

# Junior Varsity National Tournament

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**March 13-15, 2015**

Speech and Debate Colleagues,

On behalf of the Laramie County Community College DOF Holly Manning, and Jordan Christiansen and Kenny Hopkinson, Hutchinson CC Debate and Forensics Coaches cordially invite you to participate in the 5th annual Junior Varsity National Tournament to be held on our campus in Hutchinson, KS March 13-15, 2015. This weekend will include NPDA, IPDA, NFA LD, an experimental event – Group POI, and all of the AFA IE events.

The primary goal of this tournament is to offer a complete/full nationals experience at the expense of a regular season tournament for first and second year competitors. It has come to our attention that budget and travel commitments for competitors and coaches for two, and four year, programs can limit opportunities for students and programs to showcase year long efforts. Therefore, we would like to forward this option that keeps budget, travel time and expense in mind.

This tournament is open to and welcomes first and second year competitors from any collegiate program.

Hutchinson Community College has more than adequate space to host a large tournament with over sixty available competition rooms and the local community has many interesting offerings in order to accommodate and entertain your teams.

Hope to see you in March,

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## Experimental Event – Group Program Oral Interpretation

**Rationale:** The goal of “Group Program Oral Interpretation” (GPOI) is to provide the opportunity for a group event in forensics that incorporates team elements of competition within an individual event. The goal of the event is to incorporate the positive elements of Reader’s Theater with POI and DUO in a format that is more feasible to include at tournaments and easier to involve and prepare competitors for prior to the tournament. While there is continual debate between the performance and judging criteria between traditional 1 script Duo’s and POI Duo’s, the hope for this event is as a program a distinct performance and judging criteria will be apparent. Further for the purposes of JV Nationals, the incorporation of GPOI will allow for competitors only involved in individual events to compete on Friday during the debate portion of the tournament.

**Concept:** While involving a group (3-5 individuals) this will not be reader’s theater. Rather it should still maintain the interpretative presentation elements of DUO (Black Book/Manuscript, off-stage focal points, suggested blocking), but with additional competitors on each team. Further, to increase the scope and to avoid being “reader’s theater with books” each performance it should be prepared as a program-incorporating numerous literary elements around a theme or argument.

**Group Program Oral Interpretation:** A program of thematically-linked selections of literary merit, chosen from two or three recognized genres of competitive interpretation (prose/poetry/drama), by at least 3, but no more than 5 individuals. This is not an acting event: thus, no costumes, props, lighting, etc., are to be used. Presentation is from the manuscript and focus should be off-stage and not to each other. The focus should this event should be developing an argument or theme throughout the presentation using all 3 to 5 team participants. Use of manuscript is required. The time limit for this event is 12 minutes.

## **Schedule**

### **Friday, March 13, 2015**

12:00 – 12:45 Registration  
1:00 Parli/IPDA Rd 1  
2:15 Parli/IPDA Rd 2  
3:30 Parli/IPDA Rd 3  
4:45 Parli/IPDA Rd 4  
6:00 Dinner Break  
(Provided by Tournament)  
6:30 Parli/IPDA Rd 5  
8:00 Parli/IPDA 1/4s

### **Saturday, March 14, 2015**

7:15 – 7:45 Registration  
7:45 Ext Draw  
8:00 Rd 1B  
9:15 Rd 1A, LD 1, GPOI 1  
10:30 Rd 1C, LD 2  
11:45 – 12:45 Lunch / Parli/IPDA Semis (Lunch provided for debaters and judges participating in the semi-final round.)  
12:45 Ext Draw  
1:00 Rd 2B  
2:15 Rd 2A, LD 3, GPOI 2  
3:30 Rd 2C, LD 4  
4:45 Rd 3A, LD 5, GPOI 3

### **Sunday, March 15, 2015**

7:45 Ext Draw  
8:00 Rd 3B  
9:15 Rd 3C  
LD Quarters  
10:30 All IE Semis  
11:45- 12:45 Lunch / Parli Finals/IPDA Finals (Lunch provided for debaters and judges participating in the final round.)  
12:45 Ext Draw  
1:00 Finals B  
2:15 Finals A, GPOI  
LD Semis  
3:30 Finals C  
LD Finals  
5:30 Awards

## **Individual Event Patterns**

### **Flight A**

Impromptu Speaking  
Informative Speaking  
Prose Interpretation  
Group POI  
NFA LD

### **Flight B**

Extemporaneous Speaking  
Persuasive Speaking  
Duo Interpretation  
Program of Interpretation

### **Flight C**

After Dinner Speaking  
Communication Analysis  
Dramatic Interpretation  
Poetry Interpretation  
NFA LD

## **Student Eligibility**

Students are eligible if they are in their first two years of collegiate competition. If students have competed in regular season tournaments after attending two nationals tournaments in separate years, they are no longer eligible.

