

2010 Tournament of the Great West – Pi Kappa Delta



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Dear Colleagues:

The member schools of the Province of the Great West, Pi Kappa Delta, along with tournament host Mt. Hood Community College, are pleased to invite you to the beautiful Portland area for the biennial **Tournament of the Great West**, February 26 – 28, 2010. In 2004, the province introduced the **Northwest Novice Championships** and we are again pleased to offer this additional recognition at this event!

We will offer competitors 3 rounds of all 11 NIET events, two experimental events (Forensics Criticism and Bad Interp), as well as plentiful rounds of Parliamentary Debate, Worlds Debate, and IPDA Debate! There will be no final rounds in any events or debate, but we will use the Pi Kappa Delta awards system to recognize the top performers (see “Tournament Notes” for more information). Pi Kappa Delta tournaments provide an excellent opportunity to celebrate a season completed for some schools and also serve as the ideal “warm-up” for those schools that will attend the various national tournaments to come in the spring! Also, as Portland and MHCC have been selected to host the 2011 Pi Kappa Delta National Convention and Tournament, this event will serve as a great opportunity for schools outside the northwest to come and “sample” the judging pool that will be here for them in 2011!

In all debate divisions, there will be two divisions, Open and Novice. Please read the tournament guidelines for placement of students in these events. In Individual Events, there will be two divisions as well, Open and Novice. If insufficient entries exist in Novice, divisions will be collapsed. However, we will still recognize the top Novices with their own awards.

Any time of year is a great time to travel to Portland! We hope that you and your team will make this a “must attend” on your spring calendar! Being a major travel market, it is very budget-friendly and easy to access. We have arranged for some great lodging and eating options, ordered some very beautiful awards and hope to introduce to schools who are not part of Pi Kappa Delta to the benefits of being part of the nation’s oldest forensic honorary! You do not have to be a member of PKD to attend this tournament, but we hope you will consider joining, especially as MHCC and Portland will host the PKD national event here just one year later!

If you are a school traveling to this tournament from outside our region, we are pleased to offer you a discount on your entry fees. Please see additional information later in this invite for specifics. Please put us on your calendar and find out why PKD events and tournaments in the Great West are like no other!

In all, this promises to be a great weekend in a very humane tournament format! Hope to see you in late February in the Great West!

Jeff

Jeff Stoppenhagen, Tournament Director

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Shannon Valdivia, Tournament Host

Tournament of the Great West Information

Dates: February 26 – 28, 2010

Entry Deadline: Friday, February 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. (MST)

Conflict Patterns

Pattern A: Extemporaneous, Program Oral Interp, Dramatic Interp, Persuade, After Dinner, Forensics Criticism (see info later in invitation), Bad Interp (info later in invitation)

Pattern B: Impromptu, Poetry Interp, Duo Interp, Prose Interp, Informative, Communication Analysis

Pattern C: Parliamentary Debate, Worlds Debate, IPDA Debate

Conflicts: All competitors may enter 3 events in Pattern A and B. If you are entered in Extemp, you may only enter 1 additional event in Pattern A. Students may only enter 1 debate format in Pattern C. Entrants are responsible to make all their rounds if they are double or triple-entered.

Only students with PKD, AFA, NFA and/or NPDA eligibility will be allowed to participate in the tournament. No presentations should be composed of material used by the student prior to September 1, 2009. Likewise, no student may use a selection or cutting in more than one event.

Individual Event Novice Division: Novices are defined as those students in their first two semesters of competition, either high school or college.

Individual Event Open Division: Any competitor may enter the Open Division.

NPDA/Worlds/IPDA Debate Novice Division: Novices are defined as those students in their first two semesters of debate competition, either high school or college, regardless of debate format.

NPDA/Worlds/IPDA Debate Open Division: Any student competitor may enter the Open Division.

Tournament of the Great West – Tournament Notes

Tournament Headquarters: College Center, MHCC Gresham Campus

Entries: Entering the tournament will be completed on-line at www.forensictournament.net.

Judges: We need your qualified critics! Judges for this event must be college graduates (Bachelor's degree) or must have exhausted their eligibility to compete at the collegiate level. Please see information in the invite for additional entry discounts if you bring additional judges.

