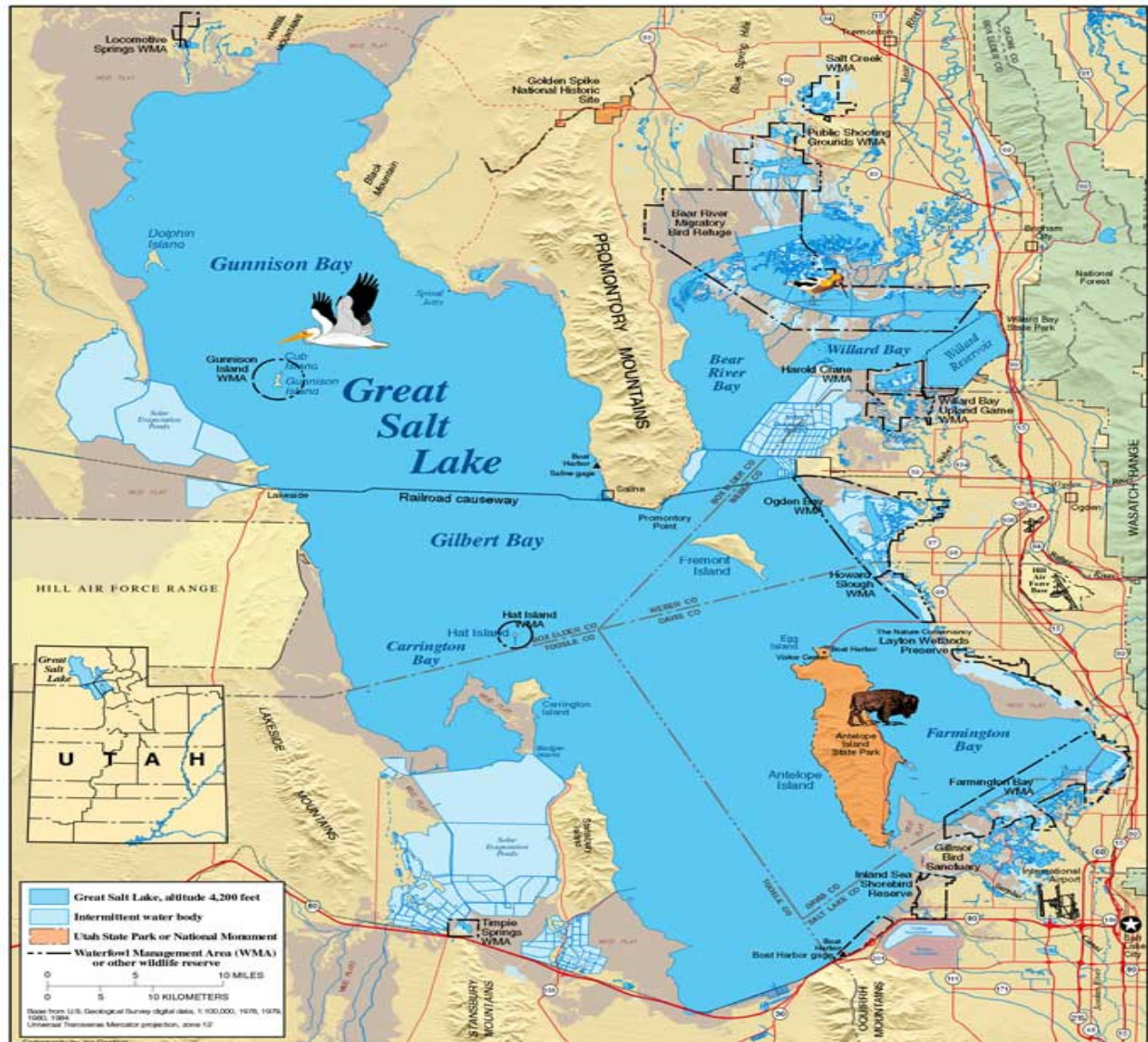


The University of Utah and Northern Arizona University

Present

The 2009 Great Salt Lake/NAU Swing



Salt Lake City, UT

January 3-5, 2009

Great Salt Lake/Northern Arizona University Swing
On the Campus of the University of Utah
January 3-5, 2009

