



*The Hatfield and McCoy
Invitational Swing Tournament
February 9-11, 2018*

Dear Colleagues:

July 20, 2017

The forensics teams of Marshall University and the University of Kentucky, the West Virginia Beta Chapter and the Kentucky Nu Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta cordially invite you to attend the Hatfield and McCoy Comprehensive Invitational Swing Tournament to be held on the campus of Marshall University in Huntington, WV, on February 9-11, 2018.

The tournament will feature all ten NFA individual events, AFA program oral interpretation, broadcasting, improv duo, NPDA parliamentary debate, and IPDA public debate. We will offer 2 preliminary rounds of competition in all individual events. All debate events will offer four rounds of competition with the appropriate number of elimination rounds. Novice divisions and semifinal rounds will be offered if warranted by the number of entries in each event. In events where no novice round is warranted the top novice will be recognized.

Students will be allowed to cross enter between debate and IE with some limitations.

Awards will be presented to all elimination round participants as well as the top speakers in debate and the top competitors entered in quadrathlon. Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top five teams in individual events, debate, and combined. The top Pi Kappa Delta Chapter and top Sweepstakes will be recognized for the top teams at both halves of the Swing. We will also offer the same hospitality you've come to expect at a tournament hosted by both schools at a nominal fee.

The deadline will be 5:00 pm, Tuesday, February 6, 2018. You may enter at Forensics Tournament.net.

You will discover the rest of the details about the Hatfield and McCoy Swing included in the following pages. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Tentative Schedule

Friday, February 9

1:00 Registration
 2:00 NPDA Topic Announcement
 2:15 NPDA Round 1
 3:15 NPDA Topic Announcement
 3:30 NPDA Round 2
 4:45 NPDA Topic Announcement
 5:00 NPDA Round 3
 6:15 NPDA Topic Announcement
 6:30 NPDA Round 4
 7:45 NPDA Topic Announcement
 8:00 NPDA Quarterfinals

Sunday, February 11

7:30 Registration, Breakfast
 8:00 Extemp, Radio Prep
 8:15 IE Round 1A
 9:30 IE Round 1B
 10:45 Extemp, Radio Prep
 11:00 IE Round 2A
 12:15 Lunch
 12:45 IE Round 2B
 2:00 Extemp, Radio Prep
 2:15 IE Final A
 3:30 IE Final B
 5:00 or ASAP Awards

Saturday, February 10

7:30 Registration, Breakfast
 8:00 NPDA Topic Announcement
 8:15 NPDA Semifinals
 9:00 Extemp, Radio, IPDA Prep
 9:15 IE Round 1A
 9:30 IPDA Round 1
 10:30 IE Round 1B, IPDA Prep
 11:00 IPDA Round 2
 11:45 Lunch, NPDA Topic Announcement
 12:00 NPDA Finals
 12:45 Extemp, Radio, IPDA Prep
 1:00 IE Round 2A
 1:15 IPDA Round 3
 2:15 IE Round 2B, IPDA Prep
 2:45 IPDA Round 4
 3:30 Extemp, Radio, IPDA Prep
 3:45 IE Final A
 4:00 IPDA Quarterfinals
 5:00 IE Final B, IPDA Prep
 5:30 IPDA Semifinals
 6:15 IPDA Draw
 6:45 IPDA Finals
 7:30 Awards

<i>Flight A</i>	<i>Flight B</i>
After Dinner Broadcasting Duo Extemp Persuasion POI Poetry	DI Impromptu Improv Duo Informative Prose Rhetorical Criticism

Entries

Limits on Entries:

Competitors will be allowed to enter three individual events in each flight. In addition, competitors entered in IPDA may enter one additional individual event per flight but **must debate first**. Competitors may not enter Extemp and/or, Broadcasting and/or, IPDA as the prep times run concurrently. There are no additional cross entry limitations for students competing in parliamentary debate.

Students who are entered in multiple events are responsible for making it to all of their events on time. They should also endeavor to sign in to all of their rounds before they begin. Students may enter two duos so long as they have different partners, but can only enter one improv duo. There are no limits on the number of entries from each school. However, sections may be balanced to accommodate judging obligations from large entry schools.

