

February 15, 2011

Dear Friends,

The JBU Forensics Team and Crowder College Forensics team would like to invite you and your students to the first annual Ozark Rookie Championship Tournament, to be held Saturday April 16th on the campus of John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. This tournament provides a great opportunity to get students from your public speaking and other communication courses to a fun, one-day tournament!

Eligible competitors for the tournament must have no more than three tournaments experience in intercollegiate individual events or debate. Students with more experience are welcome to judge, which provides them with an opportunity to not only give back to the forensics activity, but also to learn more through providing thoughtful feedback on ballots as a critic.

We will offer 8 of the 11 AFA-NIET events in individual events competition, though time limits will be modified so that students in your communication courses may easily adapt their class assignments for the competition. We will provide competition in Team Parliamentary Debate using NPDA rules, as well as Rookie-LD, which is a hybrid debate event that utilizes the facets of IPDA and NFA-LD to provide an excellent entry-level debate experience. Please read the rules in the invitation for further clarification.

We will offer sweepstakes awards for the best Universities, Community Colleges, and individual competitors. We will also make sure the top competitor from each school in each event will win an award, which means no attending school will walk away from the tournament without award recognition!

Finally, we will not charge fees for the tournament if you provide enough judges. Lunch also will be provided for all coaches and competitors. We hope you can join us for this low-cost, fun opportunity to give new competitors the opportunity to gain experience in public address, oral interpretation, and debating!

Sincerely,

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SCHEDULE OF COMPETITION

8:30-10:00	Registration
9:00	Rookie-LD Rd 1
9:45	Rookie-LD Rd 2
10:00	Rd 1 Pattern A
10:30	Rookie-LD Rd 3
11:15	Rd 2 Pattern A/Rookie-LD Rd 4
11:30-12:30	Late Registration for Parli and Pattern B
12:15	Rookie-LD Finals
12:30	Lunch Break (Provided by Tournament)
12:45	Parli Topic Draw
1:00	Rd 1 Pattern B/Parli Round 1
2:00	Parli Topic Draw
2:15	Rd 2 Pattern B/Parli Round 2
3:30	Pattern A Finals
3:45	Parli Topic Draw
4:00	Parli Round 3
4:45	Pattern B Finals/Parli Round 4
5:00	Parli Topic Draw
5:15	Parli Round 4
6:15	Awards
6:45	Parli Topic Draw
7:00	Parli Finals

Pattern A-Poetry, Persuasive, Duo Interp, After Dinner Speaking, Rookie-LD
Pattern B-Informative, Impromptu, Prose Interp, Drama Interp, Parli Debate

NOTE: Rookie-LD may not enter other events during Pattern A. Parli Debaters may not enter other events during Pattern B

TOURNAMENT ENTRY

All entries will be taken online at forensicstournament.net. Visit the following link to enter the tournament...

<http://forensicstournament.net/ozarkrookiechamps/11>

The deadline for an initial entry is Monday April 11 at 8 pm central. You may make changes until Thursday April 14th at noon. Please email Erick Roebuck at eroebuck@jbu.edu if you have any questions.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Students with three or fewer intercollegiate debate tournaments may enter either debate event. Students with more than three intercollegiate tournaments of experience are not eligible to compete in debate. These students are welcome to enter the judge pool in debate.
- 2) Students with three or fewer intercollegiate individual tournaments may enter individual event

competition. Students with more than three intercollegiate tournaments of experience are not eligible to compete in individual events. These students are welcome to enter the judge pool in IE's.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS RULES

- 1) Students may enter up to two events in each pattern. Students may enter two duos with different partners.
- 2) Students may not use materials that have been used in competitions prior to August 2010.
- 3) To encourage participation by beginning competitors, a minimum time limit of 6 minutes will be permitted for each event.
- 4) Student will not be penalized for using notes in public address events. Judges may not automatically drop a student for using note cards (though the amount of eye contact and fluid delivery may be used as judging criteria).
- 5) Event descriptions. Differences from AFA-NIET rules are noted in **BOLD**.

PATTERN A

- 1) **Informative Speaking:** An original, factual speech by the student on a realist subject to fulfill the general aim to inform 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. **Notes are permitted. Time limit is from 6-10 minutes.**
- 2) **Poetry Interpretation:** A selection or selections of poetry of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. A primary focus of this event should be on the development of language. Play cuttings and prose works are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. **Time limit is from 6-10 minutes including introduction.**
- 3) **Dramatic Duo:** A cutting from one or more texts of literary merit, humorous or serious, involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. The material may be drawn from any genre of literature. This is not an acting event; thus, 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. **Time limit is from 6-10 minutes including introduction.**
- 4) **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 night club act, an impersonation, or comic dialogue. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforced the message. **Notes are permitted. Time limit is from 6-10 minutes.**

PATTERN B

- 1) **Impromptu Speaking:** An impromptu speech, substantive in nature, with topic selections varied by round and by section. Topics will be derived from quotations. Speakers will have a total of 7 minutes for both preparation and speaking. Timing commences with the acceptance of the topics sheet. Limited notes are permitted.
- 2) **Prose Interpretation:** An original or selections of prose material of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Focus of this event is on the development of the narrative/story. Play cuttings and poetry are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. **Time limit is from 6-10 minutes including introduction.**
- 3) **Drama Interpretation:** A cutting that represents one or more characters from a play or plays of literary merit. The focus of this event is on the development of characterization. This material may be drawn from stage, screen, or radio. Use of manuscript is required. **Time limit is from 6-10 minutes including introduction.**
- 4) **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 cited in the development of the speech. **Notes are permitted. Time limit is from 6-10 minutes including introduction.**

TEAM PARLI

- 1) The rules of NPDA will be used for Team Parliamentary Debate.

