

AFA NIET DISTRICT # 1

February 9, 2010

Dear Friends,

You are hereby invited to attend the 2010 AFA-NIET District One Warm-UP and NIET Qualifier swing. This year's swing will be held at University of the Pacific in Stockton CA from March 5-7. The District Warm-Up (March 5, 2010) is open to all schools, while the Qualifier (March 6-7, 2009) is only open to those schools that can subscribe in District One. The deadline to enter both tournaments is MONDAY MARCH 2 at 6:00pm. Please enter online at forensictournament.net.

This year's NIET will be held at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire on April 2-4, 2010. An invitation is available online at <http://www.afa-niet.org>.

If you have students who have qualified at large for the NIET, you will need to submit an at-large qualification form for each student by Wednesday, February 23, 2010. ALL QUAL SHEETS SHOULD BE E-MAILED to mbates@pacific.edu. If I do not have results from a tournament, then you must submit copies of those legs in order for the student to qualify. I have attached an at-large verification sheet with the invitation that you may email me (via attachment) for greater convenience. Please get forms to me as soon as possible so that I can verify that your student is qualified for the NIET. **The official deadline for me to have at large qualification forms is March 1, 2010.**

You are encouraged to nominate up to 2 students from your school for the AFA-NIET All American Award. Please see inside the invitation for forms and more information. All nomination materials must be turned into the District chair by registration on Saturday morning, February 27, 2010. We cannot consider incomplete files, do make plans to have the application, competition and service resumes, recommendation letters, and official transcripts ready by the deadline.

For the second time, we will offer a "Championship Division" at the District # 1 qualifying tournament. This division is open to all students competing in district # 1 who have qualified events at large prior to the district tournament. Essentially, this division will allow students to run their qualified events one last time before nationals while competing against the other qualified events in the district. This will also serve as a California State Championship on the four year level. Students can still enter unqualified events in the district tournament while competing in the Championship Division with events that are already qualified.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the tournaments, the At-Large qualification process, or the NIET. I look forward to seeing you at Long Beach!

Sincerely,

Marlin Bates
District I Chair
mbates@pacific.edu
925-518-6799

DISTRICT ONE SWING SCHEDULE

Friday... Warm – Up

1:30 Registration
1:45 Exempt Draw
2:00 Rd 1
3:30 Rd2
5:00 Rd3/ or Possible Finals
ASAP announcement of Placing

Saturday... District Qualifier

7:30 Registration
8:00 Draw
8:30 B1 (Ext, Duo, POI)
9:30 A1 (Inf, Pro, Imp)
10:30 C1 (ADS, Poe, Dra, CA)
11:30 Draw
12:00 B2
1:00 Lunch Break
2:00 A2
3:00 C2
4:00 Draw
4:30 B3
5:30 A3
6:30 C3

ASAP Post Breaks

Sunday

8:00 Draw
8:30 Elim 1
9:45 Elim 2
11:00 Elim 3 (if necessary)
12:15 Lunch Break
1:00 Coaches/Students Meeting
2:00 Awards

DISTRICT ONE WARM-UP REGULATIONS

- 1) Open to all schools.
- 2) Students may enter up to 3 events. Extemporaneous competitors may only double enter.
- 3) Each judge covers 5 slots total.
- 4) We reserve right to limit entry based on judge availability. Please enter student's events in the order of preference. We will take each student's first event, then second, then 3rd if there are enough rooms/judges.
- 5) We will abide by AFA-NIET rules for the tournament.

