June 12, 2015

Dear Colleagues:

The University of North Georgia Debate Forensics Interpretation (DFI) Club invites you to attend the 7th Year of the revival of the Chicken or the Egg Tournament on September 25-27, 2015. The tournament will offer the following events, held at its Oakwood, or Gainesville, Campus at 3820 Mundy Mill Road in Oakwood, GA.

DEBATE:

 September 25-26, 2015 (5 preliminary rounds plus appropriate elim rounds)

 NPDA Debate—Novice, JV, and Varsity

 September 26-27, 2015

 IPDA Debate—Novice, JV, Open, and Pro

 Worlds, or BP Debate—Open, Spanish and English Speaking Divisions

The NPDA tabroom will be co-directed with Dr. Michael Eaves of Valdosta State University; at this time UNG is working on gaining a co-director for the IPDA tabroom Ken Newby of Moreshouse will serve as Chief Adjudicator in Worlds Debate.

The University of North Georgia is the 6th largest public university in the state of Georgia, resulting from a January, 2013, consolidation from University of North Georgia and North Georgia College and State University. UNG has campuses at Watkinsville, Cumming, Oakwood, and Dahlonega, GA. The tournament will be held on the same Oakwood campus and same headquarters as last year and previous years.

For more details, please read through the Invitation. Entries will be accepted by email only at Tom.Preston@ung.edu no later than 11:59 PM ET Wednesday September 23, 2015.

 All the best,

Julio Hernandez, CEO C. Thomas Preston, Jr., Ph.D.

University of North Georgia DFI Club Director of Forensics, UNG

 Professor of Communication

**Schedule of Events**

**Chicken and the Egg Tournament**

**University of North Georgia (Oakwood Campus)**

**Friday, September 25, 2015**

**12:00 PM ET Registration, 3rd Floor Lobby, Academic IV Nesbitt Bldg**

**1:00 PM ET Judge Training, NPD Debate**

**2:00 PM ET Round I NPDA Debate (preset pairings) Topic Announce, 3td Floor**

 **Lobby**

**2:15 PM ET Round I NPDA**

**3:30 PM ET Round II NPDA Debate (preset pairing) Topic Announce**

**3:45 PM ET Round II NPDA**

**5:15 PM ET Dinner Room 3110**

**6:00 PM ET Round III NPDA Debate (powered hi-hi on rds 1 and 2) Topic Announce**

**6:15 PM ET Round III NPDA Debate**

**7:30 PM ET Round IV NPDA Debate Topic Announce (powered hi-lo within**

 **side constraints on rds 1 and 2.**

**7:45 PM ET Round IV NPDA Debate**

**Saturday, September 26, 2015**

**8:00 AM ET Ongoing Registration, IPDA/BP only schools 4214 Nesbitt**

**8:30 AM ET Round V NPDA Debate Topic Announce (powered hi-hi).**

**8:45 AM ET Round V NPDA Debate**

**10:30 AM ET Quarterfinals topic announce, NDPA**

**10:45 AM ET Quarterfinals NPDA Debate**

**12:00 PM ET Awards Ceremony, Nesbitt 3110**

**12:15 PM ET Lunch on your own**

**1:30 PM ET Semifinals Topic Announce NPDA Debate**

**1:45 PM ET Semifinals, NPDA Debate**

**3:00 PM ET Finals NPDA Debate Topic Announce; Training Worlds and IPDA Debate**

**3:15 PM ET Finals NPDA Debate**

**4:15 PM ET Topic Announce Round I IPDA; Topic Announce Worlds**

**4:35 PM ET Round I Worlds preset.**

**4:45 PM ET Round I IPDA preset\***

**6:00 PM ET Dinner 3110 Nesbitt**

**7:00 PM ET Topic Announce Round II IPDA and Worlds**

**7:20 PM ET Round 2 Worlds**

**7:30 PM ET Round II IPDA preset**

**\*Because of the split into three divisions, divisions at most will break to quarterfinals, although all 3-2 not breaking will receive tangible awards at the awards ceremony. Students may double enter in NPDA and either IPDA or Worlds; but may not double enter in IPDA or Worlds. Entry deadline is 11:59 PM ET Wednesday September 23, 2015.**

