

Sleet and Sun Swing Invitation

Concordia University – Seward, NE
January 16th-18th, 2009

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Dear Forensic Colleague:

You are cordially invited to join us for the fifth annual **Sleet and Sun Swing** to be held **January 16-18, 2009** on the Concordia University campus in Seward, Nebraska. Last year's swing tournaments attracted a wide variety of schools. We hope schools looking for an excellent weekend of competition will join us this January. As in past years, the swing will be competitive and efficiently run.

Due to unavoidable circumstances, Concordia University-Irvine will not be able to co-host the swing this year, but we look forward to working with CUI in future years. Bethel University has graciously offered to co-host the Sunday half of this year's swing.

We plan to offer the same set of events as in previous years. Each swing half will offer an open division (with Junior division breakout finals if entry size warrants them) of two flights of AFA individual events with appropriate elimination rounds. The first (Sleet) tournament will include four preliminary rounds of NFA Lincoln-Douglas debate with appropriate elimination rounds. Additionally, six rounds (and appropriate elimination rounds) of NPDA Debate will be offered at the first tournament. Four preliminary rounds of NPDA debate (with appropriate elimination rounds) will be offered at the second (Sun) tournament. Students must choose between the IE portion and the NPDA debate portion at the second tournament.

The schedule is constructed with wellness in mind while offering additional opportunities for competition. Three meals are included during the weekend - a dinner break on Friday for NPDA debaters, and lunch breaks on Saturday and Sunday, served in the Janzow Student Center. We hope you will take advantage of this budget-stretching weekend.

Because wellness is not only about physical well-being but also mental and spiritual well-being, we will offer a chapel service at 8:00 am on Sunday morning. We encourage each of you to take advantage of this worship service.

We hope to see you and your squad in Seward, Nebraska, on January 16th, 17th, & 18th. If there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Tournament Rules – AFA, NFA and NPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere in this invitation. Except in NFA L/D, no one may debate alone. Undergraduate students enrolled in six (6) or more units are eligible. No person who has competed for eight (8) or more semesters or has competed at a collegiate national tournament in four (4) different years may compete.

Host Student Participation – While many Concordia Nebraska and Bethel University students will be helping to run the tournament, Concordia Nebraska and Bethel University students will participate. These students are eligible to advance to elimination rounds, but not school sweepstakes.

ADA Accommodations – If anyone has concerns about accessibility on campus, please contact Prof. Moore. We will gladly accommodate as needed.

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES:

Entry Deadlines – All entries will be submitted using Professor Erick Roebuck's online entry system. This webpage can be found at <http://www.forensicstournament.net>. **Entries are due by 12:00 noon (Central Time) on Friday, January 9th, 2009.**

Entry Fees – Fees will be assessed at noon on Tuesday, January 13th. Two fee structures will be in place – individual tournament and swing entry. A single \$25.00 school fee applies to each tournament to assist with defraying food costs.

The following fees will be assessed for competing in **only one** tournament:

- \$6.00/Individual Events slot
- \$20.00/NFA LD Debate slot.
- \$12.00/Duo slot (2 trophies).
- \$35.00/NPDA debate team.

The following fees will be assessed for competing in **both halves** of the swing:

- \$10.00/Individual Events slot
- \$20.00/NFA LD Debate slot.
- \$20.00/ Duo slot (2 trophies).
- \$60.00/NPDA debate team.

Drop Fees – A \$5 dropped entry fee will be assessed for drops made between noon on Tuesday, Jan. 13th and Thursday, Jan. 15th at 5:00 pm. A \$10 dropped entry fee will be assessed for drops made after Thursday, Jan. 15th at 5:00 pm (CST), including at registration or between halves of the swing. Substitutions are NOT considered drops. Schools are responsible for paying their full fees.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

Students may be designated as Junior or Open. Junior competitors are those in their first two years of intercollegiate competition. During preliminary rounds, all competitors compete in open division. As entries warrant, non-advancing junior division students compete in Junior Finals (these are non-sweepstakes rounds).

