

2014 NCT Preliminary Tournament Notes

Welcome to the 2014 NCT. The tournament includes 79 schools and nearly 2,000 total entries. Jaime Hamilton and her IUPUI staff have worked hard to prepare the campus for a successful tournament weekend. Janice Crawford of Butler University and Audrey Cunningham of the University of Indiana have helped as local hosts. As you prepare to take part in this, the largest NCT to date, the following notes should help in your preparations.

1. Registration will be in Quincy's at the Wyndam Indianapolis West hotel Thursday night from 6:00 to 10:00. All schools need to register during this time. Should a school not be able to register, please contact me via email to confirm there are no changes to your entry. Extenuating circumstances (travel issues, etc.) should be the only reasons for not registering Friday night. Parking passes will be available during this time. ***There is also a reception, hosted by the National Forensic League, for coaches and judges from 8:00 to 10:00 pm in Quincy's at the Wyndam.***
2. We encourage you to download the "Guidebook" app to your smartphones. We will upload schematics, changes, debate topics, and other information throughout the weekend to this app. We believe, based on use at last year's national tournament and at other regional tournaments, your teams will find this very useful. We will make an effort to post frequently to Facebook and Twitter as well.
3. Fees statements were sent to each school last week. Note these statements do NOT include charges for parking per vehicle brought to the IUPUI campus. Additionally, they do NOT reflect the \$100.00 charge for any school that is not a current member of Pi Kappa Delta. Chapter dues can be paid at registration. Checks should be made payable to Pi Kappa Delta. We can also process payments by VISA.
4. Individual event, reader's theatre, and student congress sections will be emailed (if this didn't happen already) to all email addresses within forensictournament.net for this tournament. These schematics reflect changes through Monday morning. We will post a single copy at registration and near the ballot table. We will also provide a sheet of changes that will list events in which drops, adds, or other changes were made. We encourage a sharing of these schematics prior to the tournament.
5. All judges are on stand-by for rounds for which they are not scheduled. If you have an entry in any events scheduled during non-individual event rounds and you did not indicate you were unavailable for these rounds, please check for ballots. We have pre-assigned reader's theatre and student congress judges among those in the non-individual event pool. Please check for these assignments. Our hosts have secured an impressive pool of available local judges that allows for time off, but this will only happen if all school judges check for and claim their assignments—and in a timely manner. Thanks!
6. The tournament headquarters at IUPUI will be in the Campus Center (room code CE). The parking garage is attached to this building. Ballots will be in the atrium on the main floor, outside the bookstore and Starbuck's.
7. Parking passes assume no "in and out" privileges. If a vehicle leaves and returns on the same day the return entry will be charged at an hourly rate not covered by the parking pass for that day.

8. Laptops can be used in any rounds of competition. There is no access to Internet allowed during competition.
9. At this point all debate divisions will be kept independent of other divisions within formats. We reserve the right to collapse divisions to accommodate scheduling and any future changes in entries.
10. Presiding Officers have been assigned for all three rounds of the first two chambers of student congress. Elections will be held at the beginning of the first round to select presiding officers in Chamber Three.
11. All Sunday elimination rounds will be held at the Wyndam.
12. Quarterfinals will be held in all individual events. A “super quarterfinal” will be held in extemp, impromptu, and prose, meaning six quarterfinal sections will be held in these events; two students from each section will advance to semifinals.
13. Debate divisions, as of now, will break to the following elimination rounds listed below. Additional changes in entries may warrant different plans.
 - World’s—finals
 - Open Public Forum—semifinals
 - Novice Public Forum—semifinals
 - Open NPDA—octafinals
 - Junior NPDA—octafinals
 - Novice NPDA—octafinals
 - Open LD—quarterfinals
 - Junior LD—semifinals
 - Open IPDA—octafinals
 - Novice IPDA--octafinals
14. There are unique features of this year’s tournament that are outlined in the invitation. I want to reiterate some of these here.
 - a. There is a typographical error in the description for improvisational pairs. We, in fact, DIScourage “extreme physicality, profanity, etc.”
 - b. We will use a combination of philosophical quotations, lyrics, and cartoons as impromptu speaking prompts.
 - c. Extemp draw will allow Internet access during preparation. We do NOT allow access to any power source external to your laptop or electronic device used for preparation. While outlets are available in the draw room, no student will be allowed access to the outlets. Draw coordinators will closely monitor this element of the draw.
 - d. There will be no roll call for NPDA or IPDA debate. Topics will be announced when scheduled. This is in response to consistent feedback on tournament evaluations regarding a desire to change debate topic announcement procedures in order to elevate the efficiency of the tournament. To facilitate a fair and efficient topic announcement, we ask the following:

- ALL IPDA or NPDA debaters competing in IE rounds immediately preceeding a debate round should sign in as triple entered and remind critics the tournament has asked them to perform and leave as soon as possible. This should allow debaters to do their one or two events and still make it to debate announcements.
- NPDA topics will be announced in multiple social media as they are announced in the topic announcement room.
- IPDA debates involving debaters not present at the time of draw will be moved to the bottom of that division's debate pairings. When all other rounds' topics have been drawn the student present will be allowed to select the topic for debate.
- We urge schools to utilize texting, emailing, social media, and other means of facilitating their group preparation and sharing of topics with students not present for topic announcements.
- NPDA debates will have a start time announced with topic announcement, based on the tournament director's AT&T cell phone. Rounds will start 20 minutes following the second reading of the topic. Forfeits will be assigned to any team not in assigned rooms by 22 minutes following topic announcements. ***Judges are asked to please ensure consistency by NOT allowing debates to begin if a team is not present at 22 minutes after topic announcement. Clarifications can be directed to Scott Jensen at 314-223-6141.***

