**The 2015 Blue Dragon-Warrior**

**Zombie Apocalypse Swing**

**MC900055181[1]**

**Forensics Invitational Tournament**

**February 6th – 8th, 2015**

Still Living Forensics Colleagues,

The Sterling College Forensics Program and the Hutchinson Community College Forensics Program would like to cordially invite you to participate in the 6th annual Blue Dragon - Warrior Zombie Apocalypse Swing, to be held on the Hutchinson Community College campus in Hutchinson, KS. February 6th-8th, 2015 for one 5/3 NPDA Tournament, one, 5/3 IPDA tournament, one 4/3 IPDA tournament, two 4/3 LD tournaments, and two 2/1 AFA IE tournaments that will provide a weekend of educational competition and societal fear and panic from the oncoming zombie apocalypse.

Friday February 6th – Hutchinson C.C. campus – NPDA Prelims/Quarters & IPDA 1 Prelims/Quarters

Saturday February 7th – Hutchinson C.C. campus – NPDA Semi/Final – IE 1 – LD 1

Sunday February 8th – Hutchinson C.C. campus – IE 2 – LD 2 – IPDA 2

This tournament promises to feature a weekend full of forensics fun, zombie themed hardware for your winning squad, and zombie protection for the necessary coaches. For more information please feel free to call me anytime at (620) 278-4327 or email [ktroyer@sterling.edu](mailto:ktroyer@sterling.edu) or contact Kenny Hopkinson at (620) 728-8175 or email [hopkinsonk@hutchcc.edu](mailto:hopkinsonk@hutchcc.edu) .

Hope you survive till February!!!

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**Tournament Schedule “Blue Dragon – Warrior Zombie Apocalypse Swing”**

Individual Events Patterns, *Competitors can enter no more than three events per pattern.*

*COMPETITORS MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN LD/Sunday IPDA AND IE’S EACH DAY-THEY CANNOT ENTER BOTH CATEGORIES ON THE SAME DAY.*

Pattern A: Extemp, POI, Poetry, DI, CA, ADS

Pattern B: Impromptu, Prose, INFO, DUO, PERS

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|  | **Zombie Apocalypse 2014** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
|  | **Friday 7th Schedule** | |  | **Saturday 8th Schedules** | | | | |  | **Sunday 9th Schedules** | | | | |  |
|  | **Hutch CC Campus** | |  | **Hutch CC Campus** | | | | |  | **Hutch CC Campus** | | | | |  |
|  | **Friday NPDA & IPDA** | |  | **Sat IE & NPDA** | |  | **Sat LD** | |  | **Sun IE** | |  | **Sun LD & IPDA** | |  |
|  | Registration | 12:00 |  | Registration | 7:30 |  |  | Registration | 7:30 |  |  |
|  | NPDA/IPDA 1 | 12:30 |  | NPDA/IPDA semi | 8:00 |  | Rd 1 | 9:00 |  | Ext Draw | 8:00 |  | Rd 1 | 8:15 |  |
|  | NPDA/IPDA 2 | 2:00 |  | Ext Draw | 8:45 |  | Rd 2 | 10:15 |  | Rd 1A | 8:15 |  | Rd 2 | 9:30 |  |
|  | NPDA/IPDA 3 | 3:30 |  | Rd 1A | 9:00 |  | Lunch | 11:30 |  | Rd 1B | 9:30 |  | Rd 3 | 10:45 |  |
|  | NPDA/IPDA 4 | 5:00 |  | Rd 1B | 10:15 |  | Rd 3 | 12:15 |  | Rd 2B | 10:45 |  | Lunch | 12:00 |  |
|  | Supper | 6:15 |  | Lunch | 11:30 |  | Rd 4 | 1:30 |  | Lunch | 12:00 |  | Rd 4 | 12:45 |  |
|  | NPDA/IPDA 5 | 6:45 |  | Ext Draw | 12:00 |  | Quarters | 3:00 |  | Ext Draw | 12:30 |  | Quarters | 2:15 |  |
|  | NPDA/IPDA Quarters | 8:15 |  | Rd 2A | 12:15 |  | Semis | 4:00 |  | Rd 2A | 12:45 |  | Semis | 3:15 |  |
|  | Early Reg IE/LD –Ramada Lobby | 8:00 |  | Rd 2B | 1:30 |  | Finals | 5:00 |  | Finals B | 2:15 |  | Finals | 4:15 |  |
|  |  |  |  | Ext Draw | 3:00 |  |  |  |  | Ext Draw | 3:45 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Finals A | 3:15 |  |  |  |  | Finals A | 4:00 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Finals B/ NPDA Finals | 4:45 |  |  |  |  | IE 2/LD 2/IPDA 2 Awards  5:45 | | | | |  |
|  |  |  |  | Parli/IE 1/LD 1/IDPA 1 Awards  6:15 | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Lodging Options –**

Atrium Inn (formerly Ramada)

1400 N Lorraine Street

Hutchinson, KS 67501

(620) 669-9311

(Room blocks set up for $80-Call and ask for Hutch CC Forensics Block)

**\*\*\*At this time we highly discourage the Econolodge in town. Also, it is best to avoid options found on 4th Avenue…the quality is lower and we hear Zombies have taken residence in that district….)**

**Meals**

Teams are welcome to fend for themselves or partake of the HCC cafeteria at $5 per meal ticket. On weekends the cafeteria serves “brunch.” Common items served include biscuits and gravy, chicken patty sandwiches, potato cakes, and french fries….so many french fries. The cafeteria also includes a salad and lunchmeat sandwich bar daily so most dietary needs can be met. However, brains are still not an option…for now. Should you select the cafeteria, please purchase meal tickets through the website so that we can give the cafeteria a head count.

