

Newport High School Speech and Debate cordially invites you to attend the

2012 WinterKnight Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament

Date: February 17-18, 2012

Location: Bellevue College
3000 Landerholm Circle Southeast
Bellevue, WA 98006

This year's WKI Tournament is a NIETOC qualifier. The top students in Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, and Original Oratory will be awarded a bid to the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions (NIETOC). This year's NIETOC tournament is scheduled for May 11-13 at James Logan High School in Union City, CA. The exact number of bids awarded by our tournament is dependent on a formula set by the NIETOC Tournament Committee. Please visit www.nietoc.org for details.

Events: We offer 9 Individual Events and 4 Debate events. These are...

Individual Events (Open Division Only)

Humorous Interp (HI)

Dramatic Interp (DI)

Duo Interp (DUO)

Original Oratory (OO)

Expository (XPO)

Extemporaneous (XTM)

Impromptu (IMP)

Interpretive Reading (IR)

Editorial Commentary (EDC)

Debate (Novice and Open Divisions, except Congress)

Congressional Debate (CON) (Open Division Only)

Public Forum Debate (PF)

Lincoln Douglas Debate (LD)

Cross-Examination Debate (CX)

The specific rules for each event are found at www.wiaa.com under "Forensics" in the "Activities" menu.

Entry Fees: No team or squad fees are charged to attend this tournament.

- \$25 per Debate entry (LD, CX, PF)
- \$10 per IE Entry/Congress Entry.
- Entries in Editorial Commentary are free provided the student enters another event.

Entry Limits: A team may enter as many students in as many events as they choose. Individual students may enter one Debate event and as many Individual Events as they choose.

Entry Deadline: Entries must be made by 6pm on Thursday, February 16th. After that time, fees are set and new entries are allowed only with permission of the Tournament Director, who may add an entry only under special circumstances. Drops may be made up until tournament time without penalty, but no reduction in fees will be made for drops received after 6pm Thursday.

Forfeit rules/Multiple Entries:

Students entered in CX, LD, or PF MUST REPORT to their debate rounds within 15 minutes of posting time, regardless of which flight they are in. Judges are advised to begin with the first pairing of debaters who present themselves. In other words, if both Flight B debate teams are there, begin the round with Flight B. Debaters who fail to report by 15 minutes after the posted start time will be disqualified, even if they report before the end of the first flight debate. The tournament schedule cannot tolerate delays. It is the responsibility of the student to verify their room assignment and arrive on time to start the round.

In Congress, students who are entered in multiple events that conflict (Congress sessions can overlap IE rounds) should request a point of privilege and depart to make their presentations in IE. They do so at risk to their performance in Congress, though the judges will be advised to take that into consideration when making their decisions.

In Individual Events, Judges will be required to remain at their assigned room until all scheduled speeches are heard or until 15 minutes prior to the scheduled end of round on their ballot. No partially completed ballots will be accepted at ballot return until the scheduled end time of the round. Judges who score no-shows will be required to remain in the ballot return area until the round's scheduled end time.

Students entered in multiple events will write their code and event on the door of their room on a paper provided by the tournament. Judges must check that list prior to returning their ballot to the ballot return table. If a student arrives at a round and no judge is present, that student MUST find a tournament volunteer (the people in the colorful hats) who will report the issue to Tournament Central.

Topics:

LD: The tournament will use the January/February topic, announced by the NFL on January 1, 2012 as "Resolved: "

PF: The tournament will use the February PF topic, announced by the NFL on January 1, 2012 as "Resolved: "

Congress: The tournament will use the Spring Legislative Packet for competition as found on the WIAA website () and on this tournament's entry website at ForensicsTournament.net ()

Extemp: Topics will be taken from the last 3 months. Each speaker will receive one topic regarding International affairs, one topic of a domestic issue relevant to the United States, and one topic on a social issue which may or may not be specific to domestic or foreign affairs.

Impromptu: Each round will have a topic area as follows:

- Round 1 will be single-word abstracts
- Round 2 will be quotations
- Round 3 will be notable figures (pop culture, historical, infamous)
- Round 4 will be questions (not necessarily about current events)
- The outrounds will involve specific themes as well, consider them a bonus surprise.

Scoring:

We will use a rank-only scoring system at the WKI. This breaks with the local tradition of using speaker points to break ties, which we feel is a subjective measure of performance and not reliable as an objective means of advancing contestants to finals and determining final placement. Specifically, we will score as follows:

- In 2-team debate events (PF, LD, and CX), debaters will be ranked based on win-loss record with ties broken first using head-to-head record and then using opponent strength (opponent win-loss records).
- In Congressional Debate, the debaters will be ranked according cumulative scorer's ranks, with ties broken based on the Parliamentarian's ranking.
- In Individual Events, participants will be ranked based on cumulative judge ranking, with ties broken based on reciprocal rankings.