All events with 8 or more competitors will have a final round. Events with more than 35 competitors will have a semifinal round. Two preliminary rounds of competition in all eleven AFA Individual Events will be offered in these flights:

- Pattern A:** Extemporaneous Speaking, Informative, After Dinner Speaking, Prose, and Poetry.
Pattern B: Impromptu Speaking, Persuasive, Communication Analysis, Dramatic Interp, Program Oral Interp, and Dramatic Duo.

Students are limited to four (4) individual events slots, with no more than two (2) per pattern. LD participants are limited to one added event (not Extemp or Duo) per flight.

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NPDA DEBATE:

General Rules – Two divisions of NPDA debate will be offered – Junior and Open. The NPDA Rules for Debating and Judging will govern NPDA debate. 20 minutes preparation of time will be given before each debate. Motions will be announced in the Jantz Campus Center.

Preliminary Rounds – Power-matching for all preliminary rounds will be high-low in win-loss brackets. When brackets are uneven, teams with the weakest opposition record will be pulled up to the next highest bracket.

Sleet Invitational (Friday/Saturday) - Rounds 1 and 2 will be randomly matched. Rounds 3 and 4 will be lag power-matched based upon all available previous rounds. Rounds 5 and 6 will be power-matched based upon all previous rounds.

Sun Invitational (Sunday) - The computer will randomly match rounds 1 and 2. Rounds 3 and 4 will be lag powered-matched based upon all available previous rounds.

Elimination Rounds – In elimination rounds, brackets will be broken (per NPDA by-laws). Partial elimination rounds will be held, as necessary. In each division, the number of teams advancing will be determined by NPDA bylaws.

Sleet Invitational - Seeding in elimination rounds will be based upon wins, then adjusted speaker points, total speaker points, opposition record, and finally judge variance.

Sun Invitational - Seeding in elimination rounds will be based upon wins, then total speaker points, opposition record, and finally judge variance.

Should a double Octofinal round be needed for the Sleet tournament, the final round will take place Sunday morning during Round One of the Sun tournament. Both teams in the Sleet final round will receive a bye for Round 1 of the Sun tournament.

NFA L-D DEBATE

A single division of NFA L-D debate will be offered at the first half of the swing. Four preliminary rounds of competition will break (as entries warrant) to Quarterfinals. The 2008-2009 NFA resolution and times will be used. Consult the NFA website for more information on NFA L-D Debate. Students should go to LD rounds before IE rounds.

Preliminary Rounds – The computer will randomly match rounds one and two. Rounds three and four will be lag-powered based upon all available previous rounds.

Elimination Rounds – Seeding will be based upon wins, followed by total speaker points, opposition record, adjusted speaker points, and finally judge variance (Z-Score). A partial elimination round will be held, as necessary.

JUDGES:

Commitment – One judge can cover up to five I.E. slots per pattern or two L/D debaters. At the Sleet Invitational, each judge can also cover two NPDA teams. Judges may EITHER cover IE's or NPDA teams at the Sun Invitational. Debate judges are needed one round beyond their team's/debater's elimination. An I.E. judge is committed through finals.

Available Judges – We REALLY want you to bring judges. We will reduce school fees or pay judges with bachelor's degree \$15.00 per NPDA round or \$12.00 per IE/LD round. Please alert us to critics willing to judge beyond their commitment.

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Critic Flexibility - If entry size prevents critics from judging the events for which they registered, we may slot them to judge events in which your participants are not involved (e.g. an IE judge for L-D/NPDA or an LD judge for IE's). If you DO NOT wish for us to use one or more of your judges in this fashion, please indicate this on your entry. If you do not make such an indication, we will assume that your judges are flexible and willing to serve the tournament in whatever way is needed. This flexibility is greatly appreciated and helps make the most efficient use of the judges you provide.

Sleet Tournament – For the Sleet Invitational (Friday/Saturday), uncovered judge fees will be assessed on the following basis:

- \$12.00 per Individual Events slot.
- \$25.00 per NFA L/D Debate slot.
- \$80.00 per NPDA Debate team.