Dear Colleagues:

The University of Utah and Northern Arizona University would like to cordially invite you to the Great Salt Lake/NAU Swing taking place January 3rd-5th, 2009. Come and gather with us in Salt Lake City, home of the 2002 Olympics, for 2 back to back tournaments of high caliber Parliamentary debate and an opportunity to participate in individual events and NFA-LD. The Great Salt Lake half of the swing, will consist of the 5 rounds of JV and Open divisions of Parli and a 3 rounds to Finals Individual Events portion of the tournament. However, if you are entered in IE's you will not be able to participate in debate during this half of the swing. On the upside you will be in competition for the Royal Garff Top Speaker Trophy, an impressive (and heavy) piece of hardware. The NAU half of the swing will consist of 5 rounds of JV and Open divisions of Parliamentary Debate and NFA-LD. If you are entered in the NFA-LD during this portion of the swing you will be unable to participate in Parli. The tournament is currently scheduled through double octafinals with 5 rounds of prelims. Depending on the number of entries, there is the possibility that we will go to six rounds of prelims and move straight to octafinals. At both halves of the tournament, all teams with winning records will advance to outrounds.

We hope that the GSL/NAU Swing will be one of the best tournaments of the year and have a variety of things that we will be doing to make it so. Food will be provided at the tournament, with a promise that quality vegetarian/vegan options will be available with each meal. We also encourage teams that are coming to bring their reusable drinking containers (a Nalgene, reused Gatorade bottle, that moldy old water skein that Grandpa gave you) to help cut down on the damage caused by the production and consumption of bottled water. We will be operating a morning and evening shuttle between the University and the tournament hotel to help accommodate teams who will be flying in, which will mean that in conjunction with shuttle service to and from the airport via the hotel's shuttle service that you will not need to rent a vehicle at all. Plans are also in the works to have the outrounds of both tournaments videotaped, placed on a website, and available to all teams who attended the tournament via a password. We are also looking into setting aside some time in the schedule where DOF's will be able to talk with local high school students who are interested in continuing their forensics careers on the collegiate level.

On behalf of our respective institutions, we look forward to seeing you this January 3-5.

Peace,

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Section I: Tournament Schedule

Friday, January 2nd

4:00 PM to 9:00 PM: Early Registration – Red Lion Hotel

6:00 PM

DINNER!!!!

7:00 PM

Round 3 Parliamentary Debate
Round 3 NFA-LD

Saturday, January 3rd

7:30 AM-9:00 AM: Shuttles Run from Red Lion to Campus

8:30-10:30 PM

Shuttles Run from Campus to Red Lion Inn

8:00 AM-8:45 AM: Registration (OSH Main Lobby)

Monday, January 5th

9:00 AM: Round One Parliamentary Debate
Round One Individual Events Pattern A

7:30-9:00 AM

Shuttles Run from Red Lion Inn to Campus

10:30 AM Round Two Parliamentary Debate
Round Two Individual Events Pattern A

9:00 AM

Round 4 Parliamentary Debate
Round 4 NFA-LD

12:00 PM **LUNCH!!!**

10:30 AM

Round 5 Parliamentary Debate
Round 5 NFA-LD

1:00 PM Round Three Parliamentary Debate
Round Three Individual Events Pattern A

12:00 PM

LUNCH!!!!!!

2:30 PM Round Four Parliamentary Debate
Round One Individual Events Pattern B

1:00 PM

Double Octafinals Parliamentary Debate
Octafinals NFA-LD

4:00 PM Round Five Parliamentary Debate
Round Two Individual Events Pattern B

2:30 PM

Octafinals Parliamentary Debate
Quarters NFA-LD

5:30 PM **DINNER!!!**

4:00 PM

Quarterfinals Parliamentary Debate
Semifinals NFA-LD

6:30 PM Double Octafinals Parliamentary
Round Three Individual Events Pattern B

5:30 PM

DINNER!!!!!! (And Awards!!!)

