



THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

2011 University of Utah/Northern Arizona University
Great Salt Lake Invitational/NAU Invitational Swing

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the University of Utah and Northern Arizona University, we invite you to return to the Mountain West for the Great Salt Lake Invitational/NAU Swing held at the University of Utah. We are pleased to once again host the GSL during its traditional and historic weekend, January 7-9, 2011. Winters in Salt Lake City are beautiful, as the city boasts access to the finest winter recreation in the West. From our Olympic ski resorts to the acres of snowshoeing country, Utah is sure to offer you a range of activities. The NAU Invitational will begin on January 7, 2011 and will feature a five-round parliamentary debate tournament and a two-round individual events tournament. The following two days, January 8-9, 2011, the GSL Invitational will offer a five-round parliamentary debate tournament and a three-round individual events tournament. At both tournaments, debate teams will advance to octofinals (and double octas at the GSL, as entries permit); IE competitors will advance to finals (and semi-finals at the GSL, as entries permit). Though we encourage competitors to compete in debate at one tournament and IEs in the second, we cannot allow students to compete in both event types at the same tournament.

We hope the GSL/NAU swing will become one of your favorite tournaments of the season. In order to ensure a smooth running tournament, we look forward to providing contestants with lunch and dinner on both Friday and Saturday, in addition to light breakfast items earlier in the day and a well-stocked wellness room for all throughout the tournament. We hope you will join us Thursday, January 6, 2011 from 6-9 p.m. for pre-registration and tournament reception (with a cash bar for those interested). We've also reserved a block of rooms at the Red Lion Hotel Salt Lake Downtown at the discounted rate of **\$72 per night**. Be sure to mention the Great Salt Lake NAU Invitational when you book your room.

We look forward to seeing you in January and wish everyone the best of luck and safety in the upcoming competitive season.

Warmest regards,

Antonio DeLaGarza
Director of Forensics
Northern Arizona University

Michael Middleton
Nicholas Russell
Co-Director of Forensics
University of Utah

Tournament Information:

Rules: AFA and NPDA regulations will be in effect, unless otherwise specified in this invitation. Hybrid debate teams will be accepted for NPDA.

Competitor Eligibility: Any undergraduate in a two-year or four-year college or university carrying 6 or more units is eligible to compete. No person who has competed more than 8 or more semesters or has competed at a collegiate national speech or debate tournament in 4 different years may compete.

Entry Procedure: Both the GSL and NAU portions of the Swing will be using www.forensicstournament.net exclusively for entries. Entries must be completed by 5:00 PM MST on Monday, January 3rd, 2011. Drops and name changes (but not adds) can be entered no later than 5:00 PM MST on Wednesday, January 5th, 2011.

Sexual discrimination: Please note that University of Utah takes a firm stance against sexual harassment and discrimination. As such, we will use the CEDA guidelines to address any sexual harassment or discrimination complaints.

Individual Events:

Events offered: Students may not enter in more than 3 events per pattern. It is the sole responsibility of the competitors to complete all events in the time given. Failure to do so will result in a no-show score for the round. We will offer the following events:

Pattern A – Extemp, Informative, After Dinner Speaking, Prose, and Poetry

Pattern B – Impromptu, Persuasive, Communication Analysis, Duo, Dramatic, and POI

Divisions: We plan to offer both Open and Junior divisions in all the above events. However, we will collapse divisions if there are fewer than twelve entries in a division. In such an event, the top two competitors from the Junior division will receive an award in addition to the Open division awards.

Elimination Rounds: Any event with less than 7 contestants will not have a final round. For events with more than 7 competitors, a final round will be held. At the GSL, any event with more than 24 entries will advance to semifinals.

Advancing to Elimination Rounds: No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by cumulative rankings, then by the highest speaker points. All attempts will be made to make a clean break (by cumulative rankings).

Placement in Elimination Rounds: Students will be rank ordered first by cumulative rankings, then by judge's preference, followed by the highest reciprocal score (decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

NPDA Debate

Divisions: Provided that there are at least 18 entries per division, both the GSL and NAU portions of the Swing will offer Junior and Open Division. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines. Eligibility is determined based on the partner with the most experience. A semester means that the student has competed in at least three tournaments of any style of debate. In the event divisions are collapsed, awards will be given to the top two Junior Teams.