**Individual Events Patterns**

Flight A: Extemp, POI, Poetry, DI, CA, ADS

Flight B: Imp, Prose, Info, Duo, Pers

I.E.’s

-No competitor may enter more than 3 events per flight pattern (2 Duos=2 events).

-Competitors may not compete in I.E.’s and LD/IPDA on the same day, but may switch events between Saturday and Sunday. Competitor’s may enter IPDA on Friday and IE’s on Saturday.

-I.E.’s will break to semifinals at 40 entries, quarterfinals at 80, and octo-finals at 160.

-Competitors will be advanced to out rounds based on lowest cumulative rank, then inverse reciprocals, then highest cumulative rating points. If after these criteria are applied there is still a tie, tied competitors will advance to the appropriate out round.

-Ranking in finals will follow this order Majority of first place rankings, Lowest cumulative ranking, Majority of preference based on each individual judges’ rankings, highest cumulative rating points, highest cumulative rating points after dropping high score, highest cumulative points after dropping low score, highest cumulative points after dropping high/low scores.

All rules for the 11 AFA events should follow the AFA-NIET Event Descriptions which can be found at [http://www.mnsu.edu/cmst/niet/eventdescriptions-new09-10.htm](http://www.mnsu.edu/cmst/niet/eventdescriptions-new09-10.htm%20)

LD/NPDA/IPDA

**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.

Judges will be responsible for every preliminary round, and schools will be responsible to judge at least one round beyond the elimination of your competitors.

A separate novice and varsity division will be used for both forms of debate, but may break down to one division if necessary. Hutchinson and Sterling will be competing in Debate but will not be eligible for debate sweepstakes.

IPDA will be offered for individual competitors. There will not be a team division at this time.

A novice competitor is a student who is in their first two semesters of collegiate competition and has not attended a year-end nationals tournament. The Varsity or Open category is for students who are not novice competitors, but are still within the eligibility guidelines for each activity (and may include novice students based on entry). We will not be offering a “professional” division for non-collegiate students at this time.

Standard NPDA times will be used (7,8,8,8,4,5) with 15 minutes prep before the round. Topics will be mass announced at a location specified at registration**.** No maverick competitors will be allowed.

Standard NFA LD times will be used (6,3,7,3,6,6,3) with 4 minutes of prep for each side.

Debates will need at least 8 entries for semis, 16 for quarters, and 32 for octo-finals. If there is an odd number we will go up to the next even number in order to count the bye.

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).

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).

**Awards**

Awards will be presented to all IE finalists. The top five speakers will be given awards for debate in each division as well as all competitors advancing to out rounds.

***Sweepstakes Formula:*** Sweeps include: 1st-3rd Open IE Sweeps (each half), 1st-3rd Open NPDA and LD (each half), and 1st Swing Sweepstakes (all points from all IEs and Debates, just need to participate in the weekend to be eligible.) In addition to being eligible for the all school team sweepstakes awards, there will be 1st place school awards in all of the above categories to eligible two year colleges.

***Sweepstakes Formula***

IE Prelims 1st-3, 2nd-2, 3rd-1

IE Finalists 1st-12, 2nd -10, 3rd -8, 4th -6, 5th -4, 6th -2, 7th on 1 pt.

NPDA Prelim Win or Bye - 6

LD Prelim Win or Bye – 3

NPDA, IPDA, and LD out round – 1st-24, 2nd-20, semifinalist-16, quarterfinalist-8, octafinalist-4.

**Entry Fees**

***Individual Events:***

$8 per entry (1 judge covers 6 entries) Judging Fees: $12 per uncovered entry

***LD:***

$30 per LD entry (1 judge covers two entries)

Judging Fees: $60 per uncovered slot

***NPDA:***

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

Judging Fees: $75 per uncovered slot

**ENTRIES DUE**:

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

5:00 p.m. (CST) Monday, February 2nd, 2015. Mark your calendars!

Changes can be made on the website for 24 hours after the registration deadline.

Any competitor changes, adds, or drops after 5:00 pm Wednesday, February 4th, 2015 be charged at $10 per change. Schools dropping judges 24 hours or less prior to the beginning of the tournament will be charged a $100 drop judge fee. (Though adding judges in the same time frame may bring praise and refuge from the zombie hordes).

Make checks payable to:

Hutchinson Community College

Debate and Forensics Team

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