Registration and Deadline

Entries for the Hatfields' and McCoys' Swing are due by 5:00 pm, Tuesday, February 6. You may enter at [Forensics Tournament.net](http://ForensicsTournament.net).

You must enter both halves of the swing separately. There will be an option to repeat the entry for both halves as long as they are identical.

Individual Events

Rules and Descriptions:

NFA event rules will be used for all ten NFA individual events at this tournament. The current rules can be located [here](#). Additionally, Program Oral Interpretation will follow AFA guidelines which are located [here](#).

All materials used in competition shall not have been used by the student in intercollegiate forensic competition prior to September 1st, 2017. The same cutting or speech may not be used in two different events.

Extemporaneous Speaking:

Competitors in extemporaneous speaking will be allowed to use the Internet during their preparation time. Marshall University offers guest Wi-Fi Internet, so everyone should be able to get a connection without any login credentials. However, a perfect Wi-Fi connection is not guaranteed.

Access to electrical outlets will likely be limited in the preparation room. Also, students should not leave valuables unattended in the preparation room.

Impromptu Speaking:

Prompts for impromptu speaking will follow the guidelines as outlined by the National Forensics Association and may include any of the following: quotations, quotations with context, proverbs, single words, ethical dilemmas, and objects. Examples for all of these prompts can be found [here](#).

Broadcasting:

Contestants will be given a packet of source materials and will have 30 minutes to select, organize, and present a simulated radio broadcast. The source materials packet will include international, national, state, and local news. All material used in the broadcast must be provided by the tournament with the exception of any hypothetical station call letters, time, and current weather conditions or forecast. Students will present their broadcasts seated at a table with the judge facing away from the contestants during the speech. Students may time themselves as no time signals will be given by the judge. Maximum time limit for the speech is 5 minutes. Postings of source materials will be staggered.

Improv Duo

Preparation time for Improvisational Duo is three minutes. Preparation time is separate from performance time. Performance time must be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of six with a 30-second grace period. Contestants going over or under the allotted time and grace period may not be ranked first in that round. The judge should clarify with the students before they begin how time signals will be communicated and must then give hand signals as the contestants are performing to help them stay within the time limit. No make-up, costumes, props, or lighting are permitted, but a table and/or two chairs may be used. Doors and walls are considered props and must not be used. The scene must contain only two characters with equal sharing of dialogue. An introduction by one or both students is REQUIRED to set the scene, and a resolution of the conflict must be evident at the end of the scene. Excessive profanity, sexual innuendo, or excessive physicality (i.e. pushing, shoving, and striking) will NOT be tolerated. Contestants are to remain outside of the room until it is their time to perform. Once they have finished with their performance they must remain in the room until the round is complete.

HINTS FOR JUDGES

The scene must be a self-contained unit holding together a story itself. Students must resolve the conflict presented in the topic. Criteria for judging include teamwork of the actors, timing, movement, consistent characterization, good speaking skills, pantomime of props, and the comedic or dramatic effect of the scene on the audience.

Debate

Parliamentary Debate:

All divisions of parliamentary debate will follow NPDA rules. The current NPDA rules can be found [here](#). Speaking times will follow the standard 7-8-8-8-4-5 time format with 15 minutes of preparation time before each round. Contestants in parliamentary debate will be allowed to access the Internet during their preparation time. Resolutions will vary between value, policy, and fact.

Resolutions will be announced from a central location at the time listed on the tournament schedule. Due to the time constraints of the tournament, topic release will not be held for late teams and a five-minute forfeiture rule will be strictly enforced. The resolution will remain posted at the ballot table during the entire preparation time for those not present at the initial announcement. Preparation time for all debaters will begin when the topic is released. Judges should refrain from oral critiques until they have turned in their ballots to the ballot table.

IPDA Debate:

All divisions of public debate will follow IPDA rules and guidelines. Rules for IPDA public debate can be found [here](#). Speaking times will follow the standard 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format with 30 minutes of preparation time before each round. Due to the scheduling constraints of the tournament, a ten minute forfeiture rule will be strictly enforced for the beginning time of the round. If a competitor is more than ten minutes late for the draw time, their opponent will be allowed to choose the resolution for the debate without them and the preparation time will begin immediately. Resolutions will follow the traditional IPDA strike system and vary between value, policy, and fact.

