

Lambda Pi Eta Showdown – 2nd Annual Speech/Debate Tournament

January 23 – 24, 2015

Dear Colleague:

The Lambda Pi Eta and the Department of Speech Communication Arts & Sciences requests your attendance at the second annual Speech/Debate Tournament on the Auraria campus in Denver, Colorado.

Lambda Pi Eta Showdown will take place on campus January 23-24, 2015. The tournament will feature: NPDA (six prelims), NFA-LD (4 prelims), and all 11 AFA Individual Events. Competition will be offered in both Open and Junior divisions in all events, entries permitting.

The attached invitation contains complete information about the tournament. If there is a question you don't find answered, please do not hesitate to contact me. I expect this year's tournament to draw outstanding competition that will be complemented by an excellent tab room staff. I hope you that you and your student will join us in the beautiful Rockies and attend our tournament!

Warm personal regards,

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Tournament Director

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Thursday, January 22nd

7-8:30PM Registration - Springhill Suites Marriott at MSU Denver

Friday, January 23rd

8:00	Topic Announce: Round One
8:20-9:05	Round One: NPDA Debate
9:30	Topic Announce: Round Two
9:50-10:35	Round Two: NPDA Debate
11:00	Topic Announce: Round Three
11:20-12:05	Round Three: NPDA Debate
12:00-1:00	LUNCH BREAK –provided for Coaches/Judges
12:30	Extemp Prep
12:45-2:00	Round One: Pattern A (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE) Round One: NFA L/D Debate
2:20	Topic Announce: Round Four
2:40-3:25	Round Four: NPDA Debate
3:30	Extemp Prep
3:45-5:00	Round Two: Pattern A (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE) Round Two: NFA L/D Debate
5:00-6:00	Dinner Provided for Coaches/Judges
6:00	Topic Announce: Round Five
6:20-7:05	Round Five: NPDA Debate
7:15-8:30	Round One: Pattern B (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO) Round Three: NFA L/D Debate
8:45	Topic Announce: Round Six
9:05-10:00	Round Six: NPDA Debate
ASAP	POST PATTERN A BREAKS

Saturday, January 24th

9:00 Topic Announce: NPDA Elim 1

9:20-10:05	Elim 1 NPDA Debate
10:15-11:30	Round Two: Pattern B (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO) Round Four: NFA L/D Debate
11:30-12:30	LUNCH
12:15	Extemp Prep
12:30-1:45	Finals: Pattern A and ALL IE Semifinals Semifinals: NFA L/D Debate
2:00	Topic Announce: Elim 2
2:20-3:05	Elim 2 NPDA Debate
3:15-3:45	Finals: Pattern B and remaining A Finals Finals: NFA L/D Debate
4:00	Topic Announce: Elim 3
4:20-5:00	Elim 3: NPDA Debate
5:15	Awards
6:00	Topic Announce: Elim 4 (if needed)
6:20-7:00	Elim 4 NPDA Debate

Entries:

Any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two year or four year college is eligible to participate. Eligibility standards for AFA and NPDA nationals will be enforced, and the tournament director reserves the right to ask a coach to prove that a student is eligible. A contestant may enter up to three individual events per conflict pattern, but students may not enter in both NFA-LD and AFA events.

ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA WWW.FORENSICSTOURNAMENT.NET.

Parliamentary Debate (NPDA):

An Open and Junior division of Parliamentary Debate will be offered, entries permitting. Any eligible student may enter the Open division. The Junior division is reserved only for those within their 1st year of debate on the college level. NPDA sweepstakes points will be given to the top three teams from a school regardless of division. Six preliminary rounds of NPDA will be followed by an appropriate number of elimination rounds.

We will administer the NPDA debate competition in accordance with NPDA tournament procedures. The topic for each NPDA round will be announced at the time indicated by the schedule. Teams should be in their scheduled room and ready to compete as indicated. Teams more than 3 minutes late will be forfeited at the judge's discretion.

Decision disclosure at the end of the round is at the discretion of the judge, but we request oral critiques are limited until the ballot is returned to the judge's table. We will be offering a "warm room" where we will post results of each debate round as they become available from the tab room. We typically offer judge strikes, and will adjust the number of strikes to be appropriate for the judging pool and entry size. If you require more information about strikes, please contact the tournament director.

NFA Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

Numbers permitting, there will be an Open and Junior division of NFA L/D debate. Competitors may not enter in L/D and Individual Events. There will be four preliminary rounds before elimination rounds.

Individual Events - General:

The individual events offered are subject to the rules of the AFA National Individual Events Tournament. Competitors may not enter in Individual Events and NFA L/D.

Complete event descriptions are available on request. Two conflict patterns A & B will be offered in each division. Semi-finals where entries warrant, and finals will follow two preliminary rounds. If fewer than 25 students enter a division of an event, that event will go directly to finals. In the occurrence of a very small number of participants in an event, that event may go to three rounds and no finals.

Please watch for announcements concerning when finals for various events will take place as these will be adapted by the IE tab room for judge and room availability during the time allotted in the schedule for semifinals and finals. No speaker will be ranked lower than 4th in the preliminary rounds, but speakers will be ranked 1st through last in elimination rounds.

Awards:

Awards will be given for finalists and higher in individual events and NFA-LD, and octofinalists and higher in NPDA debate. The top three speakers will be awarded in each division of NPDA debate.

