

WESTERN STATES FORENSICS TOURNAMENT
February 17-19, 2012
Hosted in
Albuquerque, NM

EVENTS

- NPDA: Junior and Open Divisions (Novice if entries warrant)
NPDA format (7-8-8-8-4-5) Prep time 15 minutes + walking time
- Worlds Debate One Open Division, (7 minute speeches) Prep time 15 minutes
- Individual Events: Junior and Open Divisions. (With sufficient entries) Competitors may enter a maximum of three events per pattern (or one event plus extemp or LD; see below). Students with multiple entries in a pattern are responsible for getting to their competition rooms on time.
- NFA LD (6-3-7-3-6-6-3; 4 minutes prep) One open division (with sufficient entries.) 2010-11 Resolved: the United States Federal Government should substantially change its trade policy and/or practices with the People's Republic of China.
- Pattern A: Extemp, Informative, CA, DI, POI, Poetry; NFA LD
Pattern B: Impromptu, Persuasive, ADS, Prose, Duo, NFA LD

ELIGIBILITY

1. Any regularly enrolled undergraduate college student may represent the school at which they are pursuing a degree.
2. Any undergraduate student may participate in Open Division, but only those students with less than two years of any college forensics competition may participate in any Junior Division individual event. (ie: if students are in their third or fourth year of college forensics they are not eligible for junior division even if this is the first time they are participating in a particular event.)
3. In Debate competition any individual may compete in open division. Only those students with less than four full semesters of college debate experience may participate in junior division. (ie: if a student participates in CEDA/NDT for four semesters, they are NOT eligible for junior division NPDA)
3. Any questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the Co-Speech Activities Coordinators, Bob Becker (307) 754-6118 or Jeannie Hunt (307) 754-6422.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

1. Each institution may enter a maximum of four debate teams in any division of debate without the prior permission of the Speech Activities Coordinator. Only four teams in each division, designated at registration, may earn sweepstakes points.
2. Students may enter no more than three individual events per pattern, and only two in a pattern if one of them is extemp or NFA-LD. *A student may not enter both LD and extemp.*

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

1. Each institution must provide at least one qualified judge, preferably the Director of Forensics. Judges must possess a BA or equivalent degree, or obtain Speech Activities Coordinator's prior approval.
2. One judge covers two debate teams and 5 IE slots per pattern.
3. All debate judges are committed one round past their school's elimination from the tournament.
4. Failure of school to meet its judging obligation may result in the withdrawal of that institution's students.
5. If you have a particular problem meeting your institution's judging requirements contact the Speech Activities Coordinator.
6. We will gladly hire you if you can judge beyond your commitment. If you know of qualified individuals who would like to be hired, please have them contact the Speech Activities Coordinator.
7. Disclosure: Following the return of the ballot, critics may disclose as much or as little information as they see fit so long as it does not interfere with the tournament schedule. Delays caused by coaches/judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including removal from the tournament. We don't want to do it, so don't put us in a position where we would want to do it. **NOTE TO JUDGES:** All rounds must have one winner and one loser.

Practices and Standards

The Western Forensics Association subscribes to and will abide by the NPDA rules and bylaws for debate, and the AFA Code of Standards.

Brackets will be broken in the pairing of elimination rounds of debate and individual events. NPDA and LD will be paired high-high in rounds 3 & 5, and high-low (within brackets) in rounds 3 & 6. Rounds 1 & 2 will be preset randomly.

AWARDS:

Western States will feature awards for all finalists in individual events and all elimination rounds in debate (beginning with octa-finalists). School honor awards will be presented for the top three schools in each category of four year and two year schools as well as the top schools in debate and individual events. The top five speakers in each division of debate will receive speaker awards.

Sweepstakes awards will be based on the following point system:

1 st Place IE 10 points	Parli 1 st Place 20 points
2 nd Place IE 8 points	Parli 2 nd place 15 points
3 rd Place IE 6 points	Parli Semis 10 points
Finalists IE 4 points	Parli Quarters 5 points
Semi-Finalist IE 2 points	Parli Octos 3 points

LD & World 1st Place 12 points
LD & Worlds 2nd Place 10 points
LD Semis & Worlds 3rd Place 8 points
LD Quarters & Worlds 4th Place 6 points

TOURNAMENT FEES

We are trying to keep fees low, but hired judges are very expensive. These fees are lower than they have been for the last several years.