Procedural Issues: Judging Philosophies need to be emailed and acknowledged no later than 5:00 PM MST Monday, January 3rd, 2011. Judging philosophies should be emailed to m.middleton@utah.edu. Schools not turning in philosophies by that time will not be allowed to enter strikes or MPJ preferences, in addition schools WILL BE ASSESSED judging fees for all judges without philosophies submitted by the deadline. The use of **Strikes/MPJ** at the tournaments will be made at the discretion of the tournament director. As a general rule, an entry of more than 15 teams will warrant the use of strikes. An entry of more than 30 teams will provide the warrant for MPJ. Smaller entries will utilize randomly assigned judging. Team's **judging preferences** will be due no later than 9:00 PM MST Thursday, January 6th, 2011. The **GSL** will have **topic areas** which will be announced December 25th, 2011. Entries and judging preferences will be collected using www.foresnsicstournament.net.

Disclosure: Following the return of the ballot, critics may disclose as much or as little information as they see fit so long as it does not interfere with the tournament schedule. Delays caused by coaches/judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including removal from the tournament. We don't want to do it, so don't put us in a position where we would want to do it. **NOTE TO JUDGES:** All rounds must have one winner and one loser.

Preliminary Rounds: The computer will randomly match Rounds 1 and 2. Additional prelims will be paired based on the notation in the tournament schedule.

Elimination Rounds: Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by judge variance. In elimination rounds, brackets will not be broken. If more than 32 teams in any division, the tournament will advance to a full octafinal round. If fewer than 32 teams are in any division, partial octafinals will be held to advance all teams with winning records.

Financial Information

Entry Fees: The fee schedule is the same for both tournaments. You may, at your option, pay with **TWO** checks, one for the Great Salt Lake Invitational and one for the Northern Arizona University Invitational, or **ONE** check for both tournaments. All checks **MUST** be made payable to University of Utah Debate. Fees will be assessed at 5:00 pm MST on Monday, January 3rd, 2011. The fee schedule is as follows (all fees per tournament):

Description	Cost per entry
School Entry Fee	\$30
NPDA Team Entry Fee	\$50
AFA Individual Event Entry Fee	\$8
Duo Entry Fee	\$16
IE Drop Fee	\$20
Debate Drop Fee	\$50

So, that means that if you were entering 2 NPDA teams and 5 IE entries (none of which are Duo) for both halves of the swing your total cost would be \$340.00 (\$30.00 school fee x 2 [GSL and NAU] + \$140 GSL entry fees [2 debate teams x \$50 + 5 IE entries x \$8 = \$140] + \$140.00 NAU entry fees [2 debate teams x \$50 + 5 IE entries x \$8 = \$140] = \$340 Total Swing Cost).

Judging: One judge can cover up to 6 IE slots per pattern or 2 NPDA teams. Because NPDA Debate and IE's run concurrently at each of the respective tournaments, judges can only cover debate or IE's not both. Debate judges are committed through octafinals and one round beyond their team's/debater's elimination. An I.E. judge is committed through finals. Meeting this commitment is essential in order for the tournament to run. Judges wishing to judge beyond their commitment should notify the Tournament director. Compensation may be available. Your generosity will be most appreciated.

Uncovered Fees: First and foremost, please, please, please, bring your judges. We only have a limited pool of available judges to hire. Uncovered judge fees will be assessed on the following basis:

Description	Cost per judge***
Uncovered NPDA Judge	\$150 (covers 2 teams)
Uncovered IE Judge	\$40 (covers 6 entries)

***Fees cover judging at both halves of the swing.

Tournament Awards

AFA Individual Events Awards: We will offer awards for the first three finishers, with certificates for finalists and semifinalists. In addition, we will once again award the prestigious Royal L. Garff Speaker of the Year Trophy.

The top overall competitor in AFA Individual Events at the GSL will be awarded the Royal Garff Award, a traveling trophy given out each year. The award was created in 1997 in memory of Prof. Royal Garff, a lifetime supporter of public speaking, forensics, and public debate. The trophy has been awarded at every GSL since 1997 and continues to honor the achievements of students who compete in short prep, platforms and interpretation events. The winner of the Garff Award will be determined based off the highest total accumulated in up to six events using the following scale: 1st place = 10 pts, 2nd place = 7 pts, 3rd place = 5 pts, Finalist = 3 pts.

NPDA Debate Awards: We will offer awards for every team advancing to elimination rounds as well as the top 10 speakers in each division (though we will recognize the top 20). Speaker

awards will be determined in the following way: adjusted points, total points, double adjusted points, judge variance (Z-score).

In addition, two special awards are given to the top debate team and the top speaker in NPDA debate at the GSL. First, the Malcolm O. Sillars Tournament Champion Award will be given to the team that wins the Open division of NPDA at the GSL Invitational. Second, the Richard Rieke Outstanding Debater award will be given to the top ranked speaker in the Open division of NPDA at the GSL Invitational.

Sweepstakes: The top two schools at each tournament as well as the top three schools competing in the swing will receive sweepstakes trophies.

