



PI KAPPA DELTA
The Art of Persuasion, Beautiful and Just

Dear Pi Kappa Delta and Forensic Colleagues,

I, along with the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta, invite you to join us for Pi Kappa Delta's 2021 National Comprehensive Tournament March 18-21 to be held virtually! Although odd numbered years are typically when we hold our Biennial Convention, the National Council wanted to preserve the true spirit and fulfilling experiences of the Biennial that are really only possible when we can be together in person! So this year will be an NCT and next year we will, fingers crossed, reconvene to celebrate Pi Kappa Delta with our traditional Biennial fanfare.

As an organization we are committed to being flexible and responsive to the needs of the community in such unprecedented times. As such, we solicited your feedback regarding the logistics of the tournament. We deeply appreciate those of you that took the time to complete the survey and have tried our hardest to be as responsive as possible to the concerns you voiced as well as those we have heard throughout the season thus far. Accordingly we have decided to offer a fully synchronous tournament for the following events: NPDA, IPDA, PF, LD, EXT, IMP and a hybrid tournament for the following events: INF, DUO, INT, SLI, POI, PER, PRO, ADS, DI, CA, POE. We know that both formats present unique challenges and opportunities and are hopeful that this approach will capitalize on the opportunities and minimize the challenges. A full explanation of this tournament structure is found on page 2 of this invite.

We are also excited to announce a new event for this year with cash prizes: Extemporaneous Commentary! A full description of the event is available on page 8.

We have also heard your feedback concerning the social element of tournaments the absence of which has been palpable this season. We are working hard to come up with clever opportunities to foster the sense of community we love about forensics. More details concerning these opportunities as well as the planned professional development sessions will be made available as soon as possible. We also welcome the continued input of community members as to how we can best be responsive to the needs of you all.

This year's tournament will continue to feature the very best of intercollegiate forensics in a full range of individual and team events, including debate and individual events both traditional to collegiate forensics and unique to Pi Kappa Delta. Additional details will be featured and added on the Pi Kappa Delta website as well as on Speechwire.com. Individuals are encouraged to visit the website at www.pikappadelta.net. The website will include updated information and forms for registration as well as information on this year's All American Award. You can also follow us on Twitter, @PiKappaDelta.

Please note the **Tuesday, February 16th deadline** for initial tournament entry. As in the past, a brief period for changes without penalty will be extended but initial entry **must be made by the February 19th deadline**.

We look forward to "seeing you" this March for what promises to be an amazing tournament!

Sincerely,

Jessica Furgerson
National Tournament Director

Christopher Leland
National President

Procedures, Policies, Practices

Tournament Structure

We will use speechwire.com and yaatly.com to bring the tournament experience to life.

ALL debate events (NPDA, IPDA, LF, PF) will be run synchronously from March 19-21st as per the schedule provided below. When making arrangements to compete in the tournament coaches, judges, and competitors should strive to secure high-quality internet access during the times listed on the schedule.

ALL limited preparation events (Extemp and Impromptu) will be run synchronously from March 18-21st as per the schedule provided below. Specific instructions for Extemp Draw and Impromptu Speaking will be made available in later updates to competitors entered in these events.

Remaining Individual events (INF, DUO, INT, SLI, POI, PER, PRO, ADS, DI, CA, POE) will be run using a hybrid structure that is outlined below. Rounds 1 and 3 will be run synchronously as per the schedule provided below. Round 2 will take place asynchronously and must adhere to the guidelines provided below. Students in these events are expected to complete **BOTH** the synchronous and asynchronous rounds.