Tournament-related extenuating circumstances beyond the students' control will be the one reason for circumventing this policy. This does not include getting lost, not knowing where buildings are located, underestimating the time needed to get from preparation locations to debate rooms, etc. The 20 minutes of preparation time will include more walking for some debates than for others.

2014 PI KAPPA DELTA NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 20th— *All events at the Wyndham Indianapolis West*

- 6:00 – 10:00 Tournament Registration—*Hallway Outside Quincy's*
 8:00 – 10:00 Reception—Light refreshments for coaches and judges—*Quincy's*

Friday, March 21st—*All events on the campus of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis*

- 8:00 Extemp Draw—*LE 101*
 8:15 – 9:30 Round 1, Flight B (duo, extemp, persuasive, poi)
 9:30 Extemp Draw—*LE 101*
 10:00 – 11:15 Round 2, Flight B
 11:15 Extemp Draw—*LE 101*
 11:45 – 1:00 Round 3, Flight B
 1:00 NPDA and Worlds Topic Announcement and IPDA Topic Draw
 NPDA Announcement—LE 100
 IPDA Draw—LE 102
 Worlds Announcement—LE 104
 Round 1, Non-Draw Debate Events
 Round 1, Reader's Theatre
 1:20 – 2:15 Round 1, NPDA and IPDA Debate
 2:30 NPDA Topic Announcement and IPDA Topic Draw
 Round 2, Non-Draw Debate Events
 Round 2, Reader's Theatre
 2:50 – 3:45 Round 2, NPDA and IPDA Debate
 3:15 Worlds Topic Announcement and Round 2, Worlds
 3:45 – 5:00 Round 1, Flight A (impromptu, informative, prose)
 5:00 – 6:15 Round 2, Flight A
 5:30 Worlds Topic Announcement and Round 3, Worlds
 6:15 NPDA Topic Announcement and IPDA Topic Draw
 Round 3, Non-Draw Debate Events
 Round 1, Student Congress
 6:35 – 7:30 Round 3, NPDA and IPDA Debate
 7:30 – 8:45 Round 3, Flight A

Saturday, March 22nd

- 8:00 NPDA and Worlds Topic Announcement and IPDA Topic Draw
 Round 4, Non-Draw Debate Events
 Round 2, Student Congress
 8:20 – 9:15 Round 4, NPDA and IPDA Debate
 9:15 – 10:30 Round 1, Flight C (ads, ca, di, improv pairs, poetry)
 10:30 NPDA and Worlds Topic Announcement and IPDA Topic Draw
 Round 5, Non-Draw Debate Events
 Round 3, Reader's Theatre
 10:50 – 11:45 Round 5, NPDA and IPDA Debate
 11:45 – 1:00 Round 2, Flight C
 1:00 – 2:15 Round 3, Flight C
 1:00 Worlds Topic Announcement and Round 6, Worlds
 2:15 NPDA Topic Announcement and IPDA Topic Draw
 Round 6, Non-Draw Debate Events
 Round 3, Student Congress
 2:35 – 3:30 Round 6, NPDA and IPDA Debate
 3:30 Extemp Draw
 4:00 – 5:30 Quarterfinals, Flight B + Informative
 5:30 – 7:00 Quarterfinals, Flight C + Impromptu and Prose
 5:30 Worlds Topic Announcement and Elimination Round 1, Worlds

7:00	NPDA Topic Announcement and IPDA Topic Draw Elimination Round 1, Non-Draw Debate Events Finals, Reader's Theatre
7:20 – 8:15	Elimination Round 1, NPDA and IPDA Debate

Sunday, March 23rd – All events at the Wyndham Indianapolis West

BALLOT TABLES WILL BE OUTSIDE QUINCY'S

8:00	Extemp Draw
8:30 – 10:00	Semifinals, Flight B + Informative
10:00	NPDA Topic Announcement and IPDA Topic Draw Elimination Round 2, Non-Draw Debate Events <i>Rounds will be flighted for some of the formats during this time block.</i>
10:20 – 11:30	Elimination Round 2, NPDA and IPDA Debate
11:30 – 1:00	Semifinals, Flight C + Prose and Impromptu
1:00	NPDA Topic Announcement and IPDA Topic Draw Elimination Round 3, Non-Draw Debate Events
1:20—2:15	Elimination Round 3, NPDA and IPDA Debate
2:15	Extemp Draw
2:45 – 4:15	Finals, Flight B + Informative
4:15 – 5:45	Finals, Flight C + Impromptu and Prose
5:45	NPDA Topic Announcement and IPDA Topic Draw Elimination Round 4, Non-Draw Debate Events
6:05 – 7:00	Elimination Round 4, NPDA and IPDA Debate
7:30	Awards