In all events, any unbreakable tie will result in those tied being advanced. In the case of an unbreakable tie for an award, duplicate awards will be presented.

Judge Requirements:

All schools attending will be required to provide enough judges to cover their entry as follows:

- Congress: 1 scorer per 10 entries. Any school providing a named Parliamentarian who is used by the tournament will be refunded the lesser of \$50 or their Congressional Debate entry fees.
- Public Forum and LD Debate: 1 judge per 4 teams
- Cross-Examination Debate: 1 judge per 2 teams

YOU DO NOT NEED TO PROVIDE JUDGE NAMES UNTIL REGISTRATION!!!! At judge registration each day, you will be provided a list of the round assignments for your team. You will give us the names of the judges who will work each assignment. **If your named judge fails to show in time to take said ballot assignments, your team will be fined \$20. Fines must be settled (arranged or paid) prior to Awards.** We hope that this tournament will be the one where nobody misses a ballot.

Outround Judging:

All teams are responsible for providing judges for outrounds, regardless of how many entries you have remaining in the competition (we don't have that many outrounds). Your students should take advantage of the final round time to watch other rounds of competition and learn something new.

Schedule:

We will do all we can to follow this schedule, but we make no guarantees as to the start time of any particular event. Rounds may run sooner than scheduled if the tournament conditions permit. The tournament reserves the right to cancel and/or modify the structure of events based on demand.

CX Debate (5 guaranteed rounds of debate, Outrounds as needed per event)

Friday

3:00pm – Registration

3:30pm – Round I

5:15pm – Round II

7:00pm – Round III

Saturday

10:30am – Round IV

1:30pm – Round V

5:00pm – Outrounds as needed

LD Debate (6 guaranteed rounds of debate, Outrounds as needed per event)

Friday

3:00pm – Registration

3:30pm – Round I

5:00pm – Round II

6:30pm – Round III

8:00pm – Round IV (time permitting)

Saturday

11:00am – Round V

2:00pm – Round VI

5:00pm – Outrounds begin as needed

PF Debate (6 guaranteed rounds of debate, Outrounds as needed by event)

Friday

3:00pm – Registration

3:30pm – Round I

5:00pm – Round II

6:30pm – Round III

8:00pm – Round IV (time permitting)

Saturday

11:00am – Round V

2:00pm – Round VI

5:00pm – Outrounds begin as needed

Congressional Debate (3 sessions guaranteed, Super Congress if the Congress exceeds 24 entries)

Friday

3:30pm – Session I

6:30pm – Session II

Saturday

Super Congress Sessions if needed at 10:30am and 1:30pm

Individual Events (4 guaranteed preliminary rounds, Quarters, Semis and Finals as needed per event)

Saturday

8:00am – Round I (Extemp Draw @7:45 if possible)

9:30am – Round II (Extemp Draw @ 9:30)

12:30pm – Round III (Extemp Draw @12:30)

3:30pm – Round IV (Extemp Draw @3:30)

5:30pm – IE Outrounds begin.

Awards for all debate speakers and Congress will be held after the first outround in debate and IE is concluded. Approx 7pm.

A note on outrounds: The tournament committee recognizes that final round schedules are nearly impossible to predict. Additionally, tournament entry sizes may require that we run different outrounds on different schedules in order to save tournament time. Instead of citing specific start times for quarters, semis, and finals for each event, we have instead set aside enough time to run 3 outrounds in each event (except CX and Congress, which will have 2 rounds of finals max each). In some cases, we will run a hidden quarter or semifinal in order to advance the tournament schedule.

Payment:

- Payment will be settled at the beginning of the 2nd day of competition, not at registration. Registration is for dropping/adding debaters/IE-ers.
- Make Checks or Purchase Orders to: "Newport High School Speech and Debate"

A few special notes about the events:

- Impromptu finals will have a special subject area and unique topics. Don't miss it.
- If a final is held for Extemporaneous, we will use the Q & A rules as applied to the NFL Finals. A briefing for the judges and the competitors will take place prior to the final, if one is held.
- The Congressional Debate Super Congress will not use of a scenario. We will be using the Super Congress legislation as practice for State.

Contact:

If you have questions, please contact the tournament director, John Julian, at 425-495-3228, or via email at injulian@yahoo.com.