

Hi Region IV Coaches!

I am excited to invite you to the Region IV Forensics Tournament to be held this year on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22, 2025. Most of the tournament will take place on the campus of Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, IL. On Saturday morning (back by popular demand), we will compete from the tournament hotel to give our students the opportunity to acclimate to the nuances of competing in a hotel room.

Most of the details can be found below and on our [Tournament Website](#). But, I wanted to provide you with some quick reminders about nationals:

Title IX Training

Everyone who attends the National Tournament should undergo Title IX/Sexual Harassment training as mandated by their home institution. All participants, judges, students, staff, and coaches must engage in Title IX training between September 1, 2024 and March 30, 2025.

The preferred option for training is that programs make use of appropriate offices on a school's home campus. This is the preferred option because: 1) on-site training creates the opportunity for building collective awareness and dialogue within member programs, 2) on-site training helps build relationships with resources accessible to students throughout the academic year and outside of forensics, 3) on-site training provides the opportunity for a more robust, interactive educational experience than online training can accomplish, and 4) on-site training helps member programs become aware of any unique considerations relevant to their home institution.

Be prepared to bring proof of completion for all coaches, judges, and students from your school's Title IX Officer, Human Relations, or other appropriate office. Copies of this proof should be submitted to Vice-President for Association at registration. These forms will be maintained by PRP for verification purposes.

PRP wants all participants to arrive trained and certified by their home institution. Participants who do not complete the training will not be allowed to attend any PRP activity.

National Tournament Brochure

The National Tournament Brochure can be accessed at this link: **Phi Rho Pi 2025 - Norfolk, Virginia**

Be sure to complete all online national forms and check here for important dates: [Phi Rho Pi](#)

National Tournament Deadlines

- March 10 - Housing Forms Deadline
- March 17 - Attendee Information Deadline
- March 24 - Tournament Entry Deadline

If you have any problems, questions, or concerns, you can contact me at dtrunnell@prairiestate.edu or 312.533.1027.

Dana Trunnell
Region IV Governor

Phi Rho Pi Region IV Tournament Information

March 22-23, 2025 at Prairie State College

RULES: Students may enter a maximum of **FIVE** events. Only four of the five events can count toward individual and team sweepstakes points. It is each student's responsibility to arrive at rounds before they are over and to sign in to rounds so judges know to wait. Please keep in mind that students enter multiple events in the same pattern at their own risk. **There is no limit on the number of students each team can enter and each student's points will count toward team sweeps, except where indicated above. Otherwise, [Phi Rho Pi national rules](#)** will govern awards and competition. Schools are limited to six entries per event.

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 initial field in that event, then all ranks of "8" will also break to the medal rounds. This process will continue until at least 6 students are in the medal round(s)

ADVANCING DEBATE

All winning records in debate will advance.

OTHER SWEEPSTAKES INFORMATION

No more than ½ the field can score team points (even if more than that make the medal rounds).

Team sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top 3 IE teams, the top 3 debate teams and the top six overall schools.

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.

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.

The Dana Trunnell Outstanding Coach Award will be presented to the fellowship qualities we find important in our region. The winner of this award will be determined by the students of each team (one vote per team). At the 2024 Regional Tournament, we voted to name this award after the most recent recipient so there was a connection between the recipient and the namesake. Since Dana Trunnell won the award in 2024, the award will be named after her in 2025. The 2025 recipient will be the namesake for the 2026 award and so on.

The Governor's Shout Out Award will be presented to an individual who the current Governor recognizes as particularly deserving based on their efforts during the Regional Tournament

and/or throughout the competition year. This award can be awarded to students, coaches, judges, or any other deserving recipient.

TEAM AWARDS

A bronze, silver, and a gold will be awarded to the top Debate Schools

A bronze, silver and a gold will be awarded to the top IE Schools

2 bronzes, 2 silvers and 2 golds will be awarded to the top overall Schools (IE + Debate)

Region IV Governor's Award - This award is a perpetual sweepstakes award that is awarded to the school with the most accumulated points in a given year. The award will be given for the first time at the 2025 Region IV Tournament and will include each team's 2024 + 2025 points. Each team's points will continue to accumulate until that team has reached the top of the table, at which point, their points will reset to zero.

