

August 20, 2010

Dear Friends,

The Forensics Team of John Brown University would like to invite you to the 1st Annual Golden Eagle Scrimmage. In IE's, we will offer competition in all 11 AFA-NIET event plus the NFA experimental event--- editorial impromptu. In debate, we will offer competition in NPDA, NFA-LD, and IPDA forms of debate.

We hope you will attend our tournament for the following "perks". To help your program stretch its budget dollars, tournament entry will be free with covered judging. We also will be novice friendly. We will have novice divisions in debate and novice breakout finals in individual events if there is sufficient novice entry. We will also provide complimentary snacks and other food throughout the weekend.

The deadline for entering the tournament is Monday September 27th at 10 pm. Changes may be made until Thursday September 29th at 10 pm. Please use the convenient online entry system located at <http://forensicstournament.net/goldeneagle>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me! We hope you can join us in beautiful Siloam Springs, Arkansas for this excellent early season opportunity!

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GOLDEN EAGLE INVITATIONAL...TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday...Oct 1

NPDA

1:00 Registration
1:40 Topic Announce
2:00 Rd 1

3:10 Topic Announce
3:30 Rd 2
4:40 Topic Announce
5:00 Rd 3
6:10 Topic Announce
6:30 Rd 4
7:30 Free Pizza
8:00 Topic Announce
8:20 Rd 5

IPDA

12:30 Registration
1:00 Draw Rd 1

2:15 Draw Rd 2
3:30 Draw Rd 3
5:00 Draw Rd 4
6:30 Draw Rd 5
7:45 Free Pizza
8:15 Draw Rd 6

Saturday...Oct 2

7:00 Registration/IPDA Ballot Review
7:30 Draw
8:00 A1-LD 1
9:15 B1-LD 2
10:30 Topic Announce/IPDA Quarters
Draw
10:50 NPDA Quarters
11:45 Draw
12:15 A2-LD 3
1:30 B2-LD 4
2:45 Topic Announce/IPDA Semis Draw
3:05 NPDA Semis
4:00 Draw
4:30 IE Elim 1/LD Elim Round
IE Elim 2/Topic Announce/IPDA
5:45 Finals Draw
6:05 NPDA Finals
ASAP Awards

Pattern A EXT, PER, CA, DUO, POE, Editorial
Impromptu
Pattern B IMP, INF, PRO, DI, POI and ADS

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

1) Tournament rules. AFA, NFA, NPDA, and IPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere within this invitation. In NPDA debate, we will allow hybrid teams and 3 person teams to compete (although only 2 debaters may speak in a given round). In NPDA debate, no person may debate without a partner.

2) Competitor Eligibility. The rules of AFA, NFA, NPDA, and IPDA will guide competitor and judge eligibility. Competitors in IE's, NPDA, and NFA-LD must be students at a 2-year or 4-year college or university who have not participated in more than eight semesters of intercollegiate forensics competition. Judges and competitors in IPDA must meet the division requirements of Novice, Varsity, and Professional outlined in the IPDA constitution.

3) Entry/Facility Limitations. Though we do not anticipate having to limit entries and will make every effort to accommodate all who wish to participate, JBU reserves the right to limit entries if our campus capacity is exceeded. We will use the following priority to entries (if needed): first, entries received after the entry deadline; second, entries without sufficient judges (uncovered); and finally, time the entry is received – the earliest entries will take precedence.

4) JBU Student Participation. JBU students may participate in the tournament, but will not be eligible for individual or team sweepstakes awards.

5) Entry Procedure. All entries must be made online at forensicstournament.net/goldeneagle. The deadline to enter is Monday September 27th at 10 pm. Changes may be made until Thursday September 29th at 10 pm.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1) Students may not enter more than THREE events per pattern. LD competitors may only enter ONE other IE. Students are responsible for signing in and making it to all of their rounds. Failure to do will result in a no-show score or forfeit for the round.

2) Novice Division. Students who are in their first year of collegiate individual events competition may be designated as novices. At least the top novice in each event will be recognized. If there are at least seven novices that compete in an event, then a novice break-out final will occur. Students who are designated as novices who qualify for the open final will compete in the open final, not the novice break-out final. No sweepstakes points will be awarded for novice awards in IE's.

3) Though we anticipate having enough critics to cover final rounds, we reserve the right to have fewer than three judges in a final round. If fewer than three judges are used in a final round, then final ranking will be determined by the cumulative total of all ballots.

4) The following criteria will be used to advance students to the final rounds...

- Top six competitors (low rank, high rate) OR top half of competitors in an event if fewer than 12 in the event
- An additional competitor may be taken to finals if there is a 2-way tie on rank and rate.

