

Lewis & Clark



WHITMAN COLLEGE

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Friends,

On behalf of Lewis & Clark College and Whitman College, we cordially invite you and your forensics squad to participate in the 2020 Steve Hunt Classic. This year's tournament will be a unique event in the history of this tournament, as due to public health precautions, it will take place entirely online. **The dates will be October 9-11, 2020. This will be a synchronous tournament, held on the Yaatly platform.** The tournament will serve as the first Designated tournament for the Northwest Forensics Conference. It is one of the most comprehensive forensics invitationals in the nation, as we will be hosting five formats of debate as well as individual events.

Competition will be held in the following events:

- All eleven AFA-NIET events + Editorial Commentary (2 preliminary rounds) ; NPDA style debate (5 preliminary rounds) ; IPDA style debate (5 preliminary rounds) ; British Parliamentary style debate (5 preliminary rounds) ; NFA-LD style debate (5 preliminary rounds); PNW style debate (5 preliminary rounds).

Fee breaks are available for programs who have had recent budget cuts or freezes.

While we greatly wish that we could welcome you in person in Portland, at least we will not be dealing with the October weather. I look forward to hosting you for a great weekend of competition and community. Please let me know of any questions you might have or if you need any additional information.

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REGISTRATION

All events will utilize the speechwire.com website for registration. Please use this site as a resource not only for entering the tournament but also for making changes to your entry and finding important tournament announcements.

Entry Deadline: Monday, October 5 at 11:00 pm (Pacific). Additional entries will not be accepted after this deadline.

Drop Deadline: Wednesday, October 7 at 1:00 pm (Pacific). After this deadline, fees will be calculated and drops will be charged full entry fees.

Please use the following guidelines to determine appropriate divisions for your students.

Novice - Students in the novice division are in their first full year of collegiate forensics. They have not advanced to elimination rounds more than three times in their respective event.

Coaches should refrain from placing students with significant high school experience in novice divisions. If a student has competed in more than 3 high school tournaments in ANY speech/debate event, they should be placed in junior or open.

Junior - Students in junior division are in their first or second year of collegiate competition. They have not advanced to elimination rounds more than three times in their respective event.

Senior - Open to all students meeting national eligibility requirements of their respective event.

Divisions may be collapsed based upon entries; NFC guidelines will determine whether an event is collapsed or not, though we will guarantee that novice divisions will be maintained in extemporaneous, impromptu, informative, persuasive, prose and dramatic interp. The tournament director reserves the right to reassign divisions to any student who is improperly placed in a novice or junior division.

COMPETITION

Competition will take place on the Yaatly platform. Students and judges must create accounts on Yaatly in order to participate. More information on how to set up organizations and accounts, as well as frequently asked questions regarding competition on the platform, are available at info.yaatly.com.

No participant in this tournament, in any event, may record anyone without their consent. We expect that every participant, regardless of location, will abide by the principles of two party consent.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

AFA-NIET rules will govern the individual events competition. Information and event descriptions can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/event-descriptions> . Please also see the temporary minimum standards for competition as passed by the AFA-NST committee- we will be following those as well.

Students may triple enter within a pattern of individual events. **Students are responsible for making it to every round that they are scheduled for. Students who are triple-entered and fail to make it to a scheduled round will not be allowed to make up the competition.**

We will not hold final rounds in events with fewer than nine (9) competitors.

Conflict patterns:

Pattern A: EXT, DI, PER, POI, ADS, POE

Pattern B: IMP, INF, CA, DUO, PRO, EDC

DEBATE

NPDA Debate

We will offer three divisions of parliamentary debate: novice, junior and senior. We will use NPDA rules (available at <http://www.parlidebate.org/npda-rules/> .) Please see the temporary modifications for competition as enacted by the NPDA Executive Council.

No topic areas will be utilized for this year's Steve Hunt Classic. Topics will be centrally announced, and teams will have twenty (25) minutes from the time of the announcement until the time that the PMC must start.

We will follow the NPTE time limits for CX/prep time
(http://npde.debateaddict.com/static/npde-tournament.htm#_Toc428193265)

Brackets **will** be broken in elimination rounds. A number of strikes will be available for teams to submit on Wednesday, October 9; they will be due by 5:00 PM Friday, October 11 in order to be considered for the first two preliminary rounds.