Asynchronous Prelim Round 2 Guidelines ((INF, DUO, INT, SLI, POI, PER, PRO, ADS, DI, CA, POE))

- Video submissions will *open* on speechwire.com on March 4, 2021 at 12:00pm EST.
- Videos submissions will *close* at 5:00pm PST / 8:00pm EST on March 18, 2021, the first day of competition.
 - Contestants are permitted to upload a recording anytime within the 2-week submission period. *In order to maximize accessibility student may also choose* to submit a recording of their Round 1 performance. However, students choosing this option should be mindful of the time constraints of the schedule on day one of competition and the strict submission deadline. We recommend that students have a backup video of their performance in the event of technical difficulties on the day of competition.
- Failure to submit a video by 5:00pm PST / 8:00pm EST on March 18, 2021 will result in the following procedure for tabulation purposes.
 - Scores from Round 1 and Round 3 will be averaged to create a Round 2 score. This process will be used for both ranks and rates. Because the system does not allow fractional ranks/rates scores will be rounded up. (i.e. synchronous scores = 1, 4 so asynchronous score given if no video submitted = 3)
- Given the lengthy time period available for submission, late videos **WILL NOT** be accepted under any circumstances.
- **Judging Requirements** - Each school with entries in Individual Events must provide ONE designated asynchronous judge. The following guidelines will apply to the designated judge:
 - Asynchronous judging will take place only on March 19, 2021.
 - These judges will be assigned a slate of between 3-6 rounds to judge over the course of the day. They may complete the rounds on their own time but ALL ballots must be submitted no later than 5:00pm PST / 8:00pm EST.
 - Asynchronous judges **WILL NOT** be assigned any synchronous rounds on March 19th but may judge rounds on the other days of competition if they choose to and/or the school needs the judge to cover their entry.
 - You may **NOT** appoint a person as your designated judge who is also entered as a debate judge.

Eligibility

As a reminder, PKD does not use a season long qualification process making this an excellent opportunity for all students to compete at a national tournament regardless of what their 2020-2021 season has looked like thus far.

Current Students: Each student delegate/participant must be an undergraduate student in good standing who has not completed eight semesters of forensic participation, or attended any collegiate national forensic tournament in four different years prior to the current year. *Each delegate/participant must be a PKD member or have filed an application for membership with the national office prior to the start of the NCT.* For membership information contact Phil Voight at pvoigt@gustasvus.edu and 651-492-8449.

Senior Class of 2020: Like many of you, the National Council was devastated at the loss of a nationals season in 2020 – especially for our graduating seniors. You had amazing performances and tons of talent that deserves to be heard! We invite any student from the Senior Class of 2020 to participate in this year's NCT. **Participants should have an active alumni membership or have filed an application for membership with the national office prior to the start of the NCT.** For membership information contact Phil Voight at pvoigt@gustasvus.edu and 651-492-8449. Please keep in mind the following parameters for this special offering.

- Participants will compete in their own divisions and will not be combined with current students.
- Participants will not count towards a team's sweepstakes points.
- Participants do not need to have been a member of PKD affiliated team to compete.
- Fees can be assessed either directly to the individual or to a team attending the NCT.

New Sweepstakes Formula

Given that the existing Sweepstakes formula was built to account for events that will not be offered at this year's NCT due to concerns about feasibility (i.e. Reader's Theater and Student Congress), the National Council felt it appropriate to rework the existing Sweepstakes Formula. We will continue to offer sweepstakes awards in Debate, Individual Events, Combined (using the tiered system introduced in 2016), and the Community College Division.

Debate Sweepstakes (LD, PF, IPDA, NPDA)

- Top 36 debaters – team events would count as 2 debaters
 - 3 Points per Prelim Win
 - 5 Points per Elim Win

I.E. Sweepstakes (Imp, Info, Pro, Duo, Ext, Per, POI, ADS, CA, DI)

- Top 3 in Each Event in Prelims
 - First = 3, Second = 2, Third = 1
- All Elimination Round Participants
 - 3 points for appearing in octos, quarters, semis
 - In Finals: First = 12, Second = 10, Third = 8, Fourth = 7, Fifth = 5, Sixth = 3

PKD Only Events/Experimental Events (Interviewing, Spanish Language Events, Extemporaneous Commentary)