LD Debate

1) Paradigm – NFA L/D Debate is a communication event that is debated in a stock issues paradigm. In deference to the intent of the event, we ask that all competitors and critics are mindful of these rules. Complete rules can be found at <http://www.nationalforensics.org>.

- 2) Disclosure - Keep us stay on schedule! Oral critiques immediately following the debates may not exceed five minutes. Delays attributed to coach/judges may result in penalties to that school's teams including automatic losses or removal from the tournament.
- 3) LD competitors may only enter one IE during the IE pattern. Students should compete first in their IE and then go to the LD round.
- 4) Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by total speaker points, followed by opposition record, then adjusted speaker points, and finally by Z-Score. In elimination rounds, brackets WILL be broken.
- 5) If there are at least 6 entrants per division, there will be two divisions of NFA-LD debate: Novice and Open. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines. Competition in at least three tournaments of any style of debate constitutes a semester.
- 6) Due to time constraints, there will be one elimination round of NFA-LD. The top two seeds will advance to a "gold" final round. All additional teams with at least a 3-1 record will advance to a "silver" elimination round. If needed, the top 2-2 debater will be pulled up to fill out the bracket.

NPDA Debate

- 1) Provided that there are at least seven (7) entrants per division, there will be two divisions of NPDA Debate: Novice and Open. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines. Eligibility is determined based upon the most experienced partner. Competition in at least three tournaments of any style of debate constitutes a semester.
- 2) Disclosure - Keep on schedule! Ballots are due 1 hour, 20 minutes after the announcement of the motion. Oral critiques immediately following the debates may not exceed five minutes. Delays attributed to coach/judges may result in penalties to that school's teams including automatic losses or removal from the tournament.
- 3) Preliminary Rounds – Rounds One and Two will be random-matched. Rounds Three and Four will be lag-matched high-low within brackets based on the results of all previously tabulated debates. Round Five will be power-matched high-low within brackets based upon the results of all previous rounds.
- 4) Elimination Rounds - Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon record, followed by adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by Z-Score.

IPDA Debate

The IPDA constitution will guide all facets of IPDA competition at the tournament. It is available at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>.

Awards

Since the tournament does not charge fees, all competitors who advance to elimination rounds will receive modest yet creative awards. In addition, the following sweepstakes awards will be given:

- 1) Top 3 IPDA Schools
- 2) Top 3 Universities and Top 3 Community Colleges (combined total of IE, NPDA, NFA-LD, and IPDA points)

3) Top 3 in Individual Pentathlon (Any IE or debate entry counts for pentathlon. 5 minimum entries required).

4) Sweepstakes formula

- Individual Events: Prelims (1st-3, 2nd-2, 3rd-1), Elims (1st-12, 2nd-8, 3rd-6, 4th and below-4)
- IPDA: Prelims (2 pts per win or bye), Elims (1st-24, 2nd-18, Semis-12, Quarters-6)
- NPDA: Prelims (3 pts per win or bye), Elims (1st-21, 2nd-15, Semis-10, Quarters-5)
- NFA-LD: Prelims (3 pts per win or bye), Elims (1st-12, 2nd-6, Silver elim winners-3)

Fees

The tournament charges no fees for entry. If you need to pay for uncovered judging, then cash is the preferred form of payment so that we can pay our hired judges. The following fees are charged for uncovered judging:

- Uncovered Individual Events-\$15 (1 judge covers 5 entries per pattern)
- Uncovered IPDA and NFA-LD entries-\$30 (1 judge covers 2 entries)
- Uncovered NPDA teams-\$45 (1 judge covers 2 entries per pattern)

Hotels

We will not be getting a block of rooms for the tournament, but we suggest the following lodging options...

Hampton Inn

2171 Ravenwood Plaza, Siloam Springs, AR... (479) 215-1000

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=FYVSSHX>

Quality Inn

1300 US Highway 412 West, Siloam Springs, AR... (479) 524-8080

http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-siloam_springs-arkansas-AR200

Super 8

1800 Hwy 412 West Siloam Springs, AR... (479) 524-8898

http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/modify_dates?tab=tab2&id=08216&propBrandId=SE&useWRPoints=false

Best Western Stateline Lodge

273 S Highway 59, W Siloam Springs, OK... (918) 422-4444

<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=37107&srcPage=SelectHotel&isMapOpen=true&selectedHotels=>

We are a short drive from Springdale (20 minutes) and Fayetteville (30 minutes). You might be able to find room deals in those cities if you don't mind an early morning country drive. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help you find lodging!