

Region IV Coaches,

It is that time of year again as we all begin our preparation for Phi Rho Pi Nationals! An important part of that process is our Regional tournament! This year our tournament will be taking place on March 20-21, 2020 at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, IL! A big “thanks” to MCC team for hosting us! Please note that this year’s tournament will have NO HOTEL PORTION! All competition will be taking place at MCC’s campus.

The tournament will be utilizing ForensicsTournament.net for registration so please be sure to check there when it is time to register.

The following invitation will give you all necessary information you need to begin your planning. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

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Also, please keep in mind the following deadlines for Phi Rho Pi Nationals.

HOUSING FORMS DEADLINE: Sunday, March 15, 2020

ATTENDEE INFORMATION DEADLINE: Sunday, March 22, 2020

TOURNAMENT ENTRY DEADLINE: Sunday, March 29, 2020

Changes in events without penalty may be made up to Sunday, March 29, 2020

Phi Rho Pi Region IV TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
March 20 and 21 at McHenry County College

RULES: Phi Rho Pi national rules will govern student eligibility, school entry limits, individual entries, team sweepstakes, individual sweepstakes, and event rules (www.phirhopi.org). Schools are limited to 6 entries per event.

<u>GROUP A</u>	<u>GROUP B</u>	<u>GROUP C</u>
PROSE	DUO	INFORMATIVE
STE	PERSUASION	POI
EXTEMP	IMPROMPTU	DI
IT	POETRY	PARLI
CA	IPDA	

****A student may enter ONE of the first three events listed above AND the last event(s).**

*****In some rare occurrences it will be possible for some students to be triple-entered. We will do our best to communicate this to the scheduled judges so they know to wait for double/triple-entered students. Please keep in mind that students triple enter at their own risk.**

JUDGES: WE NEED JUDGES!!! Each school must provide a minimum of two judges (regardless of entry size). To follow traditional equations: every judge will cover 6 IE slots and every 2 IPDA or parli teams (1 IPDA and 1 Parli team OR 2 IPDA teams OR 2 Parli teams).

A limited number of hired judges will be available at \$15.00 per uncovered slot.

Please, if you are bringing IPDA or Parli teams, provide us with enough judges to cover your slots!!

If you are aware of anyone that would like to serve as a judge (whether for one round or as many as they are able), please have them follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/Z79fVAKcV83d1eFT9>

ENTRY DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 17 AT 5:00 PM

FEES: The following fees will apply:

- \$65.00 Region IV Fee (paid by each school)
- \$8.00 per slot (IE, IT, IPDA, or Parli team)
- \$15.00 per slot not covered
- Drops/Changes from entry deadline thru 12 PM Wednesday – No Charge
 - Drops after 12:00 PM Wednesday, March 18: **\$15.00 per slot**
 - Drops after 12:00 PM on Thursday, March 19: **\$25.00 per slot**
- Friday drops “from the van:” **\$30 per slot**
- Drops at registration (slots and judges): **\$50.00**

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BREAKING: All students who attain a cumulative rank of “7” or lower will automatically advance to the medal rounds in that event. If this does not represent 20% of the field *and at least 6 students* in that event, all ranks of “8” will also break to the medal rounds. This process will continue until at least 20% of the field and at least 6 students advance to the medal rounds.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to all competitors who advance to a medal round. Order of finish will be determined by the cumulative ranks on all ballots. Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards will be divided among all competitors advancing to a medal round.

Team sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top IE teams, the top debate teams, and the top six overall schools.

The **Cheri Corey Individual Sweepstakes Award** will be presented to the top individual speaker. The sixth through second place overall speakers will also be recognized.

The **Don Hagerty Award** will be presented to the student in the region who reflects the fellowship qualities we find important in our region. The winner of this award will be determined by a vote of all regional competitors during the tournament, and the name of this recipient will be forwarded to Phi Rho Pi’s Awards Committee for Warren-Dahlin Student Fellowship Award consideration.