## **IE Notes**

- To advance finalists, ties will be broken on lowest cumulative rank, then inverse reciprocals, then highest cumulative rating points. If after these three tiebreakers are applied, there is still a tie, tied competitors will be advanced to finals. Events with 9 or more competitors will have at least 6 competitors advance to finals. Ranking in finals will be determined by predominance of 1's, then lowest cumulative rank, judge's preference, and finally rating points. Ties in team points and individual sweepstakes will be broken on total number of events in finals followed by number of finalists placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc. Individual sweepstakes is open to any competitor who has four or more events. All accumulated points count if there are more than four events.

-Students may only enter up to two events per flight. Two duos count as two entries. Any student who enters NFA LD may not enter IEs in Flights A and C, but may compete in Flight B events.

-Any IE with more than 40 entries will have a semifinal round.

-All rules for the 11 AFA events should follow the “AFA-NIET 2007-2008 Description of Events” found at <http://www.mnsu.edu/cmst/niet/eventdescriptions-new09-10.pdf>

**-The tournament directors reserve to make changes and adjustments as necessary for the facilitation of the tournament.**

### **Debate Notes**

-Judges will be responsible for every round on Friday, and schools will be responsible to judge at least one round beyond the elimination of their competitors.

-Standard NPDA times will be used (7,8,8,8,4,5) with 15 minutes prep before the round. **Resolutions will be centrally announced in the Student Union.** No maverick competitors will be allowed. NPDA rules will be followed and can be found at <http://www.parlidebate.org/npda-rules/> .

-NFA LD rules will be followed and can be found at <http://cas.bethel.edu/dept/comm/nfa/nfa-ld.html>

-IPDA will follow the time limits and rules established by the International Public Debate association. Students will have thirty minutes of preparation time (includes walking time to rounds).

-Rounds 3 – 5 will be delayed Hi-Hi Power Matched. Brackets will not be broken.

The following system will be used to determine debate breaks; 2 – 7 teams, Finals, 8-14 teams, Semifinals, 15 – 28 teams, quarterfinals, 29 – 55 teams, Octafinals.

**-No In-Round oral critiques.** Please inform your coaches, judges, and students that we expect no In-Round oral critiques. To ensure the tournament schedule and avoid hosting strife we ask that critiques be given only after the round’s ballot has been submitted. If the ballot for the round has not been submitted by the judge before the start time for the next round has started, the round may incur a double-loss. There is opportunity for critique in between rounds and throughout the competition day. Additionally, if competitors are not present for draw, topic announce, or round start time for reasons that are under their control, they may be given a loss for that round.

-For NPDA to be held we will need to have at least 12 teams from 4 schools (One school cannot make up more than 50% of the field). For NFA-LD and IPDA to be held we will need to have at least 10 entries from 4 schools. (One school cannot make up more than 50% of the field).

### **Use of Computers at the tournament**

-Computers will be allowed during preparation time of parliamentary debate and extemporaneous speaking. The host school does not guarantee access to electrical outlets, access to internet connections, nor will they ensure the safety of any unattended computer. If internet access is available on campus it is to NOT be used during extemporaneous preparation time.

## **Awards**

-Awards will be presented to all debate and individual event who compete in an elimination round.

**-Individual Sweeps:** Any student entered in four or more IE events will be eligible for quadrathon. Point totals from all events will be added to determine places 1<sup>st</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>. The top ten speakers will be given awards for debate.

**-School Sweeps:** Team Awards will be given out based on total point accumulation for debate and forensics. Teams do not need to have both in order to be eligible. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will be awarded in three divisions which will be divided based on total entry size.

### **-Sweepstakes Formula**

NPDA/IPDA Preliminary Rounds Wins or Byes – 3 points

NPDA/IPDA Elimination Rounds- 1<sup>st</sup> 12 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 points, semi finalist 7 points, quarterfinalist 5 points, octofinalist 3 points

IE Preliminary Rounds – 1<sup>st</sup> 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 1 point

IE Elimination Rounds - 1<sup>st</sup> 12 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> 8 points, 4<sup>th</sup> 6 points, 5<sup>th</sup> 4 points, 6<sup>th</sup> 2 points, and semifinalist – 1 point.

## **Entry Fees**

### **NPDA Debate:**

\$50 per NPDA entry (1 judge covers two teams)

Judging Fees: \$50 per uncovered entry

### **NFA LD Debate:**

\$30 per LD entry (1 Judge covers two entries)

Judging Fees: \$50 per uncovered entry

### **IPDA Debate:**

\$25 per IPDA entry (1 Judge covers two entries)

Judging Fees: \$50 per uncovered entry

### **Individual Events:**

\$8 per entry (1 judge covers 8 entries)

Judging Fees: \$10 per uncovered entry

**1 Judge may cover 2 NPDA teams and either 2 NFA LD entries or 8 Individual Events.**

**Each school entering will be assessed a 1 time School Fee of \$25 in addition to event entry fees.**

## **ENTRIES DUE:**

All entries need to be submitted via the Joy of Tournaments website – [www.joyoftournaments.com](http://www.joyoftournaments.com)

5:00 p.m. (CST) Monday, March 9th, 2015. Mark your calendars!

