College of Southern Idaho & Boise State University
September 24-25, 2010

ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 AT 12:00 PM

Entries: Please register for the tournament at 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.

CONFLICT PATTERNS

PATTERN A: Extemporaneous, POI, Drama, Persuade, CA (all O, N)

PATTERN B: Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Duo, After-Dinner, Poetry (all O, N)

PATTERN C: NPDA, IPDA Debate (O, N), BP Debate (O)

All competitors may enter three events in each IE pattern. Due to the embedded EXT draw, competitors entered in EXT may only enter one other event in Pattern A. Students may only enter one format of either NPDA or IPDA. Students entered in BP may NOT enter any other events.

All materials used in competition at this tournament shall not have been competed with prior to September 1, 2010.

Novice Divisions (Debate and IE): Coaches may enter their students in this division at their discretion. However, as you consider where you place your students please keep the following in mind. While we are trying to avoid placing strict limitation on our divisions, as a tournament we feel that, in general, novice competitors should meet the following philosophical guidelines. They are students who are relatively new to forensics and can benefit from competing with like students. While these students may have some competitive experience, they are certainly not seasoned competitors. Please do not abuse this opportunity by allowing debaters with significant high school, or college experience, to enter this division and exploit students new to forensics who need a less intimidating atmosphere. When in doubt, please place students in the higher division.

Open Divisions: Any competitor who does not fit the guidelines of a novice.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

Tournament Headquarters: Tournament headquarters will be the BSU Student Union

Sweepstakes Points:

IE:	1 st Place:	10 points	Debate:	1st Place:	15 points
	2 nd Place:	8 points		2nd Place:	12 points
	3 rd Place:	6 points		Semi-Finalist:	9 points
	4 th place:	4 points		Quarter-Finalist:	7 points
	5 th Place:	2 points			
	6 th Place:	1 point			

Awards: Awards will be presented to the 1st through 6th place winners in all individual events (if entries are justified). Awards will also be presented to quarter-finalists, semi-finalists and finalists in all debate divisions (entry justified). Appropriate debate speaker awards will also be given. The top 5 students entered in four or more IEs will be eligible for Quadrathlon. Sweepstakes awards will be given to the top 3 schools (both 4 year and 2 year) at the tournament. As hosts, Boise State University will not be eligible for a sweepstakes award, but BSU students will compete in IE's and debate and will be eligible for individual awards.

Judges: Each school is required to provide one judge for every eight individual event entries and one judge for every four IPDA entries or two NPDA entries. A school judge may be counted as both an IE and Debate judge, but must specify if the judge is covering the IPDA or the NPDA entries. A school judge covers two BP entries. Those judging BP may not also cover any other event. 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.

We need judges so please bring as many qualified judges as possible. However, the judges that you bring must be college graduates (Bachelor's degree), or must have exhausted their collegiate eligibility.

Registration Fees:

School Fee:	\$25
Hospitality Fee:	\$5 per attendee
Covered Individual Events:	\$8 per entry
I.E. Judge for entries not covered:	\$12 per entry
Covered Public Debate Teams:	\$25 per entry
IPDA Judge for entries not covered:	\$50 per entry
Covered NPDA/BP Teams:	\$50 per team
NPDA/BP Judge for entries not covered:	\$100 per team

CAMPUS AND AREA NOTES

Directions to Campus: Assuming teams driving will be arriving via I-84, the directions are the same whether you are eastbound, or westbound. Take I-84 Broadway exit and turn northbound onto Broadway Avenue. Follow this through several traffic lights until you come to the light at Broadway and University Drive (the stadium will be on your left). Here you will turn left onto University and travel west until you reach the light at Lincoln (the Student Union will be on your right). Turn right and take the driveway on the right just past the SUB and Special Events Center. You may unload your students here for access the Student Union Building. Bus and van parking will be at a specially designated lot and cars may park at the Brady Garage.

Please make sure to identify your vehicle as being with the tournament by printing the parking permit that will be e-mailed to you and display it on your windshield. If you need any assistance please feel free to contact us.