Sun Tournament – For the Sun Invitational (Sunday tournament), uncovered entry fees will be assessed on the following basis:

- \$12.00 per Individual Events slot.
- \$25.00 per NFA L/D Debate slot.
- \$50.00 per NPDA Debate team.

AWARDS:

Individual Events – Awards will be presented to the top six finishers in each Individual Event. Additionally, the top three Individual Events Sweepstakes speakers in each portion of the swing will receive handsome awards. To be eligible, individuals must participate in four Individual Events. IE Swing Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top three competitors for the entire swing.

Debate Events – The top ten speakers in Parliamentary Debate will receive awards, as will all NPDA Debate teams and NFA L/D debaters advancing to elimination rounds.

School Sweepstakes – Points will be assigned by the following formula:

Individual Events:

- First Place = 10 points
- Second Place = 9 points
- Third Place = 8 points
- Fourth Place = 7 points
- Fifth Place = 6 points
- Sixth Place = 5 points
- Other Finalist = 4 points
- Semifinalist = 2 points

NFA L/D Debate:

- First Place = 15 points
- Second Place = 13 points
- Semifinalist = 11 points
- Quarterfinalist = 9 points

NPDA Debate – Each elimination round in which a team participates earns that team's school five sweepstakes points.

There are NO points for preliminary rounds.

School Awards – Each tournament will present awards to the top three individual events and debate schools. Three overall swing awards will be presented as well as three small entry sweepstakes awards.

The swing will be divided into two equal parts – debate and individual events. Each school's points will be calculated as a percentage of the total points earned by all schools in each portion of the tournament. The percentage scores for both halves will be added together to determine rankings for each school.

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ARRIVAL/DIRECTIONS:

Seward, Nebraska (Concordia's location) is approximately 30 miles west of Lincoln and about 85 miles west of Omaha. Both airports offer multiple carriers and rental car agencies at reasonable prices.

From Highway 34, when on the east edge of town, turn on to N. Columbia (at the St. John Child Development Center). Travel to University Lane, turn right, and then left into the TLEC/Jesse parking lot. Use the visitor parking spaces. Register in the Janzow Student Center.

From Highway 15, turn east at Jones Bank and City Square and travel east. Follow the directions above from N. Columbia to the school.

From I-80, take the Seward exit and travel Highway 15 north to Jones Bank. Follow the directions above.

LODGING INFORMATION:

The Super 8 in Seward has a limited number of rooms that tend to fill up quickly. The rate for a double, non-smoking room is \$49.48 plus tax; let them know that you are with Concordia University. Call (402-643-3388) between 7 am and 3 pm.

The East Hill motel, a mom and pop at the corner of Hwy. 34 and Columbia, offers eleven rooms. The room rate depends on the number of occupants and rates begin at \$40. Their phone number is 402-643-3679.

The Hampton Inn at 1301 W. Bond Circle in Lincoln, NE offers a King or Double Room for \$69 if you let them know that you are with Concordia University. The number is 402-474-2080.

For those who are VERY speedy with a small team, the Liberty House Bed and Breakfast in Seward next to Amigos has three rooms at \$65 each, including breakfast--weekend rates for an entire team are negotiable. The first floor has a common room, and the hostess is wonderful. Call 402-643-2555—ask for Pat or Jean.

Another B&B is the Marguerita-ville Bed & Breakfast in Milford, located about 13 miles from Seward to the south. They have four rooms available starting at \$69, which includes breakfast. Their number is (402) 761-2970. Note: Both B&B's may also have whole house rates.

