NWACC FALL FESTIVAL 2019 SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Welcome to Northwest Arkansas Community College! We warmly extend an invitation to you and await your success at the inaugural “NWACC Fall Festival 2019” Speech and Debate tournament in Bentonville, Arkansas from December 6th-8th, 2019.

At this introductory tournament, we will offer IPDA in Novice, Junior-Varsity, Varsity and Pro, as well as TIPDA. There will be four (4) TIPDA rounds, with prelims on Friday and elimination rounds Friday evening and, if needed, Saturday morning. There will also be six (6) IPDA rounds, with prelims on Saturday and Elimination rounds on Sunday. Rules and regulations of the IPDA constitution will be followed.  Please note:

1) 30 minutes prep time will be given.  This includes time to get to rooms, so please allocate your time wisely.

2)  The Tabulation Room will be closed to all but coaches and tournament staff.  If you have traveled without a coach, please let us know and we will accommodate you accordingly.

All entries must be received by December 2nd by 7:00 pm CST. All entries must be emailed to Hannah Morris at hannahemorris93@gmail.com or (318)617-4637. For any emergencies after the 2nd, please don’t hesitate to contact me, either by phone or email. Late changes will be accepted without hesitation by the 3rd at 12:00 pm. Any changes beyond that will be charged with a $10 late fee.

We believe the schedule created will allow for ample round experience, with the elimination rounds posted that evening for your convenience. This is also good for each competitor to gain experience and experience the thrill of passing knowledge and competition. Pre-tournament updates will be distributed via email so you can stay in the loop.

We hope you all can find your way to this lovely and scenic part of the U.S to compete!

Cheers,

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**HOTEL INFORMATION:** We do not have a team rate at hotels at this time. However, all of the hotels in this area give reasonable rates, so you and your team can sleep well and be competitive.

* Super 8 Wyndham Bentonville- $51/night
* Days Inn- $59/night
* Microtel- $64/night
* Comfort Suites- $76/night
* **And many more**

**ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION:** There are two main buildings: the Becky Paneitz Student Centre and Burns Hall. Registration will be in Burns Hall, which can be found on the first floor. As you walk into the front entrance of both buildings, the ballot table and registration table will be near the front. The war room (where debaters find their topics) is in room SC108. This is also where Emilie’s Café will be located and lunch will be served.

**PARKING**

There is free parking in the parking garage on campus. It is five stories, so you should have no trouble finding a good spot.

**MEALS & STUDENT SERVICES:** Since this tournament falls on the weekend, our campus food service will be closed for the majority of the tournament. Numerous options for quick dinners will be available in locations convenient to the campus. Vending machines will be open for you to snack. Complimentary pizza will be offered.

**EMILIE’S CAFE:** In keeping with tradition and honoring Emilie Gibson’s memory, we will be offering snacks, coffee, sodas and bracelets in exchange for donation amounts of your choosing to be donated to the Fight Like Emilie foundation.

**AWARDS:** The top 5 speakers in all divisions will be awarded a speaker award. All elimination round participants will be presented an award in each division. The top three programs and the top community college will receive sweepstakes awards. We will also award the “Eagle Eye Cumulative Sweepstakes” award.

**EVENT INFORMATION:**

* ***GENERAL INFO***
1. No minimum amount of entries is required to be eligible for sweeps, bring as many competitors as you can!
2. Judges will not be disclosing results in preliminary rounds. Judges will only begin disclosing after the award ceremony on Sunday.
3. Wi-Fi will be provided!
* ***IPDA***
1. This tournament will adhere to the IPDA rulebooks, and the competitors will as well.
2. No electronic devices allowed to be on in the room, including the judges. If your school is found to be in violation of this, a competitor will be disqualified at random from your school. THIS INCLUDES USE OF CELL PHONES AS TIMERS.
* ***ETHICS***
1. The behavior of all attending the Fall Festival at NWACC will be in keeping with the NCA Policy on Anti-Harassment Code of Conduct.
2. Behaviour between all guests be respectful and appropriate at all times.
3. Any ruling by the judge is final.
4. Any serious complaints will be handled at the discretion of the tournament director.
* ***DIVISIONS***

Novice, junior varsity, varsity and professional IPDA debate shall be offered in

addition to Team IPDA debate. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event; however, only the top 4 debaters in each division will count for sweepstakes awards (for purposes of the Eagle Eye award, all debaters are counted).

a. All IPDA debate rounds shall follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time. Divisions offered will be Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional. 6 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. See IPDADebate.info for division eligibility requirements (or simply ask us if you need clarification).

b. All Team IPDA Debate rounds shall follow the 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time and follow the rules established under the International Public Debate Association. Four Preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered.

c. If NWACC places competitors in the tournament, they will neither be counted toward sweepstakes nor will they be eligible for speaker awards. No NWACC competitors will be judged by individuals affiliated with NWACC.

* ***POINTS FORMULA***

a. All of a school’s top four competitors in a division will count toward sweepstakes totals.

b. Points will be awarded according to the following formula:

i. 3 points for each preliminary round win (6 points for team debate)

ii. 3 points for breaking to elimination rounds (6 points for team debate)

iii. 5 points for 1st speaker

iv. 4 points for 2nd speaker

v. 3 points for 3rd speaker

vi. 2 points for 4th speaker

vii. 1 points for 5th speaker

c. Tiebreakers:

i. Debate: For determining competitors advancing to elimination rounds in

individual debate we will look first to the number of wins, second to high/low

adjusted speaker points and third to the number of total speaker points. For

determining speaker awards in individual debate, we will look first to high/low

adjusted speaker points and second to total speaker points. For TIPDA, the

same tiebreakers shall be followed except that total points and high/low adjusted

points will be reversed (because of fewer preliminary rounds).

ii. Sweepstakes: In the event of a sweepstakes tie, we will look first to the number

of competitors advancing to elimination rounds, second to prelim round win

percentage (debate).

**SCHEDULE**

Friday, December 6th  Saturday, December 7th Sunday, December 8th

11:30: TIPDA Registration 8:00: TIPDA Finals 8:15-8:45: Coaches Check

8:45-9:30: IPDA Registration 9:00: IPDA Elim 1

12:30: TIPDA Round 1 9:45: IPDA Round 1  **10:30: Awards**

2:00: TIPDA Round 2 11:15: IPDA Round 2 11:00: Elim 2

3:30: TIPDA Round 3 12:45: IPDA Round 3 12:15: Elim 3

5:00: TIPDA Round 4 **2:15: Lunch Break** 1:30: Elim 4 (if needed)

**6-6:30: Coaches Check** 2:45: IPDA Round 4

6:45: TIPDA Quarter Finals 4:15: IPDA Round 5

8:15: TIPDA Semi Finals 5:45: IPDA Round 6

**JUDGES**

One judge covers 2 TIPDA entries and 4 IPDA entries. If the 3rd arrives and you cannot cover the necessary amount of judges, you will be fined. As is commonplace in IPDA, once eliminated from competition, IPDA judges may be used to judge elimination rounds. All judges are required to judge one round past the final elimination of their program.

**ENTRIES**:

Entries should be emailed to Hannah Morris at hmorris4@nwacc.edu. Please make any checks payable to “Northwest Arkansas Community College” and in a space below write “SPEECH AND DEBATE NWACC”. Non-fined entries will be accepted no later than Tuesday, December 3rd, 12 PM.

**FEES**

FEES (COVERED)

IPDA- $25 per entry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TIPDA- $40 per entry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

FEES (UNCOVERED)

IPDA- $20 extra \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TIPDA- $25 extra \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total fees: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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