Individual Events: Competitors may enter up to 3 events in each pattern, unless entered in Extemp in A. Open and Novice divisions in all 11 NIET events will be offered. All AFA rules and time limits will be used in each event.

NPDA Debate: The parliamentary tournament will follow the NPDA rules with the topic announced centrally. The following time limits will be used for both divisions, Open and Novice: 7-8-8-8-4-5 and 20 minutes of prep. There will not be a warm room for this tournament.

IPDA Debate: This is a unique Lincoln-Douglas debate format emphasizing audience-oriented argumentation. Please consider entering some of your students. We will use the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format. There is very useful information on this format at their website at www.ipdadebate.org

Worlds Debate: Worlds will adhere to the following rules:

1. Time limits will be 7-7-7-7-7-7-7 with 20 minutes to prepare (including walk time).
2. Topics will be centrally announced and will vary by round. Topics will NOT be the same resolutions used for parliamentary debate. All topics will focus on issues appearing in the news during the month leading up to the tournament.
3. During prep time the debaters may consult any written materials. Debaters may not use electronic sources of information retrieval. Debaters may confer with their debate partner during prep time, but debaters may not confer with coaches or other teams.
4. The only materials allowed for use by the debaters during the actual debate are those notes the debaters themselves have written during the prep time.
5. Debaters may request a point of information (either verbally or by rising) at any time after the first minute, and before the last minute, of any speech. The debater holding the floor may accept or refuse points of information. If accepted, the debater making the request has 15 seconds to make a statement or ask the question. During the point of information, the speaking time of the floor debate continues.
6. Judges should reveal decisions and provide feedback to students at the conclusion of the round. To facilitate faster turnaround time between rounds, the ballot should be returned to the ballot table as soon as possible.
7. Three person debate teams are not permitted.
8. In other areas relevant to the debate, Worlds rules will be followed. Refer to the following website for more details: <http://flynn.debating.net/Sydrules.htm>

Forensics Criticism: Analyze and evaluate a problem/s with a current forensics event (debate or individual event) and advocate for a solution/s. You may use a manuscript or notes. 8-10 minutes in length.

Bad Interp: Speakers will attempt to satirize the conventions of oral interp as practiced in the forensics realm through the use of truly hideous, overused, or just plain trite material. The intent of the event is humor. The time limit is 8 minutes. It will be scored the same as other individual events.

Pi Kappa Delta Membership: Please visit the website to get more information on joining our organization, open to all 2 and 4 year institutions! www.pikappadelta.com

Tournament of the Great West – Awards and Recognition

Awards: All students with a ranking of Superior, (top 10%) or Excellent (next 20%) in Individual Events and Debate will receive awards.

Sweepstakes: Sweepstakes awards will be presented in Individual Events, Debate, and Combined categories. The PKD awards system will be used to award sweepstakes, with the top 10% of schools in each category receiving Superior, and the next 20% receive Excellent.

Individual Event Sweepstakes: Points will be computed for the top 3 competitors from each school in each event, in each division, according to the following formula:

- Superior (top 10%): 5 points
- Excellent (next 20%): 4 points
- Good (next 30%): 3 points
- Participation: 1 point

Debate Sweepstakes: Points will be computed for the top 3 teams per format, in each division. IPDA debate entries count for one-half a team, thereby allowing schools to enter up to six entries in each of the formats. Points will be awarded according to the following formula:

- Superior (top 10%): 10 points
- Excellent (next 20%): 8 points
- Good (next 30%): 6 points
- Participation: 2 points

Combined Sweepstakes: A school will be able to count up to 12 individual event students, each earning points for their highest placement for their single event. Likewise, each of the school's best 6 debate entries (IPDA is half an entry) will earn points according to their placement. Points will be awarded according to the following formula:

- Superior (top 10%): 10 points
- Excellent (next 20%): 8 points
- Good (next 30 %): 6 points
- Participation: 2 points

Novice: Recognition for novices will be given, as well as a Northwest Novice Sweepstakes Championship, based on the same formula above in individual events, debate and overall sweepstakes.