Overall, IE, and NPDA sweepstakes awards will be given.

Sweepstakes points are determined in individual events by the following formula: 1st Place - 20 points, 2nd Place - 10 points, 3rd Place - 5 points, all other finalists - 2 points,

and semifinalists failing to advance - 1 point. Five points for each preliminary round won in NPDA and NFA-LD debate.

Ties will be broken by the most number of first places in individual events, secondly by the school qualifying the most number of persons to elimination rounds of IEs or Debate, and finally by the flip of the coin. The top three teams in each division of debate per school or the top three persons in each individual event per school will count toward team sweepstakes.

Fees:

School Fee	\$40
NPDA	\$60
NFA-LD	\$20
IE	\$10/entry
Uncovered NPDA Entry	\$100
Uncovered NFA-LD Entry	\$30
Uncovered IE Entry	\$10/event

Schools cannot be guaranteed that they will be able to enter students in excess of the judges they provide. One judge covers 2 NPDA Debate Teams, 6 IE Entries, and 2 NFA L/D Debaters. Judges may not cover commitments in both LD and IE events.

Hospitality:

Lunch and Dinner will be provided everyday by ***Lambda Pi Eta for Coaches/Judges only***. There are local vendors in our Food Court on the Auraria campus where students can access food during the duration of the tournament. Coffee and lite breakfast fare will be available each morning along with snacks and refreshments during the day for all participants at no costs.

Fees will be assessed as of 5pm (MST) on Monday, January 19th. Schools will be expected to pay fees as indicated by their entry at that time regardless of subsequent deletions. Drops after this time will be charged a drop fee of \$10 per event until Wednesday, January 21. Drops after this time or at registration will result in a \$25 fee per event.

Judging Obligations:

NFA-LD Judges and IE Judges are committed through finals. NPDA judges are

committed through the first full elimination round, as well as one round beyond their team's elimination from the tournament.

If your team can provide judges in excess of your commitment, we **WOULD REALLY LIKE** to either hire them for additional rounds or give a discount to the registration fees of the team. Consult Savannah if you are interested in this option.

MSU Denver will have a judges' lounge specifically for judges and coaches only.

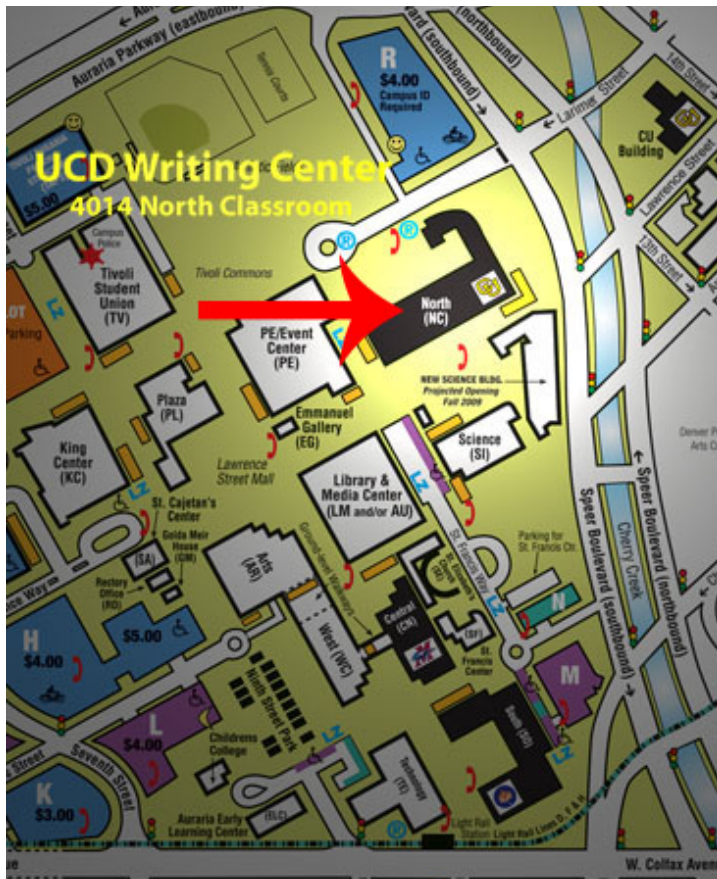
Tournament Facilitation:

The tournament director reserves the right to make any decisions necessary to facilitate the timely and accurate completion of the tournament.

Tournament Location:

The tournament will be held on the University of Colorado-Denver/Metro State Campus Complex. The tournament will be primarily held University of Colorado Denver North Classroom Building at the following address (a map is included for your convenience):

1200 Larmier Street
Denver, Colorado 80204



Lodging:



A block of rooms has been reserved at **SpringHill Suites Denver Downtown at MSU Denver**, located on Auraria Campus. The hotel, which is owned by MSU Denver, contributes 100% of its proceeds to student scholarships, and is within walking distance to all of the events. The event rate of **\$119 per night** includes breakfast, internet and area shuttle service. The tournament hotel is with walking distance to the campus. Please note that there is a **\$15.00 parking fee** assessed because there is a parking garage. Please add this into your costs.

To book, please call **1-877-249-9279** or use the link.
Rooms are limited so reserve before **1/8/15**.

[Book your group rate: Lambda Pi Eta Showdown >>](#)

To contact the hotel directly, please call Ashley Wray at (720) 439-2888 or Ashley.wray@springhillsuitesdenver.com.