

**WESTERN STATES FORENSICS TOURNAMENT**  
**February 15-17, 2013**  
*Hosted by*  
**University of Nevada-Reno**

This year we are fortunate enough to be joining Phil Sharp at the University of Nevada-Reno.

**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. Events with more than 25 participants will have a semifinal round.
- NFA LD (6-3-7-3-6-6-3; 4 minutes prep) One open division (with sufficient entries.) 2012-13 resolution is "Resolved: the United States Federal Government should substantially increase assistance for organic and/or sustainable agriculture in the United States."
- 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 Speech Activities Coordinator, Bob Becker (307) 754-6118 or the Tournament Director, 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.***
3. In order to facilitate BP students' competition in individual events, we will ask judges to make their critiques relatively short. Additionally, students in BP may not enter 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. One judge covers 5 IE slots per pattern OR four LD entries.
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 or Tournament Director.
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 parli 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 4 & 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 <sup>st</sup> Place IE 10 points	Parli 1 <sup>st</sup> Place 20 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place IE 8 points	Parli 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 15 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 & Worlds 1<sup>st</sup> Place 15 points  
LD & Worlds 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 12 points  
LD Semis & Worlds 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 9 points  
LD Quarters & Worlds 4<sup>th</sup> 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
Parli & BP 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 13, 2012.

**Please make checks payable to Bob Becker or Jeannie Hunt**

## ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be received by 6:00 p.m. MST on Tuesday, February 12, 2013; Changes will be allowed on ForensicsTournament.net until 11:00pm MST Wednesday, February 13.

Any changes after Wednesday, February 13, should be e-mailed to Jeannie Hunt  
[Jeannie.hunt@northwestcollege.edu](mailto:Jeannie.hunt@northwestcollege.edu)

Entries will be facilitated through *ForensicsTournament.net*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Wednesday, February 13, 2013 is a travel day for the Speech Activities Coordinator and Tournament Director.

## **2013 TOURNAMENT LODGING INFORMATION**

We will be at the Circus Circus Hotel right next to the Nevada-Reno Campus. Please see the contact information below. Room rates are \$35/room Sunday-Thursday for 1-4 people and \$50/night Friday-Saturday, plus a 5.99/night resort fee (which give us internet, parking and some other things) and taxes. Use the booking code "IWState" when making reservations. You also can mention you are with Western States or "speech and debate" for the appropriate room rate.

Circus Circus Reno  
500 North Sierra Street  
Reno, Nevada 89503  
1-800-648-5010 or 775-329-0711

**Reservation Deadline:** Reservations must be made by January 23, 2013. 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. **CALL NOW.** If you have difficulty getting rooms, please contact the Speech Activities Coordinator immediately.

### **Forensics Showcase**

The Western Forensics Association interest group, along with the Performance Studies interest group, will sponsor a forensics showcase during the 2:30-3:45pm Sunday slot at the convention. If you have students that might be able to participate in this event, please let us know at registration Thursday night.

## **2013 WSCA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

### **Thursday, February 14, 2013**

7:00-9:00pm Registration- Hotel- Check at Desk or on [forensicstournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net)

### **Friday, February 15, 2013**

1:00pm	Late registration--Debate
2:00	Parliamentary/BP Round 1
3:30	Parliamentary/BP Round 2
4:00pm	Late Registration—IEs
5:00	Pattern A-Round 1
6:15	Pattern B-Round 1
7:30	Parliamentary/BP Round 3

### **Saturday, February 16, 2013**

8:00am	Parliamentary/BP Round 4
9:30am	Pattern A-Round 2
10:45am	Pattern B-Round 2
12:30pm	Parliamentary/BP Round 5
2:00pm	Pattern A-Round 3
3:15pm	Pattern B-Round 3
4:30pm	Parliamentary/BP Round 6
6:30pm	Semis / Finals
9:00pm	Coaches Party/WFA Business Meeting

### **Sunday, February 17, 2013**

8:00am	Finals
10:00	Parliamentary Elim 1
12:00	Awards
1:00	Parliamentary Elim 2
2:00	Parliamentary Elim 3