School Fee	\$50.00 per school
Debate	\$50.00 per team
IE's	\$ 8.00 per slot
NFA-LD	\$20.00 per debater
Hired Judges	\$50.00 per debate team
	\$10.00 per uncovered IE slot
	\$20.00 per uncovered LD debater

Fees will be assessed as of 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

Please make checks payable to Bob Becker or Jeannie Hunt

ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. MST on Tuesday, February 15, 2012; Changes will be allowed on ForensicsTournament.net until 10:00pm MST Wednesday, February 15.

Any changes after Wednesday, February 15 should be e-mailed to Jeannie Hunt

Jeannie.hunt@northwestcollege.edu

Entries will be facilitated through *ForensicsTournament.net*

PLEASE NOTE: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 is a travel day for the Speech Activities Coordinator to the tournament site.

2012 TOURNAMENT LODGING INFORMATION

This year we will be close to the Western States' Convention hotel in downtown Albuquerque. We will be at the DoubleTree Hilton in downtown Albuquerque. Please see the contact information below. Room rates are \$89/room for 2 people, and \$95/room for four people. This includes free wireless and airport shuttle. Parking will be free after 5:00pm Friday, but will be \$10/day before that. Ask for the Western States' Communication Association for the appropriate room rate.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Albuquerque

201 Marquette Avenue Northwest,
Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States 87102-2248
Tel: 1-505-247-3344 Fax: 1-505-247-7025

Reservation Deadline: Reservations must be made by January 17, 2012. Reservations received after this date will be subject to space availability and may be subject to the hotel's standard room rate. Please make reservations early to guarantee your space. Space is at a premium. **CALL NOW.** If you have difficulty getting rooms, please contact the Speech Activities Coordinator immediately.

*******Competition Room Policy:** Tournament rules **require** that each competing school furnish the tournament with a competition room for the tournament based on the formula. **This rule will be strictly enforced.** We **cannot run** the tournament without adequate rooms for competition. The room must be available from 8 a.m. Friday until noon on Sunday. Because the hotel cannot guarantee that you can check into your room by 8 a.m., schools will need to reserve competition rooms from **Thursday through Saturday** nights. You will not be allowed to come in Friday. Please make sure that you get checked in and get competition room numbers before you register for the tournament.

Competition Room Formula: Schools must provide competition rooms according to the following formula:

One room covers the first two debate teams and/or the first 12 IE slots (or fraction thereof). A second room covers a school's third and fourth debate team and/or 13th -24th IE slots. Etc.

We will make every effort to only use your room when you have students competing. For example, whenever possible, debate-only schools will not have their rooms used for IE's and vice-versa.

Final Round

Please note that the final round of open NPDA will occur at the Western States Communication Association Convention during a convention time slot.

2012 WSCA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 16, 2012

7:00-9:00 Registration- Hotel- Check at Desk

Friday, February 17, 2011

7:30 Late registration--Debate
8:00 Parliamentary/BP Round 1
9:30 Parliamentary/BP Round 2
11:00 Parliamentary/BP Round 3

12:00-12:45 Final Registration- IE Schools
1:00 Pattern A-Round 1
2:30 Pattern B-Round 1
4:00 Parliamentary/BP Round 4
6:30 Pattern A-Round 2

Saturday, February 18, 2012

8:00 Pattern B-Round 2
9:30 Pattern A-Round 3
11:00 Parliamentary/BP Round 5
1:00 Pattern B-Round 3
2:30 Parliamentary/BP Round 6
4:15 Semi-Finals (Some final rounds may occur at this time as well—watch for schedule changes.)
6:00 Parliamentary Elimination Round 1

Sunday, February 19, 2012

8:00 Finals Pattern A (if needed)
9:30 Finals Pattern B (if needed)
11:15 Parliamentary/BP Elim 2
1:00 Awards Assembly
2:15-3:40 Final round