Judges

Judges:

Each judge will be allowed to cover six individual event entries or two debate entries. Judges may not cover both IPDA debate and individual events. All judges are required to be eligible for all preliminary and elimination rounds.

Entry and Judging Fees

Entry Fees:

Hospitality	\$5.00	(per person, per tournament)
Individual Event Entries	\$8.00	(per entry, per tournament)
Quadrathlon entries	\$8.00	(per entry, per tournament)
IPDA Debate Entries:	\$30.00	(per entry)
NPDA Debate Entries:	\$50.00	(per entry)

Uncovered Entry Fees:

Uncovered Individual Event Entries	\$12.00	(per entry, per tournament)
Uncovered Debate Entries	\$50.00	(per entry)

Drop Fees:

Drops on Wednesday, February 7	\$5.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops on Thursday, February 8	\$10.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops on Friday, February 9 (before noon)	\$15.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops on Friday, February 9 (after noon)	\$20.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops on Saturday, February 10	\$25.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops at registration	\$50.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops on Sunday, February 11	\$100.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Dropped Judges	\$50.00	(per judge, per tournament)

Payment Options

If you are paying by check, please have them made out to: Marshall University Speech and Debate. Of course cash is always accepted.

Awards

Individual Awards:

Awards will be presented to all finalists in individual events and debate. Additionally, we will recognize the top five debate speakers in each division. We will also recognize the top novice in each event that does not have its own novice division. A novice is defined as any competitor in their first year of collegiate forensics competition.

Quadrathlon:

The top five competitors entered in quadrathlon will also be recognized at the awards ceremony. In order to be eligible for quadrathlon, competitors must be entered in at least four individual events regardless of genre. Two duos count as two events.

Sweepstakes:

The top five teams in debate, individual events, and in combined sweepstakes will be recognized at each half of the swing. To be eligible for the combined sweepstakes awards, a team must be entered in both individual events and debate. We will also present an award to the top Pi Kappa Delta chapter and the top team entered in both halves of the swing.

Jabulation

Sweepstakes awards will be determined using the following point system:

Individual Events:

Prelims: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point.
Finals: 1st = 12 points, 2nd = 10 points, 3rd = 8 points, 4th = 7 points, 5th = 5 points, 6th = 3 points, 7th or SF = 2 points.

Debate Events:

Prelims: Win = 3 points
Elims: 1st = 12 points, 2nd = 9 points, Semifinalist = 6 points, Quarterfinalist = 3 points.

Hospitality

To improve your tournament experience, we will be offering breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday for a fee of \$5.00 per person per tournament.

Host Practices

Hired Judges:

All judges provided by the tournament will have prior judging experience and will have attended training sessions prior to the tournament. All ballots will be required to have remarks indicating reasons for a decision. Blank ballots will be returned to the judge for written comments.

University of Kentucky and Marshall Competitors:

Marshall University will serve as the tournament host on Saturday and the University of Kentucky will serve as the host on Sunday. Competitors from the host schools will only compete in a limited capacity in the tournaments they are hosting. They will be fully represented in the half that they are not hosting.

Tobacco Policy

Marshall University is a completely tobacco free campus. This includes all campus grounds and parking areas. Please refrain from smoking or using other tobacco products while on campus.

Registration and Parking

Registration for both individual events and debate will take place outside Smith Hall 154 in the atrium area. The ballot table will also be located here. Further details concerning parking locations will be included in an email to registered teams after the entry deadline has passed.

Lodging

Lodging information will be provided once the host hotel has been decided. If you have any questions about making hotel arrangements in Huntington, please let us know.

Conclusion

If you have any questions regarding the Hatfield and McCoy Swing tournament please feel free to contact either of the tournament directors, Clara Adkins or Timothy Bill; contact information located above. Thank you for your interest in the tournament and we look forward to hosting you in February.