8:00 PM Octafinals Parliamentary Debate

6:15 PM

Semifinals Parliamentary Debate
Finals NFA-LD

8:30-10:30 PM Shuttles Run from Campus to Red Lion

7:45 PM

Finals Parliamentary Debate

Sunday, January 4th

8:45-10:15

Shuttles Run from Campus to Red Lion

7:30-9:00 AM Shuttles Run from Red Lion to Campus

9:00 AM Quarterfinals Parliamentary Debate
Finals Individual Events Pattern A

10:30 AM Semifinals Parliamentary Debate
Finals Individual Events Pattern B

12:30 PM **Finals Parliamentary Debate (and LUNCH!!!)**

Sunday, January 4th Continued

2:00 PM GSL Award Ceremony (And NAU
Registration...if needed)

3:00 PM Round 1 Parliamentary Debate
Round 1 NFA-LD

4:30 PM Round 2 Parliamentary Debate
Round 2 NFA-LD

Section II: Tournament Entries

General Information:

Tournament Rules: AFA, NFA, and NPDA regulations will be in effect, unless otherwise specified in this invitation. Hybrids will be accepted for NPDA.

Competitor Eligibility: Any undergraduate in a two-year or four-year college or university carrying 6 or more units is eligible to compete. No person who has competed more than 8 or more semesters or has competed at a collegiate national speech or debate tournament in 4 different years may compete.

Entry Procedure:

Both the GSL and NAU portions of the Swing will be using www.forensicstournament.net exclusively for entries. Entries must be completed by 11:00 PM MST Monday, December 29th, 2008. Drops and name changes (but no adds) can be completed by 8:00 PM MST Thursday, January 1st.

Section III: Individual Events

Events Offered:

Students **MAY NOT** enter in more than THREE events per pattern. It is the sole responsibility of the competitors to complete **ALL** events in the time given. Failure to do so will result in a no-show score for the round. The following events will be offered in OPEN division:

Pattern A – Extemp, Informative, After Dinner Speaking, Prose, and Poetry

Pattern B – Impromptu, Persuasive, Communication Analysis, Duo, Dramatic, and POI

Elimination Rounds: Any event with less than 7 contestants will not have a final round. For events with more than 7 competitors, a final round will be held.

Advancing to Elimination Rounds: No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by the highest speaker points. All attempts will be made to make a clean break (by cumulative rankings).

Placement in Elimination Rounds: Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by judge's preference, followed by the highest reciprocal score (decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

Section IV: NFA-LD

Procedural Issues

Paradigm – NFA-LD is a communication event that is debated in a stock issues paradigm. In deference to the intent of the event, we ask that all competitors and critics are mindful of these rules. Complete rules can be found on the NFA webpage <http://www.nationalforensics.org>.

Disclosure – Following the return of the ballot, critics may disclose as much or as little information as they see fit so long as it does not interfere with the tournament schedule. Delays caused by coaches/judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including removal from the tournament. We don't want to do it, so don't put us in a position where we would want to do it.

Pairings and Topics

Preliminary Rounds – The computer will randomly match Round 1 and 2. Rounds 3, 4, and 5 will be paired high-low within the win-loss brackets based upon the results of all previous rounds. Lag powering may be employed, if necessary, to keep the tournament on schedule.

Elimination Rounds – Seeding in elimination rounds will be based first upon wins, then by total speaker points, followed by opposition record, then adjusted speaker points, and finally judge variance (Z-Score). In elimination rounds, brackets will be broken.

Section V: NPDA Debate

Divisions: Provided that there are at least 18 entries per division, both the GSL and NAU portions of the Swing will offer Junior and Open Division. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines. Eligibility is determined based on the most partner with the most experience. A semester means that the student has competed in at least three tournaments of any style of debate.

Procedural Issues: Judging Philosophies need to be emailed and acknowledged no later than 1:00 PM MST Monday, December 29th, 2008. Judging philosophies should be emailed to b.danielson@utah.edu. Schools not turning in philosophies by that time will not be allowed to enter strikes or MPJ preferences. **Strikes for GSL half of the swing and MPJ for the NAU half of the swing** are for **OPEN DIVISION TEAMS ONLY** and will be due no later than 9:00 PM MST Friday, January 2nd, 2009. The **NAU half of the swing** will have general topic areas which will be announced Saturday, December 20th, 2008. Strikes and MPJ will be entered electronically and information will be posted on www.net-benefits.net regarding how to input these.