Calculating Sweeps (borrowed with thanks from Marlin Bates):

Individual Events - Sweepstakes points will be issued to all participants in semifinals and finals based on the following scale. No points will be given for preliminary rounds. Only entries in the Open division will be counted toward tournament sweepstakes.

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	Finalist	Semifinalist
10 pts.	7 pts.	5 pts.	3 pts.	1 pt.

Parliamentary Debate

- 3 points will be given for each preliminary round win IF the team has a 50% or better preliminary round win/loss record. Teams with less than a 50% record will receive no preliminary round points.
- 3 points will be given to each team that reaches the elimination rounds.
- Only entries in the Open division will be counted toward tournament sweepstakes.

Equalization of Debate and Individual Events - For team sweepstakes for both tournaments, debate and individual events will be equalized. This equalization is achieved by the use of percentiles. All sweepstakes points earned by all debate teams are summed. The points earned by each squad are divided by the total number of points earned in debate in order to determine what percentage of all debate points were earned by the team. Similarly, all sweepstakes points earned by all individual events competitors are summed. A similar percentile score is calculated in individual events for each squad.

The two percentile scores for a school (debate and IE) are added together in order to determine an equalized aggregate sweepstakes score. Assuming a school earned all of the possible sweepstakes points in the tournament (a mathematical impossibility), the maximum score they could earn would be 200 points (100% for debate, and 100% for IE).

For swing sweepstakes, points from both tournaments are pooled to determine the winners.

Lodging and Directions:

Tournament Hotel:

We will be having pre-registration, the tournament reception (with cash bar), and pairings released at the Red Lion Hotel Salt Lake Downtown. The tournament hotel is located in

downtown Salt Lake City and boasts convenient access to/from the University by TRAX, our local light rail.

Red Lion Hotel Salt Lake Downtown

161 West 600 South

Salt Lake City Utah, 84101

Reservations: Call Jerry Mika at (810) 524-0312 or email him at jerry.mika@redlion.com.

Be sure to mention the **Great Salt Lake NAU Invitational** to secure the discounted rate.

Rates: \$72.00/night (single/double occupancy), \$82.00 (triple/quad occupancy)

Please join us on Thursday, January 6 at the Red Lion for a tournament reception. When you register, we'll give each coach two coupons for complimentary adult beverages at the bar. All attendees are welcome to join us at the reception; those wishing to drink must be 21+ and pay for their own drinks. Likewise, the hotel offers a downtown shuttle for those wishing to make dinner arrangements, etc. Also, teams wishing to arrive early or stay late will be offered the tournament rate for 3 days before and 3 days after the tournament.

Alternative Lodging:

Both of these hotels are literally right across the street from the Red Lion:

Motel 6 Downtown Salt Lake City

176 W 600 S

Salt Lake City, UT 84101

(801) 531-1252

Super 8 Salt Lake City/Downtown

616 S. 200 W.

Salt Lake City, UT 84101-2705

(801) 534-0808

Driving Directions

From the Airport: Out of airport, follow signs toward Park City/Cheyenne. You will pass through downtown on the freeway as it curves right and then left. When you arrive at 1300E, exit the freeway and turn left onto 1300E. Go north until you reach 100S and turn right at the northwest corner of campus. Follow this street onto the U of Utah campus. The street winds around the north side of campus (it changes as it winds, ending up as North Campus Drive). Take a right following signs to Olpin Union or OSH (Orson Spencer Hall, the Tournament HQ), the Street is Central Campus Drive (you can park in the pay lot and we will provide vouchers for you, upon request).

From the Hotel: From the Red Lion, turn right out of the parking lot onto 600 South. Follow 600 South and turn left onto State Street. Continue forward until you reach 400 South and turn right. Continue on 400 South, noting that it will curve to the right and then to the left as you head up the hill. When you reach the top, turn left onto 1300 East. Take 1300 East until you reach 100 South; turn right onto 100 South. . Follow this street onto the U of Utah campus. The street winds around the north side of campus (it changes as it winds, ending up as North Campus

Drive). Take a right following signs to Olpin Union or OSH (Orson Spencer Hall, the Tournament HQ), the Street is Central Campus Drive (you can park in the pay lot and we will provide vouchers for you, upon request).

From Airport to Hotel: Exit the airport and head on I-80 east toward downtown/Park City/Cheyenne. You will curve through downtown reaching an exit for 600 South. Exit here. Immediately upon exit you will see the Red Lion to your right as you head east on 600 South.

GSL/NAU SWING @ The University of Utah

2011 Calendar of Events v.6/15/2010

Friday, January 7, 2011

8:00-8:30 REGISTRATION

Debate Schedule (NAU Invit.)

