

27 January 2012

Dear Colleague;

The Spokane Falls Community College speech and debate club (Pi Kappa Delta, WA Lambda) and the Great West Province of Pi Kappa Delta, invite you and your students to attend the *Voices on the River* tournament held on our campus Friday, March 2 through Sunday, March 4. Our tournament this year is the Pi Kappa Delta regional tournament and a great opportunity to hone skills in preparation for the national tournaments later in March.

Tournament Theme

Our tournament theme this year – Faith & Reason – explores the issues of discord and/or agreement between religion and science. In addition to a special oratorical event (see event descriptions), many of our debate, extemporaneous, and impromptu topics will be based on issues related to religion, religious diversity and tolerance, science, and the human pursuit of truth.

Our tournament offers 6 preliminary rounds of NPDA in Open and Novice divisions, IPDA Debate in Open and Novice divisions, and an Open division in BP debate with 5 prelim rounds. In addition, we feature two preliminary rounds of individual events (in Novice and/or Open divisions), with appropriate finals rounds, all set on our campus overlooking the Spokane River.

Our tournament philosophy is that debate is a public communication event, and this is reflected throughout the tournament and in our judging pool. We recruit and assign lay judges to all levels of debate and individual event competition in addition to the fine pool of judges who frequent the Northwest Forensic Conference.

SFCC's campus is easily accessed from the airport and I-90. The tournament will be centered in our student union (Building 17 on the map <http://www.spokanefalls.edu/College/CampusMap.aspx>) with competition in buildings, 24 and 5. March is still winter in Spokane; students are encouraged to plan and dress accordingly. Our hope is that any cool weather will be tempered by warm Northwest hospitality.

Entries

Tournament entry will be available Tuesday, January 31st. The deadline for entry is Tuesday, February 21st at 5:00 p.m. Adequate competition space is always a consideration, so we reserve the right to limit entries if the number of entries exceeds our capacity to accommodate them. Late squad entries may be refused and will be charged an additional \$50.00; please have entries in on time.

Deadline for drops is Tuesday, February 28th at 5:00p.m. No further entries adjustments will be accepted after this time. Drops made after this time will be charged full entry fees.

Send queries to:

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and enter online at:

www.forensicstournament.net

Tentative Schedule

Friday, March 2

11:45 – 12:30	Registration, SUB ABC
12:45	Welcome Meeting, SUB ABC
1:00	Extemp Draw
1:15 – 2:45	Round 1, Pattern B
2:45	Extemp Draw
3:00 – 4:15	Round 2, Pattern B
4:15 – 5:30	Round 1, Pattern A
5:30 – 6:45	Round 2, Pattern A
7:00	Extemp Draw
7:15 – 8:30	Finals A and B

Saturday, March 3

8:00 – 10:00	Continental Breakfast, SUB
8:30 – 10:00	Round 1, IPDA/NPDA
8:30 – 10:30	Round 1, BP
10:00 – 11:30	Round 2, IPDA/NPDA
10:30 – 12:30	Round 2, BP
11:30 – 1:00	Round 3, IPDA/NPDA
12:30 – 1:00	Lunch, BP
1:00 – 1:30	Lunch, IPDA/NPDA
1:00 – 3:00	Round 3, BP
1:30 – 3:00	Round 4, IPDA/NPDA
3:00 – 5:00	Round 4, BP
3:30 – 5:00	Round 5, IPDA/NPDA
5:00 – 7:00	Round 5, BP
5:30 – 7:00	Round 6, IPDA/NPDA
7:30 or ASAP	Awards Assembly

Sunday, March 4

9:00 – 10:30	Debate Elim 1, IPDA/NPDA
9:30 – 11:30	Debate Elim, BP
10:45 – 12:15	Debate Elim 2, IPDA/NPDA
12:30 – 1:45	Debate Elim 3, IPDA/NPDA (if necessary)

IPDA Debate

Divisions: We will run 6 preliminary rounds in Open and Novice IPDA with appropriate out-rounds. Topics: Debaters will be presented with five topics, and each side will have two topic strikes starting with the Negative. Debaters will have 20 minutes to prepare for the debates (including time to get to rooms). Rounds will be flighted.

Format: 5-2-6-2-3-5-3

NPDA Debate

Divisions: We will run 6 preliminary rounds in Open and Novice. Division definitions for NPDA are based on guidelines established by the NFC. Please refer to the NFC bylaws for appropriate division placement. Teams composed of debaters with different levels of experience must enter at the level of the most experienced debater. Each team must be composed of two debaters. Hybrid teams made up of debaters from separate schools are permissible.

Topics: Topics will be announced from a central location. Teams will have 20 minutes to prepare for and arrive at their events. Coaching and intra-squad cooperation and consultation during preparation is consistent with national practices and will not be penalized by judges. In keeping with the tournament theme, tournament topics will include policy and value resolutions related to religious faiths, ethical issues within the scientific community. Debaters should expect to speak to lay judges, and are expected to adapt their speaking styles to accommodate judges who may be unfamiliar with debate jargon.

Format: 7-8-8-8-4-5

BP Debate

The BP division will use the WUDC rules with 20 minutes of preparation. The topics will be centrally announced and they will vary per round. IDEA guidelines for BP can be found at: http://www.idebate.org/event_documents/f13660984c.doc
Scoring will be on a 50-100 scale.

Format: 7-7-7-7-7-7-7

Judges -Debate

One judge will cover 2 NPDA teams, 2 BP teams, or 4 IPDA debaters. We may have a few judges for hire, but squads should make every attempt to cover their entries.