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Preliminary Rounds: Power matching for all preliminary rounds will be high-low in win-loss brackets. The computer will randomly match Rounds 1 and 2. Rounds 3 through 5 will be power-matched (high-low within win-loss brackets) based upon the results of all previous rounds.

Elimination Rounds: Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by judge variance. In elimination rounds, brackets will be broken. Partial elimination rounds will be held, as necessary.

Section VI: Financial Information

Entry Fees: The fee schedule is the same for both tournaments. You may, at your option, pay with TWO checks, one for the Great Salt Lake Invitational and one for the Northern Arizona University Invitational or ONE check for both tournaments. Preferably the checks will be made payable to University of Utah Debate (or something like that). If you have a check made out to Northern Arizona University we can handle that, but would prefer both checks be made out to the University of Utah. Fees will be assessed at noon MST on Wednesday, December 31st, 2008. There will be a \$25.00 school fee, to help cover food costs, that covers both tournaments and individual tournament entry fees. The individual tournament entry fees are identical for both tournaments and are as follows:

\$10.00/IE Slot	\$15.00/Duo Interp Slot	\$30.00/NFA-LD Slot	\$75.00/NPDA debate team
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So, that means that if you were entering 2 NPDA teams in both halves of the swing your total cost would be \$325.00 (25.00 school fee + 150.00 GSL entry fees + 150.00 NAU entry fees).

Judging: One judge can cover up to two NFA-LD debaters or up to 5 IE slots per pattern or two NPDA teams. Because NPDA Debate and IE's/NFA-LD run concurrently at each of the respective tournaments, judges can only cover debate or IE's not both. Debate judges are committed through octafinals and one round beyond their team's/debater's elimination. An I.E. judge is committed through finals. Meeting this commitment is essential in order for the tournament to run....period.

Uncovered Fees: First and foremost, please, please, please, bring your judges. We only have a limited pool of available judges to hire. Uncovered judge fees will be assessed on the following basis.

\$20.00/IE slot	\$50.00/NFA-LD slot	\$150.00/NPDA Debate Team
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Section VII: Awards

We're having awards. Nifty ones, cool ones. Seriously.

Individual Events: First through Third place will receive shiny baubles, Finalists will receive certificates.

The Top Overall Individual Events competitor will also receive the Royal Garff Trophy and have their name added to the list of illustrious winners on the trophy. The winner of the Royal Garff Trophy will be determined based off the highest total accumulated in up to 6 events using the following point scale. 1st place = 10 pts, 2nd place = 7 pts, 3rd place = 5 pts, Finalist = 3 pts. Ties will be broken by a dance-off judged by the attendees of the Awards ceremony or a 2 out of 3 Paper-Rock-Sissors throwdown, depending on competitors preference. In the event of a disagreement over the choice of tie-breaker by the competitors, the tournament director reserves the right to declare which tie-breaker will be used.

NFA-LD: Competitors advancing to outrounds will get something cool.

NPDA: Each Debate team advancing to elimination rounds will receive a shiny bauble. The Top 20 Speakers in each division will be recognized, with awards for the Top 10. Speaker awards will be determined by: 1. Adjusted points, 2. Total points, 3. Double adjusted points, 4. Judge variance (Z-score).

Section VIII: Lodging and Directions

Tournament Hotel: Red Lion Hotel - Salt Lake Downtown – After personally visiting most of the hotels in Salt Lake City, I settled on the Red Lion Hotel – Salt Lake Downtown for its combination of accommodations, location, and price. Located in Downtown Salt Lake City, the Red Lion Hotel provides quick access to the best Salt Lake has to offer and is only 2 blocks from the nearest Trax station, making for easy access to and from the tournament when the shuttle is not running. A few of the hotel highlights include Complimentary High Speed Wireless Internet Access, free parking and airport shuttle, a year round hot tub, walkout balconies in each room, a lounge on the top floor of the hotel with spectacular views, two restaurants, and super comfortable beds (trust me, I didn't want to get up when I was checking out the various rooms). The tournament rate for this hotel is \$89.00 + tax, 1-4 people. Please ask for the GSL/NAU Debate Tournament Code.

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