



Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 2010 Appalachian Swing. The swing will consist of two one-day tournaments held on the campus of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. On Saturday, January 30th the OU Forensics Team will host the 2010 Interstate Individual Events Tournament; the Alumni of OU Forensics will host their Third Alumni Tournament and on Sunday, January 31st.

We are pleased to welcome our Alumni back to Athens for this fun-filled forensics weekend. An Alumni/Judges/Coaches lounge will be available on Saturday and Sunday providing a space for people to relax and reconnect.

Dr. Marty Birkholt of Creighton University will be heading up debate tab and OU Associate Director of Forensics, Mark Kokoska will be in charge of the IE tab room. We welcome back OU Doctoral Alum Dr. Todd Holm (Miami University) as our Alumni Assistant Tournament Director.

The tournament will offer Open and JV divisions in all IEs as well as an open division of LD. For this tournament, "JV" is defined as first or second year in college forensics. Each tournament will offer two rounds and finals in all Open IE divisions and 3 rounds with no final rounds in all JV divisions. Additionally, each tournament will offer four rounds of LD, as well as an appropriate number of elimination rounds.

On top of all of that, we will be concurrently hosting the Ohio Forensics Association Novice State Championships on Friday and Saturday. Judge pools for both tournaments will be merged and a joint awards ceremony will be held on Saturday night.

You will find all of the necessary tournament information enclosed in this invitation, including a tournament schedule, event rules, lodging and entry information. We look forward to seeing you here in Athens in January.

If you have questions about the tournament please contact Dan West at 740-593-9962 or email westd1@ohio.edu.

Respectfully,

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Tournament Information

Events: NFA event rules apply for all individual events (AFA rules for POI). We do not limit a school's number of entries per event, however, individuals may enter no more than three events in each pattern. Students who are entered in more than one event in any pattern are responsible for notifying their judges. Judges will not wait for contestants longer than the scheduled times. The following individual events will be offered:

Students may NOT enter IE's and LD, though students may enter LD one day, and IE the next.

Pattern A	Pattern B
Extemporaneous Speaking	Impromptu Speaking
Persuasive Speaking	Informative Speaking
Dramatic Duo Interpretation	Prose Interpretation
Programmed Oral Interpretation	Poetry Interpretation
Dramatic Interpretation	After Dinner Speaking
Rhetorical Criticism	
NFA - LD	NFA-LD

Entry Deadline: The deadline for all entries will be Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The deadline for changes (late adds or drops) will be Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at NOON. Late adds and drops will incur a \$10 per change fee. Drops at registration are \$25/slot.

Judges: Each school is required to provide one judge for every six individual events entries, and one judge for every two debate entries or portion thereof. No judge may counted as both and LD and an IE judge. Please attempt to cover your judging obligation; we would rather have your judges than your money. Dropped judges the day of the tournament will incur a \$100 nuisance charge in addition to uncovered judging fees.

Fees: Entry fees for individual events are \$8.00 per slot per tournament. Hired judges are \$10.00 per slot per tournament. Entry fees for debate are \$25.00 for each LD entry. Hired judges are \$75.00 per uncovered LD entry per tournament.

Lodging: **The Baymont Inn and Suites**, 20 Home Street, (740) 590-3000 is delighted to offer preferred rates to those attending Forensic Tournament in January 2010. Preferred Conference rate: \$89.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. Please make your reservations with them as soon as possible

Registration: Registration will be held in the Baker University Center on the Ohio University Campus. PLEASE NOTE: This is a different building than we have used in past years. The Baker University Center will also be the headquarters for the NFA National Tournament in April. The facility, in addition to housing southeastern Ohio's

only escalators, has a food court, which will be open for lunch, as well as two coffee shops.

Hospitality: A continental breakfast will be provided each morning, and snacks will be provided each afternoon. There is a \$3 per person charge for hospitality each day.

Awards: Trophies will be awarded to all students placing in varsity individual events and all students who advance to debate elimination rounds. Sweepstakes Awards will be awarded to the top three schools in LD, the top three Large Entry IE Schools, the top three Small Entry Schools at each tournament and the top overall School for the Swing. Individual Sweepstakes awards will also be presented to the top competitors entered in four or more events.

Entries: Please register for the tournament at forensictournament.net. If you have not used this site before, you will need to create an account before you will be able to register. You will need to register for each tournament separately.

**2010 Appalachian Swing
OU Alumni & Ohio University
January 30-31, 2010 – Athens, Ohio**

Saturday, January 30, 2010 – Ohio University IJET

7:00 – 8:00 am	Registration for IE's Baker University Center
8:00	Extemp Draw
8:30 – 9:45 am	Round I Pattern A LD 1
10:00 -- 11:15 am	Round I Pattern B LD 2
11:30	Extemp Draw
Noon – 1:15 pm	Round II Pattern A, LD 3
1:15 – 2:30 pm	Round II Pattern B, LD 4
2:30	Extemp Draw
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Finals/Round III Pattern A 1 st LD Elimination
4:30 – 5:45 pm	Finals/Round III Pattern B LD Elim Rounds Continue
5:45 – 7:00 pm	Additional Finals (if necessary)
7:00 pm	Awards Ceremony

Sunday, January 31, 2010 – Ohio University Alumni Tournament

8:00	Extemp Draw
8:30 – 9:45 am	Round I Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA) LD 1
10:00 -- 11:15 am	Round I Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS,) LD 2
11:15 – Noon	LUNCH BREAK
11:45	Extemp Draw
12:15 – 1:20 pm	Round II Pattern A, LD 3
1:30 – 2:45 pm	Round II Pattern B, LD 4
2:45	Extemp Draw
3:15 – 4:45 pm	Finals/Round III Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA) 1 st LD Elim
4:45 – 6:00 pm	Finals/Round III Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS) LD Elims continue
6:30 pm	Awards

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