8:30 AM Topic Announced
8:50-9:30 Round 1 (Preset)
9:40 Ballots due to Table
10:00 Topic Announced
10:20-11:00 Round 2 (Preset)
11:10 Ballots due to Table
11:30 LUNCH SERVED
12:00 Topic Announced
12:20-1:00 Round 3 (hi-hi)
1:10 Ballots due to Table
1:30 Topic Announced
1:50-2:30 Round 4 (lag hi-lo)
2:40 Ballots due to Table
3:00 Topic Announced
3:20-4:00 Round 5 (lag hi-lo)
4:10 Ballots due to Table
4:30 Topic Announced
4:50-5:30 Octofinals
5:40 Ballots Due
5:30-6:00 DINNER SERVED
6:00 Topic Announced
6:20-7:00 Quarterfinals
7:10 Ballots due to Table
7:30 Topic Announced
7:50-8:30 Semifinals
8:40 Ballots due to Table

Individual Events (NAU Invit.)

8:30 Extemp Draw
9:00-10:15 Round One: Pattern A
10:15-11:30 Round One: Pattern B
11:30 LUNCH SERVED
12:00 Extemp Draw
12:30-1:45 Round Two: Pattern A
1:45-3:00 Round Two: Pattern B
3:15 Extemp Draw
3:45-5:00 Finals: Pattern A & IE Semis
5:00-6:00 DINNER SERVED
6:00-7:30 Finals: Pattern B & Remaining A

Saturday, January 8, 2011

7:45-9:30 BREAKFAST

Debate Schedule (NAU/GSL)

8:15 Topic Announce (NAU Finals)
8:35-9:15 Finals (NAU)
9:25 Ballots Due
9:40 Topic Announce
10:00-10:40 GSL: Round 1 (Preset)
10:50 Ballots Due
11:10 Topic Announce
11:30-12:10 Round 2 (Preset)
12:20 Ballots Due
12:20-1:00 LUNCH SERVED
1:00 Topic Announce
1:20-2:00 Round 3 (hi-hi)
2:10 Ballots Due
2:30 Topic Announced
2:50-3:30 Round 4 (lag hi-lo)
3:40 Ballots Due
4:00 Topic Announced
4:20-5:00 Round 5 (lag hi-lo)
5:10 Ballots Due
5:30-6:00 DINNER SERVED
6:00 Topic Announced
6:20-7:00 Double Octafinals
7:10 Ballots Due
7:30 Topic Announce
7:50-8:30 Octafinals
8:45 Ballots Due

Individual Events (GSL)

8:30 Extemp Draw
8:45-10:00 Round One: Pattern A
10:00-11:15 Round One: Pattern B
11:15 Extemp Draw
11:30-12:45 Round Two: Pattern A
12:30-1:30 – LUNCH SERVED
1:00-2:15 Round Two: Pattern B
2:15 Extemp Draw
2:30-3:45 Round Three: Pattern A
3:45-5:00 Round Three: Pattern B
5:00 Extemp Draw
5:15-6:30 Semis (or Finals): Pattern A
6:30-7:45 Semis (or Finals): Pattern B

Sunday, January 9, 2011

Debate Schedule (GSL, ctd.)

8:40 Topic Announced
9:00-9:45 NPDA Quarterfinals
10:05 Topic Announced
10:25-11:10 NPDA Semifinals
11:30 Topic Announced
11:50-12:35 NPDA Finals
1:00 PM Closing Reception
ASAP Awards

Individual Events (GSL)

9:00-10:45 – Finals: Pattern A
10:45-12:15 – Finals: Pattern B (if necessary)
1:00 PM Closing Reception
ASAP Awards

NOTES:

-NPDA TOPIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE HELD IN _____
-TOURNAMENT HOSPITALITY AND MEALS WILL BE SERVED IN _____
-EXTEMP PREP IS LOCATED _____
-THE DEBATE BALLOT TABLE IS LOCATED _____
-THE IE BALLOT TABLE IS LOCATED _____
-NPDA TAB IS IN _____
-IE TAB IS IN _____
-ALL AWARDS WILL BE HELD IN _____
-ALL JUDGES ARE COMMITTED THROUGH THE FIRST OUT-ROUND. JUDGES FROM SCHOOLS WITH TEAMS ADVANCING WILL BE COMMITTED, AT MINIMUM, THROUGH QUARTERFINALS
-COMPETITORS MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES LATE TO ANY ROUND WILL FORFEIT THAT ROUND

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS PATTERNS

Pattern A Events = EXT, INFO, ADS, PRO, POE
Pattern B Events = IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO

-PLEASE, DO NOT LEAVE FOR LUNCH, ETC. WITHOUT TURNING IN YOUR BALLOT