The **Region IV Coach Award** will be presented to the coach in the region who reflects the professional qualities and fellowship qualities that we value in our region. Each school will supply the names of each coach/judge that: 1- Regularly attends tournaments, and 2- Has NOT been awarded a regional/national award for coaching within the past five years. The winner will be determined by a vote of all regional competitors during the tournament, and the name of this recipient will be forwarded to Phi Rho Pi’s Awards Committee for Collie-Taylor Coaches Fellowship Award consideration.

FOOD: As has become customary over the past few years, the Region will order a basic pizza lunch for students, coaches, judges on Friday the 20th.

HOTEL: Again, there will be NO HOTEL COMPETITION THIS YEAR! Our hosts at MCC created a room block that the Crystal Lake Country Inn and Suites (contact below) for those of you wishing to stay in the MCC area. There are other options listed, as well.

<u>Country Inn & Suites</u> (with a hot breakfast) 600 Tracy Trl. Crystal Lake, IL \$95/nt. for double queen rooms Mention: “MCC Block” - (815) 477-3500	<u>Holiday Inn – Chicago</u> <u>NW</u> 800 S. Illinois Rte 31 Crystal Lake, IL \$114/nt for 2 doubles (815) 477-7000	<u>Super 8</u> 577 Crystal Pt Rd Crystal Lake, IL \$85/nt for 2 queen beds (815) 219-7877	<u>Comfort Inn – Crystal</u> <u>Lake/Algonquin</u> 595 Tracy Trl Crystal Lake, IL \$110/nt for double queen (815) 444-0040
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PHI RHO PI REGION IV TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2020

FRIDAY – MARCH 20, 2020

7:30-8:15 AM	Registration
8:30	IPDA DRAW
9:00	IPDA Debate (Rd. 1)
9:45	Parli Debate (Rd. 1) & Coaches' Meeting
11:00	Extemp Prep (Rd. 1)
11:30	Extemp, PRO, STE, CA, and IT (Rd. 1)
	IPDA Contestants must go first in these rounds to leave for draw!!
12:15 P.M.	IPDA Draw
12:45	IPDA Debate (Rd. 2); PERS., DUO, IMP, POE
	Double entries in IPDA will arrive late to IE rounds
2:00	POI, DI, INFO (Rd. 1)
	Double Entries in Parliamentary Debate MUST go FIRST
2:30	Parli Debate (Rd. 2)
3:45	Extemp Prep (Rd. 2)
4:15	Extemp, PRO, STE, CA, and IT (Rd. 2)
	IPDA Contestants must go first in these rounds to leave for draw!!
5:00	IPDA Draw
5:30	IPDA Debate (Rd. 3); PERS., DUO, IMP, POE (Rd. 2)
	Double entries in IPDA will arrive late to IE rounds
6:45	POI, DI, INFO (Rd. 2)
	Double Entries in Parliamentary Debate MUST go FIRST and then move quickly to the 7pm rounds
7:00	Parli Debate (Rd. 3)

SATURDAY – MARCH 21, 2020

8:00 A.M.	Extemp Prep (Rd. 3)
8:30	Extemp, PRO, STE, CA, and IT (Rd. 3)
	IPDA Contestants must go first in these rounds to leave for draw!!
9:15	IPDA Draw
9:45	IPDA Debate (Rd. 4); PERS., DUO, IMP, POE (Rd. 3)
	Double entries in IPDA will arrive late to IE rounds
11:00	POI, DI, INFO
	Double Entries in Parliamentary Debate MUST go FIRST
11:30	Parli Debate (Rd. 4)
1:30	Extemp Prep
2:00	Medal rounds for Extemp, PRO, STE, CA, and IT
	IPDA Contestants must go first in these rounds to leave for draw!!
2:45	IPDA draw
3:15	IPDA Medal round
3:15	PERS., DUO, IMP, POE Medal Round
	Double entries in IPDA will arrive late to IE rounds
4:30	Parli Debate Medal Round
4:30	POI, DI, INFO Medal Rounds
5:30	Awards ceremony