

Dear Colleague:

Casper College and Southeastern Illinois College invite you to attend the:
42nd ANNUAL PIONEER TRAILS FORENSICS TOURNAMENT
February 9th and 10th (Virtual)

We are proud to continue the tradition of offering an opportunity for competition in the Rocky Mountain region... kind of. Since 1981 we have been happy to host a tournament for this region and have continued to add events and develop the tournament schedule to best meet the needs of the Forensics community. We were elated to join forces with Southeastern Illinois College in 2022 to offer this tournament virtually. We will continue this tradition this year. We look forward to meeting your squads each year and to the outstanding competition that your students provide, so we hope that you will be able to join us virtually once again in 2024.

We will be hosting our tournament with Forensicstournament.net and will offer four (4) preliminary rounds followed by appropriate elimination rounds in IPDA (open only. In addition to debate, we will be offering two preliminary rounds and out-rounds in all eleven (11) NIET events, arranged in two conflict patterns. ****NEW**** This year we will offer four rounds (round robin) of async Interpreters/Readers Theatre if entries allow.

We hope to see you on FTN in February!

Sincerely,

Doug Hall and Paul Cummins

Tournament Directors

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

FEES PER ENTRY: IPDA - \$15

IE - \$10

IT - \$15

Fees can be paid through FTN, or by check. Mail checks to:

Doug Hall

125 College Dr

Casper, Wy 82601

(Make checks payable to Casper College Forensics)

AWARDS:

Awards will be given to finalists in all categories of competition. Speaker awards will be given in IPDA. First, second, and third place sweepstakes will be awarded overall; in addition, there will be an award for Top Community College in sweeps.

GRETCHEN WHEELER INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD:

A special award will be given to the individual competitor who accumulates the most sweepstakes points for their team.

(Points earned in team events or from entry in duo interpretation will be tallied as half scores.)

DR. JONAH RICE ADVOCACY GRANT:

The student who earns top honors in Persuasive Speaking will receive a donation in their name for \$200 toward a charity in support of their advocacy.

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES:

Sweepstakes trophies will be given to the top three schools in the Sweepstakes competition.

Teams accumulate points according to the following formula:

Debate teams accumulate 5 points for each preliminary round win by a school's best four teams in each division of debate.

IE's accumulate 20 points for 1st place, 15 points for 2nd place, 10 points for 3rd place and 5 points for each finalist after 3rd. In the event that a category has seven or fewer competitors and the event does not hold a final round, only the top three finishers will earn sweepstakes points for their team.

JUDGES:

Each debate judge covers two teams or a fraction thereof. Fees for uncovered debate teams are \$60.00 per team. Each I.E. judge covers 6 slots in pattern A and six slots in pattern B. Fees for uncovered I.E. slots will be \$15.00 per slot. The Pioneer Trails has been able to provide students with an educational competitive experience because of you and your accompanying judges' willingness to meet judging assignments as posted. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment and dedication.

LATE DROP:

Any changes to your entry should be given to us no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 7th. Fees will be assessed at that time and entry fees calculated. No changes will be made after Wednesday.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

Students may enter up to three (3) individual events in Flights A and B (see Extemp/DUO exception below), but must accept any hardships created by multiple entries. Students may only enter in one debate event in Flight C.

EXCEPTIONS TO TRIPLE ENTRY RULING:

Students entered in Extemp **CANNOT** triple enter in the Flight A conflict pattern. Extempers choosing double entry will accept the burden. They must complete the event in the allotted time, whether this allows for a full 30 min prep or not.

Students entering more than one DUO cannot triple enter in Flight A.

TOURNAMENT CONFLICT PATTERNS**FLIGHT A**

Extemp, Persuasion, Prose, Duo, Speech to Entertain

FLIGHT B

Impromptu, Informative, Poetry, Dramatic Interp, Communication Analysis, Program Oral Interp

FLIGHT C (Friday Schedule)

IPDA

DEBATE: There will be six (4) preliminary rounds followed by appropriate elimination rounds. Strike will occur in the Virtual Strike Room and will use the Phi Rho Pi five topic strike system. Divisions may be collapsed due to entries. Each panel of resolutions will include a metaphor, 2 value, and 2 policies. **IPDA** will have only the OPEN division.

Friday, Feb, 10th - IPDA ONLY ALL TIMES ARE CST

9:00 - 10:00 AM	Registration (Virtual Tab Room)
10:00 // 10:30	Round 1
11:45 // 12:15	Round 2
1:30 // 2:00	Round 3
3:15 // 3:45	Round 4
ASAP	Elimination 1
ASAP	Elimination 2
ASAP	Elimination 3 (If Necessary)

Saturday, February 11th - IE ALL TIMES ARE CST

9:00 - 10:00 AM	Registration
9:45 AM	EXTEMP PREP (10:15 round start)
10:00 - 11:15 AM	Round 1A
11:15 AM	EXTEMP PREP (11:45 round start)
11:30 - 12:45 PM	Round 2A
12:45 - 1:15 PM	LUNCH
1:15 - 2:30 PM	Round 1B
2:30 - 3:45 PM	Round 2B
4:00 - 5:30 PM	A Finals
5:30 - 7:00 PM	B Finals
ASAP	Awards

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