- Top 15 Entries
- Interviewing (only prelims occur)
 - First = 8, Second = 6, Third = 5, Fourth = 3, Fifth = 2, Sixth = 1
- Spanish Language Events or other similar event with possible Elims
 - Prelim Points First = 3, Second = 2, Third = 1

- 3 points for appearing in octos, quarters, semis
- In Finals: First = 12, Second = 10, Third = 8, Fourth = 7, Fifth

Combined Sweepstakes

- Total score from Debate Sweepstakes
- Total score from I.E. Sweepstakes
- Total score from PKD Only/Experimental Events

Discrimination Policy, Title IX Training, and Compliance Officer

Creating an inclusive and safe space for all participants is a top priority for Pi Kappa Delta and has long been an important part of our constitution. As such, the following statements from our constitution will be in full effect at the 2021 National Comprehensive Tournament.

Article II.201 Pi Kappa Delta is committed to assuring equal opportunity to all persons, regardless of race, color, religious creed, national origin, physical ability status, age, economic status, gender, sex or sexual orientation. Pi Kappa Delta is opposed to all forms of discrimination and seeks to establish a tolerant atmosphere in which every individual is accorded respect. Mindful of the importance of First Amendment freedoms, Pi Kappa Delta reminds its members of their ethical obligations to audience members and encourages members to refrain from disrespectful or derogatory speech. As an organization dedicated to fostering the development of functional leadership skills, Pi Kappa Delta encourages the participation of individuals from traditionally under-represented groups. Pi Kappa Delta is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Article VI.601 Practices and Procedures Committee. It shall be the function of this committee to uphold Pi Kappa Delta's Statement on Discrimination. The Compliance Officer appointed by the President of Pi Kappa Delta and approved by the National Council will chair this committee. This committee will be responsible for investigating charges of discrimination and recommending appropriate action, if necessary, to the National Council. This committee must maintain the confidentiality of all involved to the maximum extent possible in order to conduct a fair and thorough investigation.

Each team will need to submit verification from their institution that all participants have completed their institution’s Title IX training. We recognize that this looks different across institutions so please contact your Title IX office to determine which training method best suits your need. Verification of training must be provided at registration.

PKD Membership and Fees

All students participating in this tournament must be members of Pi Kappa Delta. Similarly, all schools participating must be members of Pi Kappa Delta in good standing. Membership fees are as follows, depending on when memberships are submitted and paid:

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| Before Tuesday, February 9 th | \$35.00 |
| After February 9 th | \$50.00 |

Annual chapter dues are as follows, depending on when dues are paid:

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| Before February 1 st | \$100.00 |
| Before February 15 th | \$125.00 |
| After February 15 th | \$150.00 |

All chapter dues and student memberships must be paid prior to a chapter registering for the tournament.

Payments may be processed either by credit card or by check. For credit card payments, please call Phillip Voight directly at 651-492-8449. (Leave a number and time you can be reached if you are unable to get through). Check payments should be received prior to the tournament and should be sent to: Pi Kappa Delta National Office, 1670 South Robert Street, #370, West St Paul, MN 55118.

Entry Fees

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| Individual Event Entries (per slot) | \$ 10.00 |
| Debate Teams (per team) | \$ 60.00 |
| LD/IPDA (per debater) | \$ 35.00 |

The following are in addition to above fees...

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| Uncovered IE | \$ 15.00 |
| Uncovered Debate Team | \$ 120.00 |
| Uncovered LD/IPDA Entry (per entry) | \$ 70.00 |
| Late Drop Fees | |
| After March 1 st —per drop | \$ 10.00 |
| After March 8 th —per drop | \$ 20.00 |
| After March 12 th —per drop | \$ 30.00 |
| At Registration —per drop | \$ 50.00 |
| Late Fee for Registrations after Late Registration Period | \$100.00 |

Special circumstances will be recognized and not assessed a late drop fee penalty. There will also be no charge for name changes. Other uncovered and penalty fees will be assessed as a means of helping to ensure an efficient and accurate tournament.) Once fees are assessed, no refunds for any portion of fees will be provided.