2) 15 minutes of prep time (including walking to rounds) will be given after the announcement of the resolution.

3) All teams with at least a 3-1 record (plus possibly a single 2-2 team) will advance to the final round. Pairings for the final round will proceed like this: The 1st and 2nd seed will debate for 1st place, the 3rd and 4th seed will debate for 3rd place, etc. Brackets will not be broken for the final round, and judging will be provided if a squad debates itself in the final round.

ROOKIE-LD

This is a unique hybrid event that combines the best of several kinds of debate. It is intended to be friendly to beginning competitors. It will prepare students for future competition in Parli, IPDA, or LD completion.

1) Time limits will be incorporated from individual debate format of IPDA.

5 minute 1st Affirmative

2 minute Cross Examination

6 minute 1st Negative

2 minute Cross Examination

3 minute Affirmative Rebuttal

5 minute Negative Rebuttal

3 minute Affirmative Summary

Students will get 2 minutes of prep time during the debate to use before any of their speeches.

2) The speaking style will be adopted from NFA-LD.

(NFA-LD) is a communication event, by which we mean the philosophy of the activity is consistent with that which governs other individual events. Competitors in NFA Lincoln-Douglas will be evaluated on their analysis, use of evidence, and ability to effectively and persuasively organize, deliver, and refute arguments. Rapid-fire delivery, commonly called "spread delivery," is considered antithetical to the purpose and intent of this event.

3) Students may bring prepared materials and briefs into the round.

4) Judges may use whatever paradigm they see fit, however, topicality and excessive speed should be used as voting issues by critics.

5) Counterplans, Disadvantages, Topicality, and On-Case argumentation are permissible negative strategies. Critiques and other debate-theory positions are not permitted. (If your rookie debate knows how to run a K, then they probably should be judging, not competing! ☺)

5) Resolutions:

Round 1 and 2 will use this topic:

The United States Federal Government should implement further measures to stop global warming.

Students will debate once on the affirmative side and once on the negative side during the first 2 rounds.

Round 3 and 4 will use this topic:

The United States Federal Government should implement a policy to significantly reduce the Federal Deficit.

Students will debate once on the affirmative side and once on the negative side during the last 2 rounds.

The final round will use the following topic:

The citizens of the United States of America should re-elect Barack Obama

Students advancing to the final round will flip for sides on the final debate topic.

6) Since resolutions are available prior to the tournament, no pre-round preparation time will be allotted during the schedule.

7) All debaters with at least a 3-1 record (plus possibly a single 2-2 debater) will advance to the final round. Pairings for the final round will proceed like this: The 1st and 2nd seed will debate for 1st place, the 3rd and 4th seed will debate for 3rd place, etc. Brackets will not be broken for the final round, and judging will be provided if a squad debates itself in the final round.

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SWEEPSTAKES

We will provide sweepstakes awards in both University and Debate divisions. Crowder College and JBU will be eligible for sweepstakes awards, though JBU will be ineligible if more than 50% of the judging pool is comprised of current JBU students, staff, or alumni. We will also provide individual sweeps awards for those entered in IE's and Rookie-LD. The following formulae will be used to determine sweeps awards:

Individual Events

Prelim Placing-1st Place-3 pts, 2nd Place-2 pts, 3rd Place and below-1 pt, No-show-0 pts.

Finals Placing-1st Place-6 pts, 2nd Place-5 pts, 3rd Place-4 pts, 4th place-3 pts, 5th place and below-2 pts, No-show, 0 pts.

Rookie-LD

Prelims: Win-3 pts, Loss-1 pt, Forfeit-0 pts.

Finals: 1st-12 pts, 2nd-10 pts, 3rd-8 pts, 4th-6 pts, other elim win-4 pts, other elim loss-2 pts, no-show-0 pts.

Parli Debate

Prelim win-6 pts, Prelim loss-2 pts, Prelim forfeit-0 pts.

Finals: 1st Place-24 pts, 2nd Place-20 pts, 3rd Place-16 pts, 4th place-12 pts., other elimination round win-8 pts, other elimination round loss-4 pts., no show-0 pts.

JUDGING

1) Judges should have had at least 3 tournaments experience OR should be senior students who will not be competing in future years. Coaches may judge as well, but we would like to utilize competitors as much as possible to increase the educational opportunities of the tournament. **In judging this rookie tournament, students WILL NOT lose their eligibility for AFA-NIET, NFA-NIET, or other national organizations as this tournament occurs after qualification for national tournaments. This is a great chance for your competitors to get experience on the other side of the ballot!**

2) An individual event judge covers six slots per pattern. A Rookie-LD judge covers 2 debaters. A parli judge covers 2 teams.

FEES

There are no entry fees for the tournament. Here are the fees that will be charged if your program cannot provide enough judging.

Uncovered IE...\$5

Uncovered Rookie LD...\$20

Uncovered Parli Team...\$40

HOTELS

We will not be getting a block of rooms for the tournament as many programs will be able to drive in and out on the same day, but we suggest the following lodging options if you need them...

Hampton Inn...2171 Ravenwood Plaza, Siloam Springs, AR

<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

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

<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=37107>

Cherokee Casino Hotel ... West Siloam Springs, OK ... 800.754.4111

<http://www.cherokeestarrewards.com/casinos/westsiloamsprings/hotel/Pages/default.aspx>

Super 8 ... 1800 Hwy 412 Siloam Springs, AR... (479) 524-8898

We are a short drive from Springdale (20 minutes) and Fayetteville (30 minutes), where there are many more options. Please let us know if you need help in finding lodging.

DIRECTIONS

Visit the following link for maps and directions: <http://www.jbu.edu/about/directions/>

We will most likely headquarter the tournament in the Walker Student Center. More information will be posted at forensicstournament.net closer to the tournament.