



Dear Colleagues,

The District Committee would like to cordially invite you to attend the American Forensics Association - National Speech Tournament District IX Qualifier February 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 2023.

This year the District IX Qualifier will be a virtual tournament. The tournament will be administered using [forensicstournament.net](https://forensicstournament.net), which is integrated with “8x8” video competition software. Coaches will need to include an email and phone number for each coach, student, and accompanying judge when they register so that students and judges can receive links to their rounds. Please consider bringing extra judges. **Also, note that you must cover your entry for the entire tournament.** Please examine information available at <https://forensicstournament.net/online> in order to familiarize yourself with the special requirements of virtual tournaments.

AFA-NIET District IX includes any college or university in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, El Paso County, Texas, plus Montana State University, Billings, which offers an Associate of Arts degree and/or higher degree. *Any college or university in this region is eligible for membership in AFA-NIET District IX, so all are very welcome to attend!*

The attached invitation contains complete information about the tournament. If there is a question you don't find answered, please do not hesitate to contact me via your preferred medium. We expect this year's tournament to draw outstanding competition that will be complemented by an excellent tab room staff.

Kind regards,

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## **Eligibility:**

Any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two year or four year college is eligible to participate. Eligibility standards for AFA will be enforced.

## **Individual Events:**

We will offer all eleven AFA-NIET events at both tournaments in the following patterns:

**Pattern A: Prose, Informative, POI, Extemporaneous, After Dinner Speaking**

**Pattern B: Impromptu, Duo, Persuasion, Drama, Communication Analysis, Poetry**

### **Patterns Breakdown at AFA-NST:**

**A: IMP, PRO, INF**

**B: Duo, POI, PER, EXT**

**C: CA, ADS, DI, POE**

Individuals may not exceed a maximum entry of six events. Events are subject to the rules of the AFA National Individual Events Tournament. Finals will follow two preliminary rounds with a maximum of seven competitors advancing to finals. Semi-finals will occur in events where there are more than 36 entries. Please note that we are not following the traditional AFA-NIET patterns so plan accordingly.

Complete event descriptions can be found on the official AFA-NIET website: <http://www.afa-niet.org/>

## **At-Large Legs Records:**

Please prepare your At-Large Legs records and documentation utilizing the AFA-NIET At-Large Reporting Form. Your legs records must be uploaded onto the google document and sent to Sarah Hinkle, District IX Chair, for evaluation no later than at Registration for the District IX Qualifying Tournament. Please note that complete leg packets should include the At-Large Reporting Form as well as information that can be used to verify the acquisition of legs (e.g. participating school lists for individual tournaments, final round tabulation sheets, etc.). If this information cannot be readily verified, legs may not be counted toward qualification.

## **Qualification to the American Forensic Association's NIET:**

Ten percent of participants in each event at the district tournament will advance to the AFA-NIET, with the total rounded to the highest number. **In all cases, a minimum of three will qualify in each event.** NOTE: Students who have already qualified in an event may NOT enter that event, but may enter others in which they have NOT qualified at-large. If a student has earned one leg towards at-large qualifying, and that student earns a second leg at the district tournament, that student shall be certified through the at-large procedure, and all other students will be moved up accordingly for purposes of NIET qualification, if tournament entries meet the standards for at-large qualification. Please review the District IX Constitution and Bylaws as posted at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/district-constitutions-and-by-laws/d9-constitution>

**Fees:**

**Sunday:** If you haven't paid your district or nationals fees, they are due at registration (Fee is \$50).

**Entries:** \$10 for each individual event slot

\$10 will be charged for each uncovered entry in individual events. One judge covers 6 IE Entries.

*\*Note: Fees will be assessed as of noon, Wednesday, February 22nd, and schools will be expected to pay fees as indicated by their entry (at that time) regardless of subsequent deletions. Drops/adds after this time will be charged \$20 for each change.*

**Registration:**

Please submit/edit any changes to your entry no later than Wednesday, February 22nd, by 5:00 pm MST.

*FORENSICTOURNMENT.NET is the preferred method of entry.*

**WEEKEND SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday, Feb 26th**

**District IX Qualifier**

**REGISTRATION 7:30 AM-check-in via Zoom**

EXT Draw 8:00AM

RD 1A 8:30-9:45 AM

EXT Draw 9:45 AM

RD 2A 10:15-11:30

LUNCH 11:30-12:15

RD 1B 12:15-1:30 PM

RD 2B 1:30-2:45

**FINALS**

EXT Draw 3:00

FINALS A 3:30-4:30

FINALS B 4:30-5:30

AWARDS ASAP

\*Schedule subject to change based on entry size and at-large qualifications