Tournament Entry and Change Deadlines

Tournament entries must be submitted via **Speechwire.com**. To enter go to **Speechwire.com** and find the **“Pi Kappa Delta – National Comprehensive Tournament”** Then follow the instructions. Schools *must* enter in this manner. Tournament entries must be received by **Tuesday February 16th**. If you have problems, contact Dr. Jessica Furgerson by email at Jessica.furgerson@uc.edu or by phone at (210) 854-7967.

All changes should be made by 5:00 pm Central Standard Time on March 5th to avoid drop fees. Changes can be made online. **Changes on March 12th or later should be emailed to Dr. Jessica Furgerson at Jessica.furgerson@uc.edu.**

A chapter cancelling their entry after March 15th will be obligated for full fees assessed as of their time of dropping from the tournament.

Judges

All competing chapters are expected to provide qualified judges to cover **a minimum of 50%** of their entries. A chapter must provide...

- *One judge for every **EIGHT** individual event entries*
- ***One judge** designated solely for asynchronous i.e. events (see full description on page 2)*
- *One judge for every **TWO** NPDA, PF, or LD entries*
- *One judge for every **THREE** IPDA entries*

Please note that teams utilizing judges to cover both debate and IE entries are consenting to a full day of judging – although we will do our best to give those judges rounds off in appreciation of their service we cannot make this guarantee.

Debate judges are obligated to be available for one round beyond the point which their students are eliminated. IE judges are obligated to judge semifinals even if their students do not advance to elimination rounds and are obligated for finals in the event that their students advance beyond preliminary rounds.

Judges should possess a baccalaureate degree or have experience as a forensic judge. Judges will be considered for judging any events within the category of entries in which they have students (any individual events if entered in individual events, any debate for the pattern in which one's students are entered). Undergraduate students may not judge at the PKD National Tournament unless they have maximized their eligibility to compete. Because of its organization's constitution, IPDA debate may utilize undergraduate judges. This will be the only event in which these rules on judges' qualifications will be exempted. Any undergraduate judge must be approved by the tournament director. *Undergraduate judges may not be entered as competitors in any tournament event, including individual events.*

A limited number of hired judges are available; however, requests for hired judges should be made through the tournament director. Hired judges will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Chapters relying heavily on hired judges will be allowed to enter students only insofar as hired judges are available. Chapters in this situation should contact the tournament director immediately.

Cross Entering and Double Entry

Every effort has been made to include a wide variety of events within a schedule that is humane and limited to four days of competition. Because of our commitment to honor comprehensive forensics with an extensive slate of events, limitations have been placed on the degree to which a student can cross between individual events and debate.

1. Students may not enter more than one debate format.
2. Students may not enter more than two individual events per flight.

Event Rules and Requirements

The rules and requirements for each event will be determined by their home organization (NPDA, IPDA, NFA-LD, AFA, College Public Forum). Event descriptions for other events can be found below.

Spanish Language Interpretation: A student will perform ANY selection of interpretation in Spanish. The length of this event is 10 minutes with introduction. Contestants will be judged on their performance of literature in Spanish. The aim of this event is to be able to allow competitors to compete in the language that they prefer, and to celebrate the student's ability to speak in Spanish. As such, translated literature is acceptable. Use of a manuscript is required.

Interviewing: Rounds 1 and 2 will consist of an interview lasting no longer than 10 minutes conducted by the judge utilizing the same question set for each competitor. Round 3 will have judges evaluate and rank student resumes based on their resume-writing techniques and the overall strength of their resume.

Competitors entered in interviewing must provide a *google doc link* of their resume during registration.

Persuasion Works

Pi Kappa Delta is committed to our motto (“The Art of Persuasion: Beautiful and Just”); we believe the consequences of competition reach far beyond the tournament. In a world where manipulative forces continually perpetuate injustice, our “Persuasion Works” program aims to support student advocacy and scholarship efforts that counteract those impulses. This includes:

- Funds for the top three Persuasion speakers to directly support their advocacy efforts. Pi Kappa Delta will work in consultation with students to appropriate funds (\$300 for first, \$200 for second, \$200 for third, \$100 for fourth-sixth). To be considered, students *must fill out* the “Persuasion Works: Advocacy” form at registration.
- The Flight C event, Interviewing. This attempts to translate competitive experience into life success. Students learn and expand professional skills.