Tournament of the Great West – Entry Fee Calculation

Non-PKD schools attending from outside the Northwest Forensic Conference (NFC) will be granted a 50% reduction in entry fees if you have sufficient judges to cover your entire entry.

Non-PKD school from the NFC will be granted a 25% reduction in entry fees if you have sufficient judges to cover your entire entry.

PKD schools attending from outside the NFC will have their total entry fees waived if they bring sufficient judges to cover their entire entry.

PKD schools from the NFC will be granted a 40% reduction in their fees if they bring sufficient judges to cover their entire entry.

Tournament of the Great West – Entry Fees

Fees:

School Fee:	\$35
Covered IE Entries	\$ 7 per slot
Uncovered IE Entries:	\$14 per slot
1 judge covers 8 IE slots	
Covered NPDA/Worlds Teams:	\$50 per team
Uncovered NPDA/Worlds Teams:	\$100 per team
1 judge covers 2 teams	
Covered IPDA Entries:	\$25 per slot
Uncovered IPDA Entries:	\$50 per slot
1 judge covers 4 IPDA entries	

Note: IPDA, NPDA and Worlds run at the same time, therefore, a judge can cover 2 NPDA/Worlds teams, or 4 IPDA entries, or one NPDA/Worlds teams and 2 IPDA debaters.

Fee Calculation: Fees will be calculated at 5:00 pm, MST, on Friday, February 19, 2010. Entries may be dropped after that, but fees will not be. There will be no adding of entries after fee calculations have been made. This is necessary to facilitate the ordering of the awards. Your understanding is appreciated!

Please make checks payable to **Pi Kappa Delta**

Tournament of the Great West – Lodging

Tournament Hotel: Red Lion Inn, Jantzen Beach, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR, Tel: 503-283-4466

We have reserved a block of rooms at the beautiful Red Lion Inn, Jantzen Beach, (the official tournament hotel to host the 2011 PKD national Tournament and Convention. They have given us a great rate of \$89, plus tax, for up to 4 in a room. They are conveniently located near shopping and fast food options and it is an easy commute to the venue via the highway.

When you call to book your rooms, please ask for the rooms reserved under the block by Pi Kappa Delta. The block of rooms will be released on Friday, February 5th, so please try and book as soon as possible.

Additional lodging options in the area are:

Holiday Inn Express	877-863-4780
Hampton Inn	503-669-7000
Howard Johnsons	503-666-9545

Tournament of the Great West – Schedule

Tentative Schedule

Friday, February 26, 2010

12:00 – 1:00	Registration, College Center
1:00	Extemp Prep
1:15 – 2:30	Round 1, Pattern A
2:45	Extemp Prep
3:00 – 4:15	Round 2, Pattern A
4:30	Extemp Prep
4:45 – 6:00	Round 3, Pattern A
	End of Day One

Saturday, February 27, 2010

8:00 – 9:15	Round 1, Pattern B
9:30 – 10:45	Round 2, Pattern B
11:00 – 12:15	Round 3, Pattern B
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch Break
	Debate Registration, College Center (schools doing debate only)
1:15 – 2:45	Round 1, NPDA, IPDA Draw and Debate
1:15 – 3:15	Round 1, Worlds Debate
2:45 – 4:15	Round 2, NPDA and IPDA Draw and Debate
3:15 – 5:15	Round 2, Worlds Debate
4:15 – 5:45	Round 3, NPDA and IPDA Draw and Debate
5:15 – 7:15	Round 3, Worlds Debate
5:45 – 7:15	Round 4, NPDA and IPDA Draw and Debate
	End of Day Two

Sunday, February 28, 2010

8:30 – 10:00	Round 5, NPDA and IPDA Debate and Draw
8:30 – 10:30	Round 4, Worlds Debate
10:00 – 11:30	Round 6, NPDA and IPDA Draw and Debate
10:30 – 12:30	Round 5, Worlds Debate
11:30 – 1:00	Round 7, NPDA and IPDA Draw and Debate
1:30 or ASAP	Awards Assembly
	Conclusion of Tournament

If you have any questions about the tournament, please contact Tournament Director Jeff Stoppenhagen at 208-440-1794. Thank you! See you at the end of February!