Lodging: We have chosen the close and convenient **Doubletree Club Boise** as our tournament hotel this year. It is located at 475 W. Parkcenter Blvd. and is only a mile from campus. They have given us a great flat rate of \$65, plus tax, for up to four people in a room and have set aside a block of rooms for the tournament. **Reservations must be made by September 7th in order to secure this rate.** Please contact Toni Callistini at 208-489-1075 (fax: 208-345-7823) and mention the **Gem State Swing** when making a reservation. Their website is http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/BOIPRDT-Doubletree-Club-Boise-Idaho/index.do

We have also found a second hotel just a few seconds down the road from the Doubletree club to serve as an overflow hotel. This second hotel is the **Springhill Suites by Marriott Parkcenter**. They have matched the Doubletree rate of \$65. **Reservations must be made by September 7th in order to secure this rate.** Please contact Tenille Kelly at 208-433-5129 and mention the **Gem State Swing** when making a reservation.

Special Lodging Note: This is the weekend of the Boise State- Oregon State football game, and as such, the city will be a buzz with excitement as the Broncos take on the Beavers! So, make sure to take advantage of this great rate, as rooms in the area will be at a premium that weekend!

Food: While there are a host of excellent dining establishments available, it is important to note that this is a Football Weekend in Boise which will limit your options. However, the Boise River Café, located in the SUB will be open for lunch both days. The rate is \$8.01 (+tax) for all you can eat dining. We HIGHLY recommend utilizing this option.

Parking: Parking for cars will be in the Brady Street Garage and buses in the lot to the west and south of the Brady Street Garage. Please make sure to print and display the attached parking permit to identify your vehicle as being with the tournament.

Smoking: There is a no smoking policy on the entire campus. Please ask your students to respect this policy.

Description of Events

A EVENTS:

Extemporaneous Speaking: Contestants will be given three topics in the general area of current events, choose one, and have 30 minutes to prepare a speech that is the original work of the student. Maximum time limit for the speech is 7 minutes. Limited notes are permitted. Posting of topics will be staggered.

Persuasive Speaking: An original speech by the student designed to inspire, reinforce, or change the beliefs, attitudes, values, or actions of the audience. Audio-visual aids may, or may not, be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and sighted in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Program Oral Interpretation: A program of thematically-linked selections of literary merit, chosen from two or three recognized genres of competitive interpretation (prose/poetry/drama). A substantial portion of the total time must be devoted to each of the genres used in the program. Different genres means the material must appear in separate pieces of literature (i.e., a poem included in a short story that only appears in that short story does not constitute a poetry genre). Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including original introduction and/or transitions.

Communication Analysis: An original speech by the student designed to offer an explanation and/or evaluation of a communication artifact such as a speech, speaker, movement, poem, poster, film, campaign, etc., through the use of rhetorical principles. Audio-visual aids may, or may not, be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Manuscripts are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Drama Interpretation: A cutting which represents one or more characters from a play, or plays, of literary merit. This material may be drawn from stage, screen, or radio. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including introduction.

B EVENTS:

Impromptu Speaking: An impromptu speech, serious in nature, with topic selections varied by round and by section. Topics will be quotations. Speakers will have a total of 7 minutes for both preparation and speaking. Timing commences with the acceptance of the topic sheet. Limited notes are permitted. Each speaker in a given section will choose to speak from one of these topics offered.

Informative Speaking: An original, factual speech by the student on a realistic subject to fulfill the general aim of informing the audience. Audio-visual aids may, or may not, be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time is 10 minutes, including introduction.

Prose Interpretation: A selection, or selections, of prose material of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Play cuttings and poetry are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time is 10 minutes, including introduction.

Dramatic Duo: A cutting from a play, humorous or serious, involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. This material may be drawn from stage, screen, or radio. This is not an acting event; therefore, no costumes, props, lighting, etc., are to be used. Presentation is from the manuscript and the focus should be off-stage and not to each other. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including introduction.

Poetry Interpretation: A selection, or selections, of poetry of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Play cuttings and prose works are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including introduction.