Additionally, we are especially lucky to be pairing up with two nonpartisan nonprofits this season, both dedicated to the expansion of civic and political discourse through speech: Up to Us from Net Impact (www.netimpact.org) and Free the Facts (www.freefacts.org). Both will offer workshop and/or discussion opportunities throughout the tournament schedule (each will require an RSVP). Further, in partnering with these groups, we will offer an experimental event this year with prize money for winning speakers & teams!

Congratulations to Spring 2020 Persuasion Works Ambassadors!

We were all devastated by the cancellation of the national tournament in March. Though we were not able to meet in person, we conducted our Persuasion competition online. Here are the results. Congratulations to all participants!

1st place: Richkisha Walcott of Hofstra University (Hempstead, NY).

Honoring her passionate pursuit of fairness and racial equity in American education, PKD will donate \$300 to NY Community Trust (nycommunitytrust.org) to help close the racial gap in community schools.

(Tie) 2nd place: Lindsay Gagnon from Maricopa Community College (Phoenix, AZ).

Congratulating her attempts to peer into the legislative archives and correct efforts that ended up hurting U.S. farmers, PKD will donate \$250 to The Carbon Underground (thecarbonunderground.org) and enhance the research of soil scientists.

(Tie) 2nd place: Evan Kirksey of Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, MO).

Respecting his urgent call to correct the lack of effective emergency safety measures in K-12 education for differently-abled communities, PKD will donate \$250 to Safe and Sound Schools (safeandsoundschools.org) and aid efforts so all communities may receive equal treatment in a crisis.

4th place: Garrett Dohlke from Webster University (Webster Groves, MO).

Admiring his concern for the debilitating health options available to rural communities, PKD will donate \$100 to the National Rural Health Association (ruralhealthweb.org) to support its mission of advancing parity in healthcare regardless of geographic location.

Recordings of the finalists are available for viewing on the PKD Vimeo page at <http://vimeo.com/PiKappaDelta>.

Extemporaneous Commentary: A Persuasion Works Experimental Event

Asynchronous: In a speech not to exceed 7 minutes, participants conduct research and record a speech that proposes a method for long-term Social Security reform.

Once registered, PKD in collaboration with the nonprofit, nonpartisan Free the Facts (www.freefacts.org) will send an “issue brief” regarding social security, a “menu” of 36 policy options and glossary. Student then have until **March 15** to upload their entry to **speechwire.com**.

Overview

Social Security is a federal program that helps Americans replace income that is lost due to retirement. Throughout their lives, working Americans pay into the program through payroll taxes. When they retire, they receive a percentage of their pre-retirement income in the form of a monthly benefit check.

Social Security is a pay-as-you-go system, which means the payroll taxes paid by current workers fund the benefits collected by current retirees. Due to the program’s funding structure and a variety of demographic changes, Social Security is projected to become insolvent in 2035, meaning the program will be sending out more in benefits than it takes in through payroll taxes. When that happens, the law requires that the federal government find money to fill the gap, or cut benefits for current retirees in real time.

The economic impact of COVID-19 is likely to move the date of insolvency up significantly, but it will be difficult to calculate exactly by how much until later in 2021.

For our competition, students will develop a Social Security reform proposal using one or more of the 36 possible program changes that have been scored by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The objective is to formulate a proposal that achieves some level of long-term solvency for the program (20 years or more).

Event Criteria

There is no specific organizational structure. Students are encouraged to think creatively about how *best* to represent their arguments and evidence. Judges will be ranking based on:

- Substance of Proposal
- Viability – Proof of Solvency
- Feasibility of Plan
- Clarity in Explanations and Advocacy

The event will be assessed by a combination of PKD and Free the Facts adjudicates.

