

27 January 2012

Dear Colleague;

The Spokane Falls Community College speech and debate club (Pi Kappa Delta, WA Lambda) and the Great West Province of Pi Kappa Delta, invite you and your students to attend the *Voices on the River* tournament held on our campus Friday, March 2 through Sunday, March 4. Our tournament this year is the PI KAPPA DELTA regional tournament and a great opportunity to hone skills in preparation for the national tournaments later in March.

Tournament Theme

*Our tournament theme this year – Faith & Reason – explores the issues of discord and/or agreement between religion and science. In addition to a special oratorical event (see event descriptions), many of our debate, extemporaneous, and impromptu topics will be based on issues related to religion, religious diversity and tolerance, science, and the human pursuit of truth.*

Our tournament offers 5 preliminary rounds of NPDA, IPDA debate in Open and Junior, and Novice divisions, 5 rounds of British Parliamentary debate in Open and Novice divisions. In addition, we feature three preliminary rounds of individual events (in Novice and/or Open divisions), all set on our campus overlooking the Spokane River.

Our tournament philosophy is that debate is a public communication event, and this is reflected throughout the tournament and in our judging pool. We recruit and assign lay judges to all levels of debate and individual event competition in addition to the fine pool of judges who frequent the Northwest Forensic Conference.

SFCC's campus is easily accessed from the airport and I-90. The tournament will be centered in our student union (Building 17 on the map <http://www.spokanefalls.edu/College/CampusMap.aspx>) with competition in buildings, 24 and 5. March is still winter in Spokane; students are encouraged to plan and dress accordingly. Our hope is that any cool weather will be tempered by warm Northwest hospitality.

Entries

Tournament entry will be available Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for entry is Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Adequate competition space is always a consideration, so we reserve the right to limit entries if the number of entries exceeds our capacity to accommodate them. Late squad entries may be refused and will be charged an additional \$50.00; please have entries in on time.

Deadline for drops is Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m. No further entries adjustments will be accepted after this time. Drops made after this time will be charged full entry fees.

Send queries to:

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[craig@spokanefalls.edu](mailto:craig@spokanefalls.edu) (please include "VoR" in the subject line)

and enter online at:

[www.forensictournament.net](http://www.forensictournament.net)

## **Tentative Schedule**

### **Friday, March 2**

11:45 – 12:30 registration, SUB ABC  
(building 17)  
12:45 Welcome assembly – SUB ABC  
1:00 – 2:15 Round 1 Pattern A  
2:15 – 3:45 Round 1 NPDA/IPDA Debate  
3:45 Extemp draw  
4:00 – 5:15 Round 1 Pattern B  
5:15 – 6:30 Round 2 Pattern A  
6:30 – 8:00 Round 2 NPDA/IPDA Debate

### **Saturday, March 3**

8:00 – 10:00 Continental Breakfast  
8:00 – 9:30 Round 3 NPDA/IPDA Debate  
9:30 – Extemp Draw  
9:45 – 11:00 Round 2 Pattern B  
11:30 – 1:00 Round 4 NPDA/IPDA Debate  
1:00 – 2:30 Round 5 NPDA/IPDA  
2:30 – 4:00 Round 6 NPDA/IPDA  
4:00 – Final Extemp draw  
4:15 – 5:30 Finals Pattern A & B  
5:30 – 7:00 NPDA/IPDA Debate Elimination 1  
7:00 – 8:00 IE Awards, debate speaker awards,  
sweepstakes awards.

Post Finals for I.E.

Post Debate out-rounds

### **Sunday, March 4**

9:00 – 10:30 Debate Elimination 2  
10:30 – 12:00 Debate Elimination 3

### IPDA Debate

Divisions: We will run 6 preliminary rounds in Open, Junior and Novice IPDA, and appropriate out-rounds in all divisions.

Topics: Debaters will be presented with five topics, and each side will have two topic strikes starting with the Negative. Debaters will have 20 minutes to prepare for the debates (including time to get to rooms)

Format: 5-2-6-2-3-5-3

### NPDA Debate

Divisions: We will run 6 preliminary rounds in Open and Novice. Division definitions for NPDA are based on guidelines established by the NFC. Please refer to the NFC bylaws for appropriate division placement. Teams composed of debaters with different levels of experience must enter at the level of the most experienced debater. Each team must be composed of two debaters. Hybrid teams made up of debaters from separate schools are permissible.

Topics: Topics will be announced from a central location. Teams will have 20 minutes to prepare for and arrive at their events. Coaching and intra-squad cooperation and consultation during preparation is consistent with national practices and will not be penalized by judges. In keeping with the tournament theme, tournament topics will include policy and value resolutions related to religious faiths, ethical issues within the scientific community. Debaters should expect to speak to lay judges, and are expected to adapt their speaking styles to accommodate judges who may be unfamiliar with debate jargon.

Format: 7-8-8-8-4-5

Judges: One judge will cover 2 NPDA teams or 4 IPDA debaters. We may have a few judges for hire, but squads should make every attempt to cover their entries.

Post-round oral critiques and discussions are discouraged, but if necessary they should be done only after the ballot has been turned in and must end at least 10 minutes before the start of the next round of the tournament. There will be no “warm room” at this tournament.

### Individual Events

Conflict Patterns: We will run two preliminary rounds in two conflict patterns. Event descriptions are consistent with AFA-NIET events, though patterns may vary. Open division competitors may triple enter in both patterns, though speaker's entered in extemp may only double enter in Pattern B. Novice division competitors may double enter in both patterns. *Students may not enter more than one duo interp at this tournament.*

Judges: One judge covers 5 individual events in each pattern he or she is available to judge.

**COMPETITION IN THE DIGITAL AGE:**

*Informative and Persuasive Speaking note: All informative and persuasive speaking rounds in all divisions will be held in rooms with projection capabilities. Speakers who choose may display visual aids using PowerPoint or other presentation software program. The tournament will NOT supply "presentation pilots" and will NOT guarantee interface with non-Windows programs. Students may wish to bring posters as a back-up should technology disappoint them, but if your students are interested in trying this form of visual aid display in competition, we will do all we can to accommodate them.*

Pattern A: Impromptu (N, O), Inform (N, O, see note ), Prose (N, O), ADS (N, O), DI (O), CA (O)  
Pattern B: Persuade (N, O), Extemp (N, O), POI (O), Duo (O), Poetry (O), Commemorative (O)

**Tournament Theme Event: The Commemorative Speech**

Speakers will prepare and deliver a speech commemorating the life and contribution of an important person working and writing in the realm of faith and/or science. The person honored may be living or dead, may be acting as an individual or as a member of a group or movement, and should be recognized as someone contributing significantly to the areas of scientific and/or religious understanding. Speeches are 8 minutes maximum. Visual aids are appropriate.

Sweepstakes & Awards

NFC guidelines will be used to determine breaks, places, and overall sweepstakes.

Debate awards: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Semifinalists, Quarterfinalist, (Octo-finalist, if necessary) etc. in all divisions of both debate events.

Debate speaker awards: Top five speakers in all divisions of both debate events.

Individual Events: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Finalists

Sweepstakes: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2 year and 4 year college and university divisions using NFC points system.

Fees

School Fee	\$40.00
IPDA Team	\$30.00
Uncovered IPDA Team	\$50.00
NPDA Team	\$60.00
Uncovered NPDA Team	\$100.00
IE	\$8.00 per slot (Duo counts as one slot)
Uncovered IE slots	\$14.00

### Hotel & Amenities

Programs are advised to make reservations early. The State 'B' Basketball Championship Tournament is being held in Spokane this same weekend, and rooms may be difficult to find.

The FairBridge Hotel (tournament rate of \$69.00 + tax)  
211 S. Division Street, 99202  
Spokane, WA  
509-838-6630, ask for group sales.

Other area Hotels include:

Doubletree Hotel Spokane-City Center  
322 North Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, Washington, United States 99201  
Tel: 1-509-455-9600 Fax: 1-509-455-6285

Red Lion Hotel at the Park - Spokane - Spokane, WA  
303 West North River Drive, Spokane, WA 99201  
Phone: 1-509-326-8000 Fax: 1-509-325-7329

Holiday Inn : SPOKANE AIRPORT  
1616 S. WINDSOR DRIVE, SPOKANE, WA 99224,  
Hotel Reservations : 1 888 HOLIDAY (1 888 465 4329) | Hotel Front Desk : 1-509-838-1170

Holiday Inn Express : SPOKANE-DOWNTOWN  
N. 801 DIVISION STREET, SPOKANE, WA 99202,  
Hotel Reservations : 1 888 HOLIDAY (1 888 465 4329) | Hotel Front Desk : 1-509-328-8505

Hampton Inn Spokane  
2010 S. Assembly Road, Spokane, Washington, USA 99224  
Tel:1-509-747-1100 Fax:1-509-747-8722

Best Western Plus Peppertree Airport Inn  
3711 S Geiger Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99224  
(509) 624-4655

### Meals

Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch (pizza) buffet will be provided.

Please see the restaurant recommendations on the website for ideas for your evening meals.

<http://voicesontheriver.wordpress.com/restaurants/>