



September 2023

Dear forensics colleagues,

You and your students are cordially invited to attend the Jim McPherson Classic tournament **in person** at Whitworth University in Spokane on **Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29, 2023**. We will offer all traditional **11 NST events** in open division. As entries usually warrant, we aspire to offer **novice** extemp, impromptu, informative, persuasive and prose. We will offer novice and open divisions of **IPDA**.

The tournament is named for a retired distinguished Whitworth professor of Communication Studies. In honor of his research interests, some of the topics in IPDA and limited prep events will address media criticism, media ethics and women's rights.

All the campus academic buildings in use are less than a five-minute walk from tournament headquarters in the Hixson Union Building, and have elevators. Campus food services will be open all weekend. Please let us know if you have competitors, coaches, or critics who need ADA accommodation.

This tournament adheres to the AFA-NST Code of Ethics, the Northwest Forensics Conference Code of Ethics & Equity, and the IPDA Constitution. The tab room will be staffed by our good friends Dan Broyles and Jennifer Conner from Pacific University. Whitworth coaches will be equity officials at this tournament. And we plan to use electronic ballots on SpeechWire for this in-person tournament.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can provide any more information to you. The Arguing Bucs look forward to seeing you in Spokane this October!

Sincerely,

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**Entry Deadline:** Monday, October 23, 2023 at 5:00 pm Pacific time  
**Drop Deadline:** Wednesday, October 25 2023 at 5:00 pm Pacific time

Fees are calculated based on entries at this time; any changes after this point must be emailed to [mingram@whitworth.edu](mailto:mingram@whitworth.edu) and will be charged full entry fees and entry change fees.

**Note:** To manage your team entries and drops, please use <http://www.speechwire.com>.

**COVID:** Hopefully the worst is behind us. We will publicize and follow all directives from the Spokane County Health District that may be in place at that time. We encourage all campus visitors to be vaccinated.

**DIVISIONS:** We will offer novice and open divisions for IPDA and for extemp, prose, persuasion, impromptu and informative as entries warrant (more than 12 in IPDA and more than 10 in IE). Please use the following guidelines to determine the appropriate divisions for your students:

**Novice** – Students in the novice division must be undergraduate students in their first two semesters of collegiate forensics, and as per NFC rules, have fewer than three trophies per category (interp, platform, debate, limited prep) and have not completed a bachelor's degree.

**Open** – Students in the open division must be undergraduate students with eight or fewer semesters of intercollegiate forensics experience who have not completed a bachelor's degree.

**ENTRIES:** Students may *triple-enter* within either IE pattern of competition. Students are responsible for getting to all rounds on time. Students may compete in two duos with two different partners. Student in extemp should do that event prior to doing their other event(s).

**RESTRICTIONS:** If we run into issues with entries, divisions or availability of rooms and judges, we reserve the right to impose the following restrictions as needed. If there are less than 12 entries in IPDA, we will collapse novice into open accordingly. If there are less than 9 entries in an IE, we will collapse that division

**Placement** – Students competing in novice that have surpassed the restrictions for this division will be reassigned to the open division at the discretion of the tournament director.

### **INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE (IPDA)**

Procedures will follow standard IPDA/NFC guidelines. We will use 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time limits and 30 minutes of preparation. Debaters will be presented with five resolutions and each side will have two strikes. Topics will be drawn from a variety of current events and include policy, value, fact and metaphor resolutions.

\*\*This tournament strongly encourages topic disclosure by the affirmative.

Guidelines are at: <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

### **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

ALL Students are responsible for making it to their rounds on time – **competitors MUST arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the end of the current round to be given a chance to compete.** AFA-NST descriptions and rules apply to individual events. For information please see: <http://www.afa-nst.org/>

**Pattern A:** CA, Duo, Impromptu, Informative, Poetry & Editorial Commentary

**Pattern B:** ADS, DI, Extemp, Persuasion, POI, Prose

All impromptu speakers in the same room will choose between the same pair of quotations.

Extemp questions will be drawn from the previous 60 days of news (not fake news).