Post-round oral critiques and discussions are discouraged, but if necessary they should be done only after the ballot has been turned in and must end at least 10 minutes before the start of the next round of the tournament. There will be no “warm room” at this tournament.

Individual Events

Conflict Patterns: We will run two preliminary rounds in two conflict patterns. Event descriptions are consistent with AFA-NIET events, though patterns may vary. Open division competitors may triple enter in both patterns, though speaker's entered in extemp may only double enter in Pattern B. Novice division competitors may double enter in both patterns. *Students may not enter more than one duo interp at this tournament.*

Judges – Individual Events

One judge covers 5 individual events in each pattern he or she is available to judge.

COMPETITION IN THE DIGITAL AGE:

Informative and Persuasive Speaking note: All informative and persuasive speaking rounds in all divisions will be held in rooms with projection capabilities. Speakers who choose may display visual aids using PowerPoint or other presentation software program. The tournament will NOT supply "presentation pilots" and will NOT guarantee interface with non-Windows programs. Students may wish to bring posters as a back-up should technology disappoint them, but if your students are interested in trying this form of visual aid display in competition, we will do all we can to accommodate them.

Pattern A: Impromptu (N, O), Inform (N, O, see note), Prose (N, O), ADS (N, O), DI (O), CA (O)

Pattern B: Persuade (N, O), Extemp (N, O), POI (O), Duo (O), Poetry (O), Commemorative (O)

Tournament Theme Event: The Commemorative Speech

Speakers will prepare and deliver a speech commemorating the life and contribution of an important person working and writing in the realm of faith and/or science. The person honored may be living or dead, may be acting as an individual or as a member of a group or movement, and should be recognized as someone contributing significantly to the areas of scientific and/or religious understanding. Speeches are 8 minutes maximum. Visual aids are appropriate.

Sweepstakes & Awards

NFC guidelines will be used to determine breaks and placements. We will use the PKD points system for sweepstakes.

Debate awards: 1st, 2nd, Semifinalists, Quarterfinalist, (Octo-finalist, if necessary) etc. in all divisions of debate.

Debate Speaker Awards: Top five speakers in all divisions of debate.

Individual Events: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Finalists

Sweepstakes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd in 2 year and 4 year college and university divisions using NFC points system.

Points will be awarded using the PKD points system of top 10% Superior, next 20% Excellent and next 30% Good.

In Individual Events, a school may count up to their best 3 in each event, each division. For example, a school may count their best 3 Open Informatives and best 3 Novice Informatives towards sweepstakes. Points will be awarded as follows:

Superior: 5 points
Excellent: 4 points
Good: 3 points
Participation: 1 point

In addition, those advancing to finals will earn additional points according to the NFC point system towards sweepstakes.

In debate, a school may count up to their best 3 debate entries in each format. For example, they would count their best 3 Open IPDA entries and their best 3 Novice IPDA entries. Points in debate will be awarded as follows:

Superior: 10 points
Excellent: 8 points
Good: 6 points
Participation: 2 points

In addition, those advancing to elimination rounds will earn additional points according to the NFC point system towards sweepstakes.

For sweepstakes, the points earned in individual events and debate will be added together to determine final placement in each division (4 year and 2 year).

Fees

School Fee	\$40.00
IPDA Team	\$30.00
Uncovered IPDA Team	\$50.00
NPDA Team	\$60.00
Uncovered NPDA Team	\$100.00
BP Team	\$60.00
Uncovered BP Team	\$100.00
IE	\$8.00 per slot (Duo counts as one slot)
Uncovered IE slots	\$14.00

Hotel & Amenities

Programs are advised to make reservations early. The State 'B' Basketball Championship Tournament is being held in Spokane this same weekend, and rooms may be difficult to find.

The FairBridge Hotel (tournament rate of \$69.00 + tax)
211 S. Division Street, 99202
Spokane, WA
509-838-6630, ask for group sales.

Other area Hotels include:

Doubletree Hotel Spokane-City Center
322 North Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, Washington, United States 99201
Tel: 1-509-455-9600 Fax: 1-509-455-6285

Red Lion Hotel at the Park - Spokane - Spokane, WA
303 West North River Drive, Spokane, WA 99201
Phone: 1-509-326-8000 Fax: 1-509-325-7329

Holiday Inn : SPOKANE AIRPORT
1616 S. WINDSOR DRIVE, SPOKANE, WA 99224,
Hotel Reservations : 1 888 HOLIDAY (1 888 465 4329) | Hotel Front Desk : 1-509-838-1170

Holiday Inn Express : SPOKANE-DOWNTOWN
N. 801 DIVISION STREET, SPOKANE, WA 99202,
Hotel Reservations : 1 888 HOLIDAY (1 888 465 4329) | Hotel Front Desk : 1-509-328-8505

Hampton Inn Spokane
2010 S. Assembly Road, Spokane, Washington, USA 99224
Tel:1-509-747-1100 Fax:1-509-747-8722

Best Western Plus Peppertree Airport Inn
3711 S Geiger Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99224
(509) 624-4655

Meals

Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch (pizza) buffet will be provided.
Please see the restaurant recommendations on the website for ideas for your evening meals.
<http://voicesontheriver.wordpress.com/restaurants/>

Additional Questions?

Please contact Jeff Stoppenhagen, Tournament administration at jstoppen@u.boiosestate.edu or at 208-440-1794.