JUDGES

Each school must provide one judge for every six individual events slots and one judge for every two IPDA slots. A single judge may cover Parli, IPDA and IE slots as long as the judge is available for all rounds. In other words, if a judge from a school is available the entire time, that judge would cover two Parli teams, two IPDA teams, AND six IE slots. A limited number of hired judges will be available at \$15.00 per uncovered slot. Please note: the fee increase for uncovered slots will allow us to attract and pay hired judges according to their skills.

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

If you know of any judges that would like to be hired by the tournament, please ask them to fill out their information at this link: [Judge Interest Form](#)

ENTRY DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 18, 2025

FEES: The following fees will apply:

- \$100.00 Region IV Fee (paid by each school)
- \$10.00 per slot (IE, IT, IPDA, or Parli team)
- \$15.00 per slot not covered by a judge
- Drops after 12:00 PM Wednesday, March 19: \$10.00 per slot
- Drops after 12:00 PM on Thursday, March 20: \$15.00 per slot
- Friday IPDA drops "from the van"/Saturday IE drops "from the van:" \$30 per slot
- Drops at registration (slots and judges): \$50.00

IMPORTANT LOCATIONS:

- Judge Lounge: Board Room (2nd Floor)
- Student Lounge: Staff Lounge (2nd Floor)
- Extemp/IPDA Prep: 4190
- Registration/Tab Room: 3190

HOTEL INFORMATION: Holiday Inn Express - Matteson950
Lake Superior Drive, Matteson, IL
708-748-4740

FLIGHT PATTERNS

The Phi Rho Pi flight patterns have been adapted for scheduling purposes. Students can enter up to four events:

A - Parl/IT

B - PERS, DUO, EXT, POE, STE

C - CA, POI, DI, INFO, IMP, PRO

D - IPDA

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 22, 2025 - At Prairie State College ([Campus Map](#)).

Parking will be best in the A lot.

7:15-7:45 a.m. Registration @ Prairie State College (Room 3190)

7:45 a.m. Parli Round 1

9:00 a.m. Parli Round 2

10:15 a.m. Parli Round 3

11:30 a.m. Parli Round 4

12:00 p.m. Coaches Meeting in Room A221

12:15-1:00 Lunch

12:30 p.m. Individual Events Registration

Note: Sections will be kept to 5 or 4 students.

1:00 p.m. Extemp Prep Round 1

1:15 p.m. Round 1 (PERS, DUO, EXT, POE, STE)

2:30 p.m. Round 1 (CA, POI, DI, INFO, IMP, PRO)
IPDA students should speak first, then go to prep.

3:15 p.m. IPDA Round 1 Draw

3:45 p.m. IPDA Round 1 Speak

4:30 p.m. Round 2 (CA, POI, DI, INFO, IMP, PRO)

5:30 p.m. Extemp Prep Round 2

5:45 p.m. Round 2 (PERS, DUO, EXT, POE, STE)
IPDA students should speak first, then go to prep.

6:30 p.m. IPDA Round 2 Draw

7:00 p.m. IPDA Round 2 Speak

Saturday, March 23, 2024 – At the Holiday Inn Matteson

Note: Sections will be kept to 4 or 5 students.

7:45 a.m. Extemp Prep Round 2

8:00 a.m. Round 3 (PERS, DUO, EXT, POE, STE)

9:00 a.m. Round 3 (CA, POI, DI, INFO, IMP, PRO)
IPDA students should speak first to allow time to get to prep.

10:00 a.m. IPDA Round 3 Draw

10:30 a.m. IPDA Round 3 Speak

Saturday, March 16, 2024 – At Moraine Valley Community College

11:15-12:15 Lunch

12:15 p.m. IPDA Round 4 Draw

12:45 p.m. IPDA Round 4 Speak

1:00 p.m. Medal Round (CA, POI, DI, INFO, IMP, PRO)
IPDA students will be late to the Medal Round; Parli students will need to speak first.

1:45 p.m. Parli Gold Medal Round

3:00 p.m. IPDA Bronze Medal Draw

3:30 p.m. IPDA Bronze Medal Speak

4:15 p.m. Extemp Prep Medal Round

4:30 p.m. Medal Round (PERS, DUO, EXT, POE, STE)

5:15 p.m. IPDA Gold Medal Draw

5:45 p.m. IPDA Gold Medal Speak

ASAP Awards Ceremony - Barnes and Noble Auditorium