DISTRICT ONE NIET QUALIFIER REGULATIONS

- 1) Each school may enter up to five slots in each event.
- 2) Students may double-enter in each pattern. Students may not enter events that they have already qualified. QUALIFIED EVENTS CAN BE ENTERED IN CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION.
- 3) Due to a finite amount of funds available to hire judges and preponderance of large teams that provide judges we are unable to place, we will be going to 1 judge per prelim round.
- 4) Each judge covers 8 slots total for the tournament.
- 5) We will abide by AFA-NIET rules and the district charter for the tournament

WHERE TO SEND AT-LARGE SHEETS AND TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Please enter online at <http://forensictournament.net>. The deadline is MONDAY MARCH 1, 2010 at 6:00pm. You may take changes up until Tuesday March 2 at noon, when fees will be assessed. If you have problems with the online entry system, please email Marlin Bates at mbates@pacific.edu. You can also contact him on his cell phone... 925-518-6799

For At-large entry forms, I prefer you to email the provided excel sheet via an attachment. If you need to send in the At-large sheets or some sheets that I do not have, then send to the following places...

Fax:

209-946-2694 (25 pages or less please)

Snail mail:

Dr. Marlin Bates
Dept. of Communication
3601 Pacific Ave
Stockton, CA 95211

Please email or call and let me know that you have sent me something via snail mail.

FEE INFORMATION

WARM UP

Cost per slot at the warm-up \$5
Cost per event (uncovered judge) \$12 (One judge covers 8 slots)
\$15.00 per change after Wednesday at Noon
\$100.00 dropped judge fee after Wednesday at Noon

DISTRICTS

NIET Subscription Fee (if not already paid) \$50
Per School Judge Fee (passed 3/2006 meeting) \$50

The cost for Championship Division and Qualification Division are the same.

\$8 per slot
\$12.00 judging fee per uncovered slot (One judge covers 8 slots)
\$15.00 per change after Wednesday at Noon
\$100.00 dropped judge fee after Wednesday at Noon

Please bring CASH to pay your fees or contact Marlin Bates to get information on who the check needs to be made out to.

FOOD, LODGING, PARKING, AND DIRECTIONS

LODGING

Tournament Hotel: Stockton Ramada Plaza - The full service Stockton Ramada Plaza offers some of the finest accommodations in Stockton, California. Located off Interstate 5, the Stockton Ramada Plaza is the closest property to the University of the Pacific and is conveniently nearby many restaurants and shopping. A few highlights include Complimentary High Speed Wireless Internet Access in all rooms and public areas, FREE BREAKFAST INCLUDED IN PRICE!! Outdoor pool and Jacuzzi Fitness Center featuring cardio and weight-training equipment. The tournament rate for this hotel is \$60.00 + tax, 1-4 people. Ask for "Pacific Forensics" rate. Included in the rate is a hot breakfast.

111 East March Lane
Stockton, California 95207
Telephone: (209) 474-3301
Fax: (209) 474-1701

Other Hotel: Comfort Inn, Stockton (March Lane) - To help cut your costs, we have secured an even lower rate for a new and nearby hotel. The hotel also features a free continental breakfast for all guests, as well as free wireless internet in all rooms for you and your students. This is a pretty good BUDGET hotel offering a special rate for folks attending the tournament. The hotel is located near I-5 and March Lane, an area that features an array of restaurants. They have agreed to a special group rates as follows: Singles: \$59.99/night, Doubles for \$69.99/night for 1-4 people per room. A Breakfast (including waffles) is INCLUDED at that price. To make reservations, please contact them directly. 2654 West March Lane

Stockton, CA, US, 95207
Phone: (209) 478-4300
Fax: (209) 478-1872

DIRECTIONS

To the University of the Pacific Campus – From Interstate 5, take the March Lane Exit and head East on March Lane. Make a right on Pacific Avenue. The University of the Pacific will be on your right. The campus map is available at <http://www.pacific.edu/about/pacific-maps-directions/campus-map.asp>

To the Stockton Holiday Inn Hotel – From Interstate 5, take the March Lane Exit. Head East, Cross Pacific Ave. Turn left onto El Dorado. Turn Right on Yokuts Ave.

To the Comfort Inn – From Interstate 5, take the March Lane Exit and head East. The Comfort Inn will be on your right hand side.