

## Ohio Forensics Association

Novice State Championship Tournament

January 27-28, 2012

Ohio University

Dear Ohio Forensic Association Member:

On behalf of the Ohio Forensics Association, I am pleased to invite you to the Ohio Forensic Association Novice State Championship Individual Events hosted by The Ohio University on January 27-28, 2012.

Features of this year's O.F.A. Novice State Championship Tournaments include:

- O.F.A Coaches and Business Meetings
- The traditional individual events, including POI and DI
- Forensics Criticism will be offered
- All I.E. finalists will receive awards
- The top six speakers and all elimination round speakers in Parliamentary Debate and Lincoln-Douglas will receive awards
- Trithon Individual Sweepstakes
- Novice Team Sweepstakes
- Option of Attending OU Appalachian Swing for Varsity members on Saturday
- Fun, Forensics and Friendship

O.F.A. dues of sixty dollars (\$60.00) is required at registration, unless paid in advance. Tournament details are included on the following pages. If you have questions, please feel free to call Derrick Green O.F.A. President at (937) 766-3451 (office) or (937) 532-9242(cell) or email at greend@cedarville.edu

Travel safely!

Derrick L. Green

President, Ohio Forensic Association

Cedarville University

### Entry Information

- A school may enter an unlimited number of Novice IE slots.
- No student may be entered in more than six events overall.
- Students will be considered eligible to compete in the O.F.A. Novice championships if they are in their first full academic year of intercollegiate competition. However, returning/continuing students may still be considered novice for O.F.A. purposes if they have not met any of the follow conditions:
  - a. competed in four or more tournaments in any previous academic year. (A swing tournament is considered two tournaments.)
  - b. competed in either the O.F.A. Novice or O.F.A. Varsity Championships in any previous academic year.
  - c. qualified for and competed in a restricted entry “national” championships in any previous academic year.
- The Novice Exception: Students may be considered a novice in IE or debate if it is their first year of competition in that division (e.g. a 3<sup>rd</sup> year competitor in IE may enter novice debate at the state tournament that year provided it is their first year competing in debate).
- Entries should be emailed to Derrick Green at [greend@cedarville.edu](mailto:greend@cedarville.edu). Direct any questions to Derrick Green at 937-766-3451
- Entries must be received by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. No entries will be accepted after the deadline. Please note: If your entry in large, O.F.A. reserves the right to have your students meet each other in preliminary rounds to use your judges.
- Please enter the tournament at <http://www.forensicstournament.net>
- **Students may not enter both the OU Saturday tournament and the OFA Novice Tournament.**

### Trithon

To encourage event diversity and to reward exceptional competition effort, six (6) awards will be offered in Trithon:

- a. The top six students will be recognized who compete in at least one interpretation events, one public address event, and one limited preparation event.
- b. If students are entered in multiple events in one category, Trithon points will be earned only from the top event in each category based on the formula for team sweepstakes.
- c. No team sweepstakes points will be awarded for this event.
- d. Schools may have unlimited Trithon entries in Novice Trithon.
- e. Ties will be broken based on the following:
  1. Number of final rounds
  2. Number of firsts in final rounds
  3. Diversity of finals
- f. Debate is considered a “Limited Preparation Event”

## **Sweeps points listings**

### **Individual Events and Trithon**

1. Sweepstakes points will be awarded to the top two entries from each school in each event in prelims. All students from a school advancing to finals will earn sweepstakes points. In the preliminary rounds, each slot will receive the following points for a rank of three or better:

1st = 6 2nd = 4 3rd = 2

2. In the final rounds, contestants will receive the following points based on final places:

1st = 12 2nd = 10 3rd = 8 4th = 6 5th = 4 6th = 2

### **State Debate**

1. Each preliminary rounds win will earn 3 points (Only the top two debaters from each school will be counted.)

2. Each out round win will earn 5 points (Only the top two debaters from each school will be counted.)

3. The top six speakers at the tournament will receive the following points:

1st = 18 2nd = 15 3rd = 12 4th = 9 5th = 6 6th = 3

4. Debate Trithon Pts:

2 PTS Per Preliminary Round Win

2 PTS Per Quarter-Final Win

4 PTS Semi-Final Win

6 PTS Final Round Win

Note: Debate divisions must have a minimum of 5 entries from at least 3 different schools to be held.

## **Judging Information**

One judge covers 6 I.E. slots (a Duo is defined as 1 slot). Parli & L/D judges may cover 2 L/D slots + 3 I.E. slots. Please bring sufficient judges to cover your entry. Parli & L/D entries must be covered. We reserve the right to stack large entries or those uncovered by schools in order to make use of all judges.

NOTE: Judges can judge either the OFA Novice Tournament or the Ohio University IIET; they cannot count for both tournaments.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the OFA Novice State Championship is being held concurrently with the OU IIET, the judge pools will be merged and judges could judge rounds in one or both tournaments.

## **Tournament Fees:**

- A \$3 per person (participants, coaches, judges) tournament fee is assessed to help the host school defray costs incurred with running the tournament.
- IE slots are \$7.00 each. Each uncovered I.E. slot costs an additional \$10.00.
- Debate slots are \$12.00 each. Schools MUST cover their Debate entry.
- Remember: OFA Dues (\$60.00) must be paid in full at registration, if they were not paid in the Fall.
- Dropped slots on the day of the tournament incur a \$15.00 fee in addition to regular fees (no slots will be added after the entry deadline); dropped judges incur a \$50.00 fee each.

## **Awards**

All contestants advancing past preliminary rounds will receive awards Trithon awards will also be given. Open Division IE's, and President's Division IE's. Additionally, a quality award (points/slots) will be presented in both Sweepstakes divisions.

## Revised Schedule

### 2012 OFA Novice State Tournament OU Alumni & Ohio University January 27-28, 2012 – Athens, Ohio

#### Friday, January 27, 2012

|             |  |
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| Noon        | Registration for NPDA & LD, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Baker Center |
| 12:30 pm    | Round I NPDA & LD  |
| 1:45 pm     | Round II NPDA & LD   |
| 3:00 pm     | Round III NPDA & LD  |
| 4:30 pm     | Round IV NPDA & LD   |
|             | Registration of IE schools                                     |
| 5:30 pm     | Extemp Draw  |
| 6:00 – 7:15 | Round I Pattern A(EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA)                 |
| 7:15 – 8:30 | Round I Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS, EI)                 |

#### Saturday, January 28, 2012

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| 8:15 – 9:00 am    | Registration for Ohio U IIET (The Baker Center opens at 8 am) |
| 8:45 am           | Extemp Draw   |
| 9:15 – 10:30 am   | Round II Pattern A(EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA)               |
| 10:30 -- 11:45 am | Round II Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS, EI)               |
| Noon              | Extemp Draw   |
| 12:30 – 1:45 pm   | Round III Pattern A,  |
| 1:45 – 3:00 pm    | Round III Pattern B   |
| 3:00              | Extemp Draw   |
| 3:30 – 4:45 pm    | Finals Pattern A<br>NPDA & LD Elimination                     |
| 5:00 – 6:15 pm    | Finals Pattern B<br>NPDA & LD Elim Rounds Continue            |
| 6:30 – 7:30 pm    | Finals (if needed)  |
| ASAP              | Awards  |

Please enter the tournament at <http://www.forensicstournament.net>