After-Dinner Speaking: An original, humorous speech by the student, designed to exhibit sound speech composition, thematic coherence, direct communicative public speaking skills, and good taste. The speech should not resemble a nightclub act, an impersonation, or comic dialogue. Audio-visual aids may, or may not, be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

PATTERN C:

IPDA Debate: Offered in both novice and open divisions. IPDA will be flighted. Novice competitors *cannot* have competed in eight debate tournaments in any capacity at any level in any combination (e.g., high school or college; novice, junior or open, CX, Policy, Value, NDT, CEDA, Parliamentary, NFA, or L-D) and/or *cannot* have advanced to the semi-final round or better in three tournaments (in any capacity, at any level, in any combination). Time limits will be:

- 5 Minutes Affirmative Constructive
- 2 minutes Cross Examination
- 6 minutes Negative Constructive
- 2 minutes Cross Examination
- 3 minutes 1st Affirmative Rebuttal
- 5 minutes Negative Rebuttal
- 3 minutes 2nd Affirmative Rebuttal
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- 26 minutes Total (approximate)

Topics will be announced by the judge 30 minutes prior to the start of the debate. This tournament chooses to follow IPDA guidelines on the use of evidence and consultation during the 30 minute preparation period. This, in essence, means there are no restrictions on the use of materials during preparation time, or on “coaching”, during preparation time. While it has become practice at some tournament to provide contestants with results as the tournament progresses through the use of a “warm room,” this tournament does not support such practices and, therefore, the practice will not be followed. **Remember, no pre-printed material may be brought into the debate round.**

NPDA Debate: Offered in both Novice and Open divisions. Standard time limits will be used (7-8-8-8-4-5) with 20 minutes of prep time following the central announcement of the topic. Topics for the tournament may be metaphorical, resolutions of fact, resolutions of value, or resolutions of policy. **Remember, no pre-printed material may be brought into the debate round.**

British Parliament (BP): Offered only in Open division, although top novice competitors will be recognized. Standard time limits will be used (7-7-7-7-7-7-7) with 20 minutes of prep time following the central announcement of the topic. Topics will **not** be the same resolutions used for NPDA/IPDA debate and all topics will be drawn from recent current event issues.

Additional Debate Information: While it has become practice at some tournament to provide contestants with results as the tournament progresses through the use of a “warm room,” this tournament does not support such practices and, therefore, the practice will not be followed.

Additionally, we will try to keep the tournament running on time. To do this, we ask that you return your ballots to the ballot table immediately following the round instead of debriefing the round in the room. We would also ask that you do not disclose your decision to the competitors.

TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, September 24, 2010

11:00-12:00 Registration, BSU Student Union
12:00-1:15 Round 1, NPDA and IPDA
12:00-2:00 Round 1, BP
1:15-2:30 Round 2, NPDA and IPDA
2:30 Extemp Prep
2:45-4:00 Round 1, Pattern A (EXT, PER, POI, CA, DI)
2:45-4:45 Round 2, BP
4:00-5:15 Round 1, Pattern B (IMP, INFO, ADS, POE, PRO, DUO)
5:15-6:30 Round 3, NPDA and IPDA
6:30 Extemp Prep
6:45-8:00 Round 2, Pattern A
6:45-8:45 Round 3, BP
8:00-9:15 Round 2, Pattern B

Saturday, September 25, 2010

8:00-9:15 Round 4, NPDA and IPDA
8:00-10:00 Round 4, BP
9:15 Extemp Prep
9:30-10:45 Round 3, Pattern A
10:45-12:00 Round 3, Pattern B
10:45-12:45 Round 5, BP
12:00-1:15 Round 5, NPDA and IPDA
1:15 Lunch Break
1:15 Extemp Draw
1:45-3:00 Finals, Pattern A
1:45-3:45 Semifinals, BP
3:00-4:15 Elimination Round 1, NPDA and IPDA
4:15-5:30 Finals, Pattern B
4:15-6:15 Finals, BP
5:30-6:45 Elimination Round 2, NPDA and IPDA
6:45-8:00 Awards Reception
8:00-9:15 Elimination Round 3, NPDA and IPDA (if necessary)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM, NO LATER THAN 5PM (MST),
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th.**

PLEASE REGISTER AT FORENSICSTOURNAMENT.NET

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PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO PI KAPPA DELTA.**