Although the event will not be eligible for sweepstakes, the top seven performances will be advanced to a Final. Finalists receive cash prizes.

SCHEDULE

MARCH 18, 2021

| Time in PST / EST | ROUND |
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| 10:00/1:00 | IE Flight C Round 1 – ADS, DI, CA, POE |
| 11:30/2:30 | Extemp Draw |
| 11:45/2:45 | IE Flight A Round 1 – INF, DUO, EXT, INT, SLI |
| 1:15/4:15 | IE Flight B Round 1 – POI, PER, PRO, IMP |
| 2:45/5:45 | Extemp Draw |
| 3:00/6:00 | Extemp Round 2 |
| 4:00/7:00 | Impromptu Round 2 |
| ** ROUND 2 ASYNCHRONOUS SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTED BY 5:00 PM PCT / 8:00 PM EST. ** | |

MARCH 19, 2021

| Time in PST / EST | ROUND |
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| 8:00/11:00 | Debate Draw – NPDA & IPDA Flight A |
| 8:30/11:30 | Debate Round 1 – NPDA, LD, PF, IPDA Flight A |
| 8:30/11:30 | Debate Draw – IPDA Flight B |
| 9:00/12:00 | Debate Round 1 – IPDA Flight B |
| 10:00/1:00 | Debate Draw – NPDA & IPDA Flight A |
| 10:30/1:30 | Debate Round 2 – NPDA, LD, PF, IPDA Flight A |
| 10:30/1:30 | Debate Draw – IPDA Flight B |
| 11:00/2:00 | Debate Round 2 – IPDA Flight B |
| 12:00/3:00 | IE Flight C Round 3 – ADS, CA, DI, POE |
| 1:30/4:30 | Debate Draw – NPDA & IPDA Flight A |
| 2:00/5:00 | Debate Round 3 – NPDA, LD, PF, IPDA Flight A |
| 2:00/5:00 | Debate Draw – IPDA Flight B |
| 2:30/5:30 | Debate Round 3 – IPDA Flight B |
| 3:30/6:30 | IE Flight B Round 3 – POI, PER, PRO, IMP |
| 5:00/8:00 | Extemp Draw |
| 5:15/8:15 | IE Flight A Round 3 – INF, DUO, EXT, INT, SLI |

MARCH 20, 2021

| Time in PST / EST | ROUND |
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| 8:00/11:00 | Debate Draw – NPDA & IPDA Flight A |
| 8:30/11:30 | Debate Round 4 – NPDA, LD, PF, IPDA Flight A |
| 8:30/11:30 | Debate Draw – IPDA Flight B |
| 9:00/12:00 | Debate Round 4 – IPDA Flight B |
| 10:00/1:00 | IE Quarterfinals Part 1 |
| 12:00/3:00 | Debate Draw – NPDA & IPDA Flight A |
| 12:30/3:30 | Debate Round 5 – NPDA, LD, PF, IPDA Flight A |
| 12:30/3:30 | Debate Draw – IPDA Flight B |
| 1:00/4:00 | Debate Round 5 – IPDA Flight B |
| 2:00/5:00 | Extemp Draw |

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| 2:15/5:15 | IE Quarterfinals Part 2 |
| 4:00/7:00 | Debate Draw |
| 4:30/7:30 | Debate Elimination Round 1 |

MARCH 21, 2021

| Time in PST / EST | ROUND |
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| 8:00/11:00 | Extemp Draw |
| 8:15/11:15 | IE Semifinals |
| 9:45/12:45 | Debate Draw |
| 10:15/1:15 | Debate Elimination Round 2 |
| 12:00/3:00 | Debate Draw |
| 12:30/3:30 | Debate Elimination Round 3 |
| 2:00/5:00 | Extemp Draw |
| 2:15/5:15 | IE Finals |
| 3:15/6:15 | Debate Draw |
| 3:45/6:45 | Debate Elimination Round 4 |
| 8:15 | AWARDS |