**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

**8:30 AM Topic Announce, Round III IPDA and Worlds powered hi-hi off 1 and 2**

**8:50 AM Round III Worlds**

**9:00 AM Round III IPDA**

**10:30 AM Topic Announce, Round IV IPDA powered hi-hi off 1 and 2**

**11:00 AM Round IV IPDA**

**11:00 AM Topic Announce Round IV Worlds**

**11:20 AM Round IV Worlds**

**ASAP—Lunch on your own**

**1:30 PM Topic Announce Worlds and IPDA first elimination**

**1:50 PM Worlds first elimination round**

**2:00 PM IPDA first elimination round**

**3:45 PM Awards Ceremony, IPDA, Worlds, Overall Sweepstakes**

**4:00 PM or ASAP Topic Announce Worlds second elimination round if necessary, announce for IPDA second elimination round**

**4:20 PM Worlds second elimination round**

**4:30 PM IPDA second elimination round**

**ASAP-- If necessary, one additional IPDA elimination round**

**NOTE: UNG reserves the right to collapse any divisions where one has too small of an entry, but will make every effort to maintain the integrity of the divisions.**

**The entry deadline is 11:59 PM ET Wednesday September 23, 2015. Entries should be strictly emailed to Tom Preston at tom.preston@ung.edu.**

**Eligibility for divisions:**

**NPDA—UNG will abide by the following rules, adhering to NPDA guidelines. Coaches and students are on their honor to follow these rules, from the NPDA bylaws, last revised 2014:**

**“1. To be classified as a novice:**

**a. The student should have no more than two semesters of high school**

**debate experience.**

**b. The student should be in the first two semesters of collegiate debate.**

**c. Once the student has advanced to elimination rounds more than 3 times,**

**the student should be advanced to the junior or open division.**

**2. To be classified as junior varsity:**

**a. The student should be in the first four semesters of intercollegiate**

**debate.**

**b. The student should not have advanced to elimination rounds more than**

**3 times in junior or open division.**

**c. Once the student has advanced to more than three elimination rounds,**

**the student should be advanced to open.”**

**Any student should be advanced to open. A student must compete at least**

 **Three times in the semester for the semester to count. NOTE:**

 **NPDA guidelines are explicitly guidelines; for students in grey**

 **Areas, err on the side of entering students in the higher division;**

 **but feel free to request a ruling from the Tournament Director.**

 **3. Any student may enter open.**

**IPDA—NOTE—IPDA Eligibility is different that NPDA. For example, whereas NPDA is defined by semester, IPDA is defined by number of tournaments. NPDA eligibility restrictions tend to be tighter than IPDA rules:**

 **Novice—fewer than eight tournaments of any sort of debating, high**

 **School or college. If this is the eighth tournament, the debater**

 **Should do JV or Open.**

 **JV—fewer than 16 total tournaments, including high school.**

 **Open—any undergraduate student**

 **Pro—anybody on the face or the earth—this is the “AAU” of debate,**

 **and despite its name it doesn’t pay money to compete ☺!**

**Note that there could possibly be debaters classified as open in NPDA who may go JV in IPDA; and those who go JV in NPDA who maybe classified as novice in IPDA. Coaches are again encouraged to use their discretion. NOTE: If there are any questions, particularly for students entering different divisions among the two debates, please ask the tournament director. Please, as well, make your students aware of these rules and guidelines.**

**Worlds—there will be two open divisions—both English and Spanish Speaking. All divisions in both IPDA and NPDA will be English speaking.**