Other Options in Lincoln: (25-30 miles east of Seward)

Comfort Inn
2940 NW 12th St
402-475-2200

Best Western Palmer Ave
2426 S. Lincoln Ave
402-362-5585

Holiday Inn Express
1133 Belmont Ave
402-435-2001

Quality Inn
5250 Cornhusker Hwy
402-464-3171

Quality Inn Airport
1101 Bond St.
402-475-4971

Holiday Inn Express
1010 W Bond St
402-474-1417

Ramada Inn Airport
2301 NW 12th St.
402-475-4971

Ramada Plaza Hotel
141 N. 9th St.
402-475-4011

Days Inn
2920 NW 12th St
402-475-3616

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2009 Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, January 16th – Sleet Invite

12:30-1:30	REGISTRATION – Janzow
12:45	Topic Announcement
1:30-2:15	Round One: NPDA Debate
2:35-3:20	Round Two: NPDA Debate
3:40	Topic Announcement
4:00-4:45	Round Three: NPDA Debate
5:05	Topic Announcement
5:25-6:10	Round Four: NPDA Debate
6:00-7:00	DINNER SERVED – Janzow
6:45	Topic Announcement
7:05-7:50	Round Five: NPDA Debate
8:25	Topic Announcement
8:45-9:30	Round Six: NPDA Debate
ASAP	Post NPDA Breaks – Janzow

SATURDAY, January 17th – Sleet Invite

7:00-7:45	IE REGISTRATION – Janzow
7:45	Extemp Prep
8:00-9:15	Round One: Pattern A Round One: NFA L/D Debate
9:15-10:30	Round One: Pattern B Round Two: NFA L/D Debate
10:30	Extemp Prep
10:45-12:00	Round Two: Pattern A Round Three: NFA L/D Debate
12:00-1:15	Round Two: Pattern B Round Four: NFA L/D Debate
12:30-1:30	LUNCH SERVED – Janzow
1:30	Topic Announce: Octos
1:50-2:35	Octofinals: NPDA Debate
2:45	Extemp Prep (as needed)
3:00-4:15	Finals: Pattern A & ALL IE Semis Quarterfinals: NFA L/D Debate
4:30	Topic Announce: Quarters
4:50-5:35	Quarters: NPDA Debate
5:45	Extemp Prep
6:00-7:15	Finals: Pattern B & remaining A Semifinals: NFA L/D Debate
7:30	Topic Announce: Semis
7:50-8:35	Semifinals: NPDA Debate
8:45 or ASAP	AWARDS CEREMONY – Weller
ASAP	Finals: NPDA Debate Finals: NFA L/D Debate

SUNDAY, January 18th – Sun Invite

7:30-8:00	REGISTRATION – Janzow
8:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE – Weller
8:45	Topic Announce: Round 1
9:05-9:50	Round One Debates
10:10	Ballots due to Table
10:10	Topic Announce: Round 2
10:30-11:15	Round Two Debates
11:35	Ballots due to Table
11:35	Topic Announce: Round 3
11:55-12:40	Round Three Debates
1:00	Ballots due to Table
1:00	Topic Announce: Round 4
1:20-2:05	Round Four Debates
2:05	Ballots due to Table
2:15-2:45	LUNCH SERVED – Janzow
2:45	Topic Announce: Elim 1
3:05-3:50	Octofinal Round Debates
4:15	Ballots due to Table
4:30	Topic Announce: Elim 2
4:50-5:35	Quarterfinal Round Debates
6:00	Ballots due to Table
6:00 or ASAP	AWARDS CEREMONY – Weller
6:45	Topic Announce: Elim 3
7:05-7:50	Semifinal Round Debates
8:15	Ballots due to Table
ASAP	Final Round Debate

SUNDAY, January 18th – Sun Invite

7:30-8:00	REGISTRATION – Janzow
8:00-8:30	WORSHIP SERVICE – Weller
8:45	Extemp Prep
9:00-10:15	Round One: Pattern A
10:15-11:30	Round One: Pattern B
11:30	Extemp Prep
11:45-1:00	Round Two: Pattern A
1:00-2:15	Round Two: Pattern B
2:15-2:45	LUNCH SERVED – Janzow
2:45	Extemp Prep
3:00-4:15	Finals: Pattern A & ALL IE Semis
4:30	Extemp Prep (as needed)
4:45-6:00	Finals: Pattern B & remaining A
6:30 or ASAP	AWARDS CEREMONY – Weller
Pattern A = EXT, INFO, ADS, PRO, POE	
Pattern B = IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO	