



DIVISION OF HUMANITIES

Debate Colleagues:

You are cordially invited to the *newly-named Smoky Mountain Regional Debate Tournament (formerly the Southeast Regional Debate)* scheduled for *February 3-4, 2017*, at *Walters State Community College's Sevier County Campus near Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Dollywood*. While you will be close to the mountains, we are *not* hoping for skiing weather that weekend!

This year's tournament effectively functions as two separate one-day tournaments. We hope many of you will join us for both days, but we are offering the new schedule in an attempt to accommodate schools who may prefer to attend only one day. NPDA will be held entirely on Friday and IPDA will take place entirely on Saturday. We are planning four preliminary rounds in NPDA, six in IPDA, and the appropriate out rounds in each format. We hope that you will join us for good food, great debate and outstanding *southern hospitality*. There will also be some very nice awards for your teams and speakers, and we will present them at the end of each day's competition!

We will provide a light breakfast and a home-cooked lunch each day to help keep the tournament running smoothly. We are embedding food costs for each team in the cost of entry to expedite the entry process.

Please email the total number of teams and preliminary numbers of people that you plan to bring a week in advance so that we may plan for meals. **The entry deadline is Monday, January 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** All entries should be e-mailed to [Robert.Pratt@ws.edu](mailto:Robert.Pratt@ws.edu) We will bracket entries 48 hours before the tournaments; therefore, we ask that you not change the number of teams entered. If possible, have *alternates* in case a team member is unable to attend. Observers are also welcome to attend.

We are looking forward to a great *Smoky Mountain Regional Debate Tournament*. We hope that you and your teams can make it for one or both days. Please send this invitation to any new or budding programs that you know.

Yours,

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A schedule, map, entry form and further instructions (including hotel information) are forthcoming. Deadlines and fees are as follows:

- **Entry deadline: 5:00 P.M., Monday, January 30**
- **Parli: \$60.00/ team plus additional \$60.00 for any uncovered team(s)**
- **I.P.D.A.: \$30.00 Per entry / plus an additional \$20.00 for uncovered entries**
- **Drops: February 2<sup>nd</sup> or later- \$35.00**
- **Cash is preferable. If necessary, make checks payable to WSCC Debate Club**

### **Judging**

#### **NPDA Judges**

Each judge will cover two teams upon a school's entry. Any uncovered teams will incur a fee of \$60 that shall be paid upon entry.

#### **IPDA JUDGES**

Each Judge will cover 2 IPDA entries. Any uncovered entry will incur a fee of \$20 that shall be paid upon entry.

- During the running of the tournament – *judges should not give any oral critiques nor disclose decisions* to debaters so that the tournament can run on time. We would encourage you to write as much as you feel necessary on each ballot to help the competitors in their future endeavors.
- Judges and coaches will be required to fulfill their judging requirements one round past their final team's elimination from the tournament.

### **Divisions**

#### **NPDA**

We will offer two divisions of Parliamentary debate using NPDA guidelines for each division. Those Divisions are Novice and Open division and will be run concurrently during the tournament. Eligibility for each division shall follow the NPDA eligibility Guidelines.

#### **IPDA**

We will offer up to three divisions of IPDA debate: Novice, JV, and Varsity if entries are sufficient to allow for those three divisions. Each division will have rounds run concurrently with other(s) during the tournament and will follow the IPDA eligibility guidelines.

#### **Accommodations**

- Hotels: More information to come in a future e-mail
- Should any team have specific dietary restrictions please let the tournament director know in your first e-mail and we will do our absolute best to accommodate those restrictions.
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**Awards**

- We will award NPDA Team and Speaker Awards for both Novice and Varsity Divisions and Sweepstakes will be given to the top schools and to the top ranked community college in attendance. We will also be giving out the tournament Sweeps Award for the top teams that compete in both NPDA and IPDA.
- We will also be continuing the Malcolm McAvoy Award for Coaching Excellence for coaches in attendance at the tournament. Coaches are asked to submit any recommendations as soon as possible.

**Entry Confirmation**

Each schools entry to the tournament will be confirmed as soon as possible within 24 hours from receiving the entry e-mail.



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## Proposed Schedule

### 2017 Schedule - Smoky Mountain Regional Debate

#### NPDA (Walters State Sevierville Campus)

Friday, February 3, 2017

<b>Registration/Breakfast</b>	<b>8:00-9:00 a.m.</b>
Topic Announce Round 1	9:00 a.m.
Topic Announce Round 2	10:30 a.m.
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:00 – 12:30 p.m.</b>
Topic Announce Round 3	12:30 p.m.
Topic Announce Round 4	2:00 p.m.
Elimination Round 1	3:30 p.m.
Elimination Round 2	5:00 p.m.
Elimination Round 3(if needed)	6:30 p.m. .
<b>Awards</b>	<b>8:00 p.m. (or ASAP)</b>

#### IPDA (Walters State Sevierville Campus)

Saturday, February 4, 2017

<b>Registration/Breakfast</b>	<b>7:00-8:00 a.m.</b>
Draw Round 1	8:00 a.m.
Draw Round 2	9:30 a.m.
Draw Round 3	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lunch - Provided</b>	<b>12:30 – 1 p.m.</b>
Draw Round 4	1:00 p.m.
Draw Round 5	2:30 p.m.
Draw Round 6	4:00 p.m.
Coach's Check	5:30 p.m.
Elimination Round 1	6:00 p.m.
Elimination Round 2	7:30 p.m.
Elimination Round 3(if needed)	9:00 p.m. .
<b>Awards</b>	<b>10:00 p.m. (or ASAP)</b>