**Awards**

**NPDA- Tangible awards will be given to all who earn 3-2 records**

 **or better and who finish in elimination rounds. Tangible**

 **Speaker awards will be given to the top 5 speakers in**

 **Smaller divisions, and the top 10 speakers in larger**

 **Divisions. UNG reserves the right to collapse a division**

 **with insufficient entries to qualify for semifinals. Duplicate**

 **awards re awarded to each member of a team.**

 **Additionally, Debut awards will be given to the top 10**

 **debaters at their first college tournament ever and the**

 **tournament regardless of the division entered.**

**IPDA- Tangible awards will be given to all who earn 3-1 records**

 **or better and who finish in elimination rounds. Tangible**

 **Speaker awards will be given to the top 5 speakers in**

 **Smaller divisions, and the top 10 speakers in larger**

 **Divisions. UNG reserves the right to collapse a division**

 **with insufficient entries to qualify for semifinals.**

 **Additionally, Debut awards will be given to the top 10**

 **debaters at their first college tournament ever and the**

 **tournament regardless of the division entered.**

**Worlds Tangible awards will go to each student participating in**

 **An elimination round, and to the appropriate number of**

 **top speakers, based on entry size.**

**Critic Awards Since around 20 minutes is built into the schedule for**

 **oral critiques of NPDA debate, and since oral critiques**

 **are required for world debates, critic awards will be given**

 **to the top three critics for worlds in NPDA. If IPDA ends**

 **up non-flighted, critic awards will be offered in IPDA as**

 **well. Student balloting will take place round by round**

**in Worlds as is customary; All contestants will all be given ballots in the other debate rounds to make nominations at the end of preliminary rounds in NPDA and possibly for IPDA.**

**Sweepstakes Awards Formula:**

**ALL of your teams count.**

**2 points for each NPDA win**

**2 points for each “up” ranking in Worlds (first or second ranking in a round)**

**1 point for each IPDA win**

**Each division counts equally.**

**Awards will be given for 1) IPDA; 2: NPDA and 3) Overall. Worlds tournaments customarily don’t give sweepstakes trophies; however your worlds entries will count toward overall sweepstakes.**

**The top two-year school will also receive an overall sweepstakes awards.**

**All three sweepstakes awards will be given to the top three NON-UNG schools; The community college tangible award will go to the top community college.**

**Accommodations, UNG Chicken and Egg Tournament:**

**Close to campus, good clean rooms, and reasonable**

**Jameson Inn**

**3780 Merchant’s Parkway**

**Oakwood, GA 30566**

**770-965-0357 or just Google in ‘Jameson Inn’ and go to their website for reservations.**

**This is the inn used to host professors interviewing for job at UNG. It is reasonably nice and reasonably priced, and is across the street within view of campus. Nobody at the Chicken and Egg Tournament has reported going wrong here. Take Exit 16 on I-985, turn left if coming from South or right if coming from North, and after the second stop light you’ll see it to the right of Golden Buddha, and a new Steak and Shake just opened there.**

**Best Western Inn**

**4535 Oakwood**

**Oakwood, GA**

**770-535-8080 or just Google in ‘Best Western” and go to their website for reservations.**

**This is visible from I-985, where you will take Exit 16 on I-985. Note: This hotel was recently renovated, and is like a new property. Turn right if coming from the North; left if coming to the South. It is an immediate left off of State Road 53 after turning.**

**A little further away, and slightly more upscale—but Hampton is still affordable; for those who wish to take over a house, look into the Whitworth Inn—heaven on earth but still may be pricey. Each is only 5-10 miles from campus:**

**Hampton Inn**

**4660 Holland Dam Rd.**

**Flowery Branch, GA 30542**

**770-965-0357 or go to Hampton Website for reservations.**

**The Hampton is visible from Exit 12 on I-985.**

**For those of you who are B and B fans, go to:**

**Whitworth Inn**

**6595 McEver Road**

**Flowery Branch, GA 30542**

**770-967-2386**

**You will have to rely on them for directions, and you have to take a couple of turns to get there—but it is still a reasonable distance from the Oakwood (Gainesville) campus of UNG.**

**We miss the Petit Lemans by one weekend this year (it’s September 30-October 2). Nevertheless, it is highly recommended that you make arrangements early. NOTE—if you find another place to stay, PLEASE consult with us first for WARNINGS of where not to.**

**Entering the UNG Chicken and Egg Tournament and Restrictions:**

**You may only enter this tournament by contacting** **tom.preston@ung.edu** **.**

**678-717-3703 is Tom Preston’s office number, and should only be used for last minute changes or emergencies. When possible such messages should also be accompanied by an email to the address above.**

**REGSTRICTIONS ON ENTRIES—please see the descriptions earlier in this invitation: NOTE the differences between NPDA and IPDA rules.**

**You MAY enter both NPDA and IPDA OR NFA-LD—the schedule easily accommodates entering both.**

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS 11:59 PM ET WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2015**

**Please structure your email with entry by:**

**1) List your parliamentary teams by Student and put the following letters beside individual student names for experience level.**

**Maker every attempt to cover all entries with judges. We also have hired positions for extra rounds covered. And if you have extra judges, we will pay them.**

