

University of Wyoming Top of the Rockies Speech and Debate Tournament

**February 4-5, 2012
Laramie, Wyoming**

Greetings!

The University of Wyoming Speech and Debate Union cordially invites you to attend the Top of the Rockies Speech and Debate Tournament in Laramie, Wyoming on February 4-5, 2012.

The goal of this tournament is to provide accessible and high-quality competition at a low cost for debate and speech programs across the state of Wyoming and throughout the greater Rocky Mountain region.

This year we will be offering two formats of debate: CEDA/NDT policy and NPDA parliamentary. There will be two divisions (Open and JV) offered in both formats, although divisions may be collapsed depending on total entry numbers. We will offer 6 preliminary policy rounds and 8 in parliamentary, with an appropriate number of elimination rounds in both.

We will also be offering two conflict patterns of all 11 AFA Individual Events. There will be three preliminary rounds in all events and will clear to semi-finals (depending on sufficient entries). Due to schedule constraints, students entered in debate will not be able to enter individual events.

Entries for parliamentary and IEs will be managed online at Forensicstournaments.net. Policy entries will be managed online at debateresults.com. Final entries should be completed online by Tuesday January 31st. On Wednesday at 4 pm MST, entries will be closed and fees will be assessed. Any drops or changes after the deadline should be communicated via email.

Please join us this February in Laramie for a great time and some great competition!

Sincerely,

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General Tournament Regulations

Eligibility: Any regularly enrolled full-time college student in good academic standing is eligible to attend this tournament. UW students are eligible to participate and advance in all events. UW is ineligible for sweepstakes.

Awards: Awards will be given for all finalists in all categories of competition. Two third place awards will be presented in all divisions of debate. Top speakers in Parliamentary and policy debate will be recognized and receive an award. Awards will also be given for 1st and 2nd in Sweepstakes.

Judges: Finding qualified, reliable judging is difficult in Laramie. Please try to avoid uncovered entries as much as possible. We would much rather have your judges rather than your money. In the event of uncovered entries, we will collect additional fees to compensate hired judging from the region. Every uncovered debate team will be assessed a \$40 fee in addition to the regular entry and \$7 for every individual events slot that is not covered. One judge covers two debate teams or 6 Individual events slots in both patterns. All judges are expected to remain available for judging through finals.

Individual Events Tournament Regulations

Conflict Policy: Students may enter up to three (3) individual events in conflict patterns A and B, but must accept any hardships created by multiple entries. Extempers who choose to double within their pattern accept the responsibility of any scheduling hardships, even if it does not allow them a full 30 minutes of prep time.

Material Requirements: All individual events programs, speeches, and materials used by participants should be composed of materials not used in competition prior to September 1, 2011. Specific rules will follow general AFA-NIET guidelines.

Conflict Patterns: The tournament will utilize the following two conflict patterns for individual events:

Pattern A:

After Dinner Speech
Persuasive
Extemp
Prose
Duet

Patter B:

Impromptu
Informative
Poetry
Dramatic Interp
Communication Analysis
Program O.I.

Policy Debate Tournament Regulations

The following may be subject to sufficient entry levels.

Judging Preferences: We will use a preference system for the open division honored until a team is no longer in contention for elimination rounds. We will allow teams to be seen twice by the same judge in preliminary rounds to ensure the highest preferencing.

Time Limits: 9-3-6 with 10 minutes of preparation time.

Topic: The 2011-12 CEDA-NDT Resolution.

Elimination Rounds: We will break the upper half of the field up to a maximum of 8 teams (quarterfinals); teams must have a 3-3 or better record to break. The break to elimination rounds will be based on, in order, the following: Win-loss record; Adjusted speaker points (drop high-lows); Total Points; Z score.

No Breaking Brackets: We will not break brackets in elimination debates.

Divisions: Eligibility will be determined according to CEDA guidelines. We will use the CEDA definition of eligibility for the junior division. If we collapse divisions, we will have JV breakouts as appropriate.

No Mavericks are permitted.

Parliamentary Debate Tournament Regulations

Division Eligibility: The Open division is available to any person eligible to attend the meet. The JV division is open to students participating in their first or second year of college debate.

Topic selection: Topics will be randomly selected by the tournament director and announced orally in a common area. Walking time to the furthest competition room will be added to the standard 15 minutes of preparation time under NPDA rules.

Topic areas: Topic areas ARE NOT released ahead of time. Topics will be taken from political social and political issues of the day.

Time limits: 7-8-8-8-4-5, 15 minutes of pre-round prep.

Rules: This tournament will abide by the NPDA Rules of Debating (available here: <http://www.parl Debate.org/npda-rules/>)

Fee Structure

Policy Debate: \$40/team

Parliamentary Debate: \$40/team

Individual Events: \$7/slot

Uncovered Debate teams: \$80/team

Uncovered IE Slots: \$14/slot

Please make checks payable to 'University of Wyoming Debate'.

Lodging Information

Because this is the first time we are hosting this tournament under this director and on this date, we are unsure of entry levels and have thus not reserved an official hotel block. There are many nice hotels along Grand Avenue that are all new but somewhat expensive (Americinn, Hampton Inn, Hilton Garden, all around \$99/night for doubles). There are cheaper alternatives near the intersection of I-80 and US 287 (Ramada Inn, \$50/night for doubles) and I-80 and Curtis Street (Days Inn, Best Western, Econolodge, Super 8, ranging from \$50-80/night for doubles). Please email me with specific questions or recommendations.

Official Tournament Schedule

Registration:

Registration will be held from 7 to 9 pm on Friday February 3rd. Late registration will be on campus from 7 to 7:40 am on the 4th. Locations for both will be announced via email as we get closer to the tournament.

Saturday, February 4

Policy Debate:

R1: 8:00 am
R2: 10:30 am
Lunch Break
R3: 1:30 pm
R4: 4:00 pm

Parliamentary Debate:

R1: 8:00 am
R2: 9:30 am
R3: 11:00 am
Lunch Break
R4: 2:00 pm
R5: 3:30 pm
R6: 5:00 pm

Individual Events:

R1 Extemp Draw: 8:30 am
R1 Wave A IEs: 9:00 am
R1 Wave B IEs: 11:00 am
R2 Extemp Draw: 1:30 pm
R2 Wave A IEs: 2:00 pm
R2 Wave B IEs: 5:00 pm

Sunday February 5

Policy Debate:

R5: 8:00 am
R6: 10:30 am
Lunch Break
Elim 1 posted @ 1:30pm,
rest to follow

Parliamentary Debate:

R7: 8:00 am
R8: 9:30 am
Elim 1 Posted @ 1:30 pm,
rest to follow

Individual Events:

R3 Extemp draw: 8:30 am
R3 Wave A IEs: 9:00 am
R3 Wave B IEs: 11:00 am
Semi Extemp Draw: 1:00 pm
Semis Wave A IEs: 1:30 pm
Semis Wave B IEs: 3:00 pm
Finals Extemp draw: 4:30
Finals All IEs: 5:00 pm