**AWARDS:** Plaques and certificates will be awarded to all IE finalists and IPDA elimination round participants. Sweepstakes awards will be given to the top three teams.

### **SWEEPSTAKES**

<b>IPDA</b>	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Semis</u>	<u>Quarters</u>
IPDA:	10pts	8pts	4pts	2pts
<b>IE</b>	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>Finalist</u>
IE's:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts

**PENTATHLON:** Students entering five IEs or four IEs plus IPDA will be eligible for the Pentathlon award. Sweepstakes points accrued in out rounds will be tallied to determine rankings. Tiebreaker system will follow total out round points, number of first place wins, number of breaks to elimination rounds, and then proximity to breaking in non-advancing events. (If students enter six or seven events, we will tally their best five events)



**JUDGING REQUIREMENTS:** We ask schools to provide qualified judges for the tournament to cover the majority of their entries. We prefer judges to have a college degree. Absolutely no undergraduate students who are still competing may judge. Restrictions may be imposed for schools that do not provide a reasonable number of judges to cover their entry. One judge will cover eight IE slots, and four IPDA debaters.

**FEES:**

School fee	\$50		
IPDA Entries	\$35	Uncovered IPDA debater	\$75
IE Slots	\$10 each	Uncovered IE slot	\$20

**HOTELS:** From the closest to campus to downtown. Mention you are attending the Whitworth Debate Tournament for better rates at some of the hotels. These hotels are five minutes from campus.

<b>Quality Inn Oakwood</b> , 7919 N. Division St.	509.467.4900
<b>Best Western Plus Spokane North</b> , 9601 N. Newport Hwy.	509.468.5020

These are about 20 minutes south on Division street – the main north-south arterial.

<b>The Centennial Hotel</b> , 303 N. River Dr.	509.326.8000
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b> , 801 N. Division St.	509.328.8505
<b>Ruby River Hotel</b> , 700 N. Division St.	509.326.5577

**DIRECTIONS:** From Interstate 90: Take exit 281. Go north on the Division/Ruby couplet for about 7 miles. Turn left/west on Hawthorne (at the corner where Jack in the Box is on the left). Go through the first light. Turn right into campus by the brick welcome sign. The road swerves to the right and the Hixson Union Building (HUB) will be the first building on the left.

**Campus parking:** From the HUB, turn around and exit the university. Turn right back onto Hawthorne and park in the large parking lot on your left, Lot A-1 on the south side of Hawthorne. You will get a parking pass at Registration to put in your vehicles.

### **Schedule for the McPherson Classic**

#### **Saturday, October 28, 2023**

7:30 am	Registration – Hixon Union Building lobby (HUB)
8:30	Rd 1 A – CA, Duo, Impromptu, Informative, Poetry
9:45	Rd 2 A
11:00	IPDA 1 – Flight A draws 11:00, Flight B draws 11:30
12:30 pm	Lunch Break
1:15	Extemp Draw – Robinson Science Hall 210
1:45	Rd 1 B
3:00	IPDA 2 – Flight A draws 3:00, Flight B draws 3:30
4:30	Extemp draw– Robinson Science Hall 210
5:00	Rd 2 B
6:15	IPDA 3 – Flight A draws 6:15, Flight B draws 6:45

#### **Sunday, October 29, 2023**

8:00 am	IPDA 4 – Flight A draws 8:00, Flight B draws 8:30
9:30	IE Finals A
11:00	IPDA 5 – Flight A draws 11:00, Flight B draws 11:30
12:30 pm	Lunch break
1:15	Extemp Draw – Robinson Science Hall 210
1:30	IE Finals B
3:00	IPDA Quarters (we plan to flight but will work to single flight if we can)
4:30	Awards – Weyerhaeuser 107, Robinson Teaching Theatre
5:00	IPDA Semis
6:15	IPDA Finals

The HUB Multi-Purpose Room will function as both IPDA announce and prep, and a team hang out area. The cafeteria will be open inside the HUB.

Two shopping centers with plenty of restaurants are less than a five-minute drive from campus.