**Enter students in the division of the most experienced on the team. Indicate D besides a debut speaker.**

**Here for example is a possible entry:**

**NPDA Debate**

**Open—Bob Smith and Terry Jones; Beth Smith (D) and Bob Wallace**

**JV—Jerry Hanes and Kate Copeland**

**Novice—Virginia Carter (D) and Jane Doe (D); Milton Smith and Rasheed**

 **Wallace**

**Judges: Sheila McRae, Earl Sampson**

**IPDA Debate:**

**Open: Michelle Melendez; Marva Jones; William Roder**

**JV: Jerry Hanes; Kate Copeland**

**Novice: Virginia Carter (D), Bob Jameson (D), and Milton Smith**

**Pro: Sheila McRae, Earl Sampson (D)**

**Judges: Terry Jones, Beth Smith, Bob Wallace, Darren McLean**

**Worlds Debate:**

**Vashon Williams (D); Fred Fernandez (English)**

**Judge, Mark Hayes**

**Juan Hernandez (D) and Maria Lopez (D)**

**Judge: Diana Vargas**

**Entry Fee Schedule--**

**Entry Fees:**

**$40.00 per NDPA entry PLUS $50.00 per each uncovered entry. One judge covers two**

**entries. In other words, two uncovered teams results in $100 in judging feeds**

**in addition to entry fees.**

**$20.00 per IPDA or NFA-LD Entry; one judge covers four entries; $30.00 per uncovered entry fees. Students may judge.**

**$40.00 per Worlds entry, PLUS $50.00 for each uncovered entry. Judges cover one team minus the number of teams entered, per division. EG, a school with four teams in Spanish is obligated to have three judges who can speak Spanish.**

**OBLIGATIONS—EVERY SCHOOL JUDGE must stay one round after all teams from that school are ELIMINATED. Additional IN IPDA and Worlds, EVERY student is obligated to stay and judge elimination rounds as long as their school has any students remaining in the tournament.**

**Meal Fees: (mandatory)**

**NPDA Debate--$10.00 For every person (judge, observer, and competitor) for Friday dinner**

**IPDA/Worlds Debate--$10.00 for every person (judge, observer, and competitor) for Friday dinner. The reminder of the meals will be on your own, with build in time for lunches and the assumption that breakfast will be offered on a complimentary basis at both the hotels and bed and breakfast facilities.**

 **NOTE: UNG can write up a receipt that combines the Meal Fee as part of Entry Fee for schools requesting that. Fees due at registration.**

**UNG Chicken and Egg Description of Topic Selection Process**

 **TOPIC AREA SELECTIONS**

1. **NPDA TOPIC AREA SELECTION: We will follow the pattern set by the Morehouse College King Classic. Nominations for topic areas are sought with the deadline of Thursday, September 10, at 11:59 PM ET. Those receiving the most mention will be “tweaked” by local coaches and student team leaders, and released Wednesday September 16. Two topic areas for the tournament will be selected; the Tournament Director will work with other coaches to word possible topics within this area after entries are complete. In accordance with NPDA guidelines, topics will not be announced until the round before. One topic within the two announced topic areas also following the “Chicken and Egg” motif will be one of those offered in preliminary rounds for NPDA, as is the tradition.**
2. **IPDA Topic Selections—as is traditional, IPDA resolutions will only be released 30 minutes before the rounds. They will be OUTSIDE of the two areas chosen for NPDA debate. UNG will consult with the IPDA and other organizations such as PKD for the type of resolutions used. The students will do the regular striking process for resolutions at draw, but the emphasis will be on literal resolutions within a normal persons field of knowledge as opposed to the frivolous resolutions sometimes encountered in this format.**
3. **World Resolutions: As of this date, Ken Newby of Morehouse College will be the Chief Adjudicator and with his assistant CA’s, will formulate the resolutions in this format of debate. He has broad experience as a CA, and I am confident he will develop fair resolutions. The Spanish and English speaking divisions will offer the same resolutions each round. UNG will update once a CA is found for the Spanish Speaking Division.**

**Again, in Georgia parliamentary debate tradition, your suggested topic AREAS are invited by the deadline above for NPDA debate; UNG will follow standard IPDA procedures for topics there, and World’s procedures for developing resolutions there.**

**NOTE: A more final version of this invitation is forthcoming in August, with names of those running the tabroom.**

**TOPIC suggestion deadline is SEP 10 for NPDA only.**

**ENTRY DEADLINE is SEP 23 at 11:59 PM ET.**