IPDA Debate

We will offer IPDA debate in three divisions, novice, junior and senior. IPDA debate will use rules as presented in the IPDA constitution, which can be found at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution-bylaws.html>. We will use the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with

thirty (30) minutes of preparation time. Debaters will be presented with five resolutions; each debater will be allowed to strike two resolutions, thus leaving one resolution to be debated.

Brackets **will** be broken in elimination rounds.

BP Debate

We will offer two divisions (junior/open) of British Parliamentary debate. The BP division will utilize WUDC guidelines, which can be found at <http://flynn.debating.net/Sydrules.htm> with a 7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7 format and twenty (20) minutes of preparation. The topics will be centrally announced. Each team will have an opportunity to debate in each of the positions, and may debate teams from their own school.

We will utilize two judges in each round. We encourage consensus judging, but given our schedule, we must insist that decisions be made in a timely fashion. If a decision has not been reached after fifteen (15) minutes after the conclusion of the debate, the chair's ballot will be considered binding.

Elimination round size will be determined by entries.

NFA-LD Debate

We will offer two divisions (junior/open) of NFA-LD debate. The LD division will utilize the 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 time limits per the National Forensics Association, and will utilize NFA rules, which can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/nationalforensicsassociation/about-nfa/governing-documents>.

Brackets **will** be broken in elimination rounds.

The 2020-2021 resolution is: The United States federal government should implement immigration reform that removes substantial statutory restrictions on legal immigration into the United States.

EQUITY

All participants are responsible for reviewing and agreeing to the NFC Code of Ethics, including portions regarding participant behavior toward others. Programs will be required to certify that all participants agree to these standards prior to competition.

The tournament equity process will be made available to all teams one week prior to the tournament.

SWEEPSTAKES

Sweepstakes awards will be given according to the following formula:

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd/SF	4th/QF	Finalist/OF
BP:	15pts	12pts	9pts	7pts	6pts
NPDA:	15pts	12pts	9pts	7pts	6pts
IPDA:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts	2pts
IE's:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts	2pts
LD:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts	2pts

JUDGING AND FEES

Please note the following judge coverage requirements when calculating fees:

1 judge covers ten (10) total individual events entries, regardless of pattern

1 judge covers two (2) debate entries

All debate judges are committed until the first **FULL** elimination round in each division and one round past elimination of their teams. All individual events judges are committed throughout the tournament. Teams that require more than 2 hired judges should alert the tournament director by October 1; entries of that size without covered judging are subject to reduction should sufficient judges not be able to be hired.

School Fee:	\$50
NFC Fee:	\$4.50 per students (only for NFC schools)
IE entry:	\$10 per slot
Uncovered IE:	\$18 per slot (in addition to the entry fee)
NPDA entry:	\$70 per team
BP entry:	\$70 per team
IPDA entry:	\$35 per entry
LD entry:	\$35 per entry (for each LD tournament)
NPDA/BP/Policy Uncovered:	\$175 per team (in addition to the entry fee)
IPDA/LD Uncovered:	\$90 per debater (in addition to the entry fee)

Fee breaks are available for programs who have had recent budget cuts or freezes. While competition will be virtual, we still will have awards (shipped to each school after the conclusion of the tournament).

SCHEDULES

Individual Events

Friday, October 9

8:00 am	Round Zero
8:30 am	Extemp Draw
8:45 am	Round I, Pattern A
10:30 am	Extemp Draw
10:45 am	Round II, Pattern A
12:15	Lunch
1:00	Round I, Pattern B
1:45 pm	Round II, Pattern B
3:30 pm	Extemp Draw
3:45 pm	All Semifinals and Pattern A Finals
5:30 pm	All Remaining Finals
ASAP	Awards

NPDA/IPDA/LD Debate

Saturday, October 10

8:00 am	Round Zero
8:30 am	Round I
10:15 pm	Round II
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Round III
3:00 pm	Round IV
5:00 pm	Round V

Sunday, October 11

8:00 am	Round Zero
8:30 am	Elim I
10:30 am	Elim II
1:00 pm	Awards
1:30 pm	Elims as needed

BP/PNW Debate

Saturday, October 10

8:00 am	Round Zero
8:30 am	Round I
10:45 am	Round II
1:00 pm	Lunch
3:15 pm	Round III
5:30 pm	Round IV

Sunday, October 11

8:00 am	Round Zero
8:30 am	Round V
10:45 am	Elim I
1:00 pm	Awards
1:30 pm	Elims as needed