

Dear Colleague:

Casper College invites you to attend the:

**44th ANNUAL PIONEER TRAILS FORENSICS TOURNAMENT**

March 6th and 7th **(Virtual)**

We are proud to continue the tradition of offering an opportunity for competition in the Rocky Mountain region. Since 1981, we have been happy to host a tournament for this region and have continued to add events and develop the tournament schedule to best meet the needs of the Forensics community. We look forward to meeting your squads each year and to the outstanding competition that your students provide, so we hope that you will be able to join us in 2026.

For this year's tournament, we will offer four (4) preliminary rounds followed by appropriate elimination rounds in IPDA (open only). In addition to debate, we will be offering two preliminary rounds and out-rounds in all eleven (11) NIET events, arranged in two conflict patterns.

We hope to see you in Casper in March!

Sincerely,

Doug Hall  
Co-DOF - Casper College

Ethan Fife  
Co-DOF - Casper College

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## **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

### **FEES PER ENTRY:**

IPDA - \$15

IE - \$10

### **Fees can be paid through FTN, or by check. Mail checks to:**

Doug Hall

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Casper, WY 82601

(Make checks payable to Casper College Forensics)

### **AWARDS:**

Awards will be given to finalists in all categories of competition. Speaker awards will be given in IPDA. First, second, and third place sweepstakes will be awarded overall; in addition, there will be an award for Top Community College in sweeps.

### **GRETCHEN WHEELER INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD:**

A special award will be given to the individual competitor who accumulates the most sweepstakes points for their team. (Points earned in team events or from entry in duo interpretation will be tallied as half scores.)

### **TEAM SWEEPSTAKES:**

Sweepstakes Awards will be given to the top three schools in the Sweepstakes competition.

Teams accumulate points according to the following formula:

- Debate teams accumulate 5 points for each preliminary round win by a school's best four teams in each division of debate.
- IEs accumulate 20 points for 1st place, 15 points for 2nd place, 10 points for 3rd place, and 5 points for each finalist after 3rd. In the event that a category has seven or fewer competitors and the event does not hold a final round, only the top three finishers will earn sweepstakes points for their team.

### **JUDGES:**

Each debate judge covers two teams or a fraction thereof. Fees for uncovered debate teams are \$60.00 per team. Each I.E. judge covers 6 slots in pattern A and six slots in pattern B. Fees for uncovered I.E. slots will be \$15.00 per slot. The Pioneer Trails has been able to provide students with an educational competitive experience because of you and your accompanying judges' willingness to meet judging assignments as posted. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment and dedication.

**LATE DROP:**

Any changes to your entry should be given to us no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 5th. Fees will be assessed at that time and entry fees calculated. No changes will be made after Wednesday.

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:**

Students may enter up to three (3) individual events in Flights A and B (see Extemp/DUO exception below) but must accept any hardships created by multiple entries. Students may only enter in one debate event in Flight C.

**EXCEPTIONS TO TRIPLE ENTRY RULING:**

- Students entered in Extemp CANNOT triple enter in the Flight A conflict pattern. Extempers choosing double entry will accept the burden. They must complete the event in the allotted time, whether this allows for a full 30 min prep or not.
- Students entering more than one DUO cannot triple enter in Flight A.

**TOURNAMENT CONFLICT PATTERNS:****FLIGHT A**

Extemp, Persuasion, Prose, Duo, Speech to Entertain

**FLIGHT B**

Impromptu, Informative, Poetry, Dramatic Interp, Communication Analysis, Program Oral Interp

**FLIGHT C (Friday Schedule)**

IPDA

**DEBATE:**

There will be six (4) preliminary rounds followed by appropriate elimination rounds. Strike will occur in the Tab Room and will use the Phi Rho Pi five-topic strike system. Divisions may be collapsed due to entries. Each panel of resolutions will include a metaphor, 2 value, and 2 policies. IPDA will have only the OPEN division.

## **SCHEDULE:**

### **Friday, March 6th - IE**

9:00 - 10:00 AM Registration  
9:45 AM EXTEMP PREP (10:15 round start)  
10:00 - 11:15 AM Round 1A  
11:15 AM EXTEMP PREP (11:45 round start)  
11:30 - 12:45 PM Round 2A  
12:45 - 1:15 PM LUNCH  
1:15 - 2:30 PM Round 1B  
2:30 - 3:45 PM Round 2B  
4:00 - 5:30 PM A Finals  
5:30 - 7:00 PM B Finals  
ASAP Awards

### **Saturday, March 7th - IPDA ONLY**

9:00 - 10:00 AM Registration  
10:00 Round 1  
11:45 Round 2  
1:30 Round 3  
3:15 Round 4  
ASAP Elimination 1  
ASAP Elimination 2  
ASAP Elimination 3 (If Necessary)

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