



The M&M Swing



On behalf of Marshall University and Miami University it is our pleasure to invite you to our inaugural M&M Invitational Swing Tournament to be held on the Miami University campus in Oxford, OH on Saturday & Sunday, January 15 – 16, 2011. We will be hosting two tournaments which will feature all of the AFA Individual Events, Editorial Impromptu, and NFA LD on Saturday; AFA Individual Events, Editorial Impromptu, and Public Forum on Sunday. We will also offer our usual hospitality which features a continental breakfast each morning and a variety of baked goods for the judge's lounge and a reasonably priced lunch (and the time to eat it).

We will award as many trophies as we can including each participant in elimination rounds of each event, the top non-advancing novice in each event, debate speaker awards, and individual sweepstakes to the top six contestants entered in four events, Pi Kappa Delta sweeps to the top three schools in a combined two day award. Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top five schools at each half of the swing as well as a combined award for the weekend. Also we will recognize the top three debate schools at each tournament as well as a combined trophy for the top debate school at both halves of the swing.

The biggest reason that Miami University has been reluctant to host tournaments is because of the prices of hotel rooms in Oxford. The hotels in town have a closed market and they know it. The cheapest rates in town are roughly \$100 a night and the next closest hotel is a good 30 minute drive. However, we have secured a deal with a resort just 7 miles outside of town called Hueston Woods. They have set aside 40 rooms for us under **MFT** (Miami Forensics Tournament).

They are offering us \$69.00 for a Queen Dbl Room. \$150 Family Cabins (2 bedroom cabins which can sleep 6 people and has a full kitchen). Their address is 5282 Lodge Road, College Corner OH 45003 (513-664-3500). Ask for the **MFT** Rate (Miami Forensics Tournament Rate). **The release date on the rooms will be December 14th** but they will honor the rate after that providing they have rooms. You can learn more about the lodge at www.huestonwoodsstateparklodge.com

This invitation should provide all the information you will need to attend our tournament. However, if you have any questions, please contact Tournament Director, Danny Ray at 304-654-0587 or ray102@marshall.edu. Tournament entries will be handled through [forensics tournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net) and can be found here: <http://forensicstournament.net/MMSwing1/11>

A copy of this invitation can also be found on <http://www.marshall.edu/commstu/>. We sincerely hope you will add this to your spring travel schedule.

Danny Ray	Todd Holm	Darren Epping	Justin Foote
<i>Director of Forensics</i>	<i>Director of Forensics</i>	<i>Asst Dir. of Forensics</i>	<i>Debate Coach</i>
<i>Marshall University</i>	<i>Miami University</i>	<i>Miami University</i>	<i>Miami University</i>

Nik Payne	Amy Schumacher	Cassie Craft	Evan Zuverink
<i>Graduate Assistant</i>	<i>Graduate Assistant</i>	<i>Graduate Assistant</i>	<i>Debate Coach</i>
<i>Marshall University</i>	<i>Marshall University</i>	<i>Marshall University</i>	<i>Marshall University</i>

M&M Swing
Hosted on Miami University's Campus in Oxford OH
Tentative Schedule

Saturday, January 15th

7:00 – 7:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast, Benton Hall (GPS address: 541 E. High Street)
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Extemp Draw
8:30 – 9:45 AM	IE, Round 1A, LD Round 1
9:45 – 11:00 AM	IE Round 1B, LD Round 2
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Extemp Draw
11:30 – 12:45 PM	IE Round 2A, LD Round 3
12:45 – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 – 2:45 PM	IE, Round 2B, LD Round 4
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Extemp Draw
3:30 – 5:00 PM	IE Finals Group A, LD Elimination Round 1
5:00 – 6:30 PM	IE Finals Group B, LD Elimination Round 2
7:00 PM	Awards (ASAP)

If more than two sets of elimination rounds are needed for LD they will be held after Awards

Sunday, January 16th

7:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast, Farmer School of Business (GPS address: 909 E. High St)
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Extemp Draw
8:30 – 9:45 AM	IE, Round 1A, PF Round 1
9:45 – 11:00 AM	IE Round 1B, PF Round 2
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Extemp Draw
11:30 – 12:45 PM	IE Round 2A, PF Round 3
12:45 – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 – 2:45 PM	IE, Round 2B, PF Round 4
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Extemp Draw
3:30 – 5:00 PM	IE Finals Group A, PF Elimination Round 1
5:00 – 6:30 PM	IE Finals Group B, PF Elimination Round 2
7:00 PM	Awards (ASAP)

If more than two sets of elimination rounds are needed for PF they will be held after Awards

Pattern A Events (EXT, PRO, POI, PER, ADS, DUO)

Pattern B Events (IMP, POE, DI, INF, RC, EI)

NOVICE

For Top Novice Awards a novice is defined as anyone who is in their first year of intercollegiate competition.

ENTRIES

Competitors may enter up to three events per Group, but are personally responsible for making it to all rounds in a timely manner. There is no limit to the number of entries per school. Students who are entered in multiple events should always try to sign in to all rooms before the round begins.

Additionally, students competing in Lincoln – Douglas debate or Public Forum may only enter one event per pattern and must go to their LD or PF round first. Debaters CANNOT do Extemp, sorry.

DEBATE

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – will follow the NFA-LD Debate rules located at:

<http://cas.bethel.edu/dept/comm/nfa/ldrules.html> and utilize the 2010 – 2011 NFA-LD debate topic:

Be it resolved: the United States Federal Government should substantially reform the provision of mental health services to the chronically mentally ill. Speech times for LD will be the standard 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with four minutes of prep time. A ten minute forfeiture rule will be in place for LD. If a debater is not present and prepared to begin the debate ten minutes after the scheduled start time for the round, judges will be instructed to forfeit the absent debater. A forfeit will result in a loss and zero speaker points for the round. Any debater scheduled to debate an individual that forfeits will receive a win and averaged speaker points for the round.

PUBLIC FORUM

Philosophy: Public Forum focuses on advocacy of a position derived from the issues presented in the resolution. Competitors in this team event advocate or reject a position posed by a resolution (prepared by the College Public Forum committee and distributed via the IE-L). The clash of ideas must be communicated in a manner persuasive to the non-specialist or “citizen judge”, i.e. a member of the American jury. Public Forum should:

- a. **Display solid logic, lucid reasoning, and depth of analysis.**
- b. **Utilize evidence without being driven by it.**
- c. **Present a clash of ideas by countering/refuting arguments of the opposing team (rebuttal)**
- d. **Communicate ideas with civility, clarity, organization, eloquence, and professional decorum.**

This is not a debate event, per se, and as such, teams do not have prime facie burdens or the burden of rejoinder. Instead, teams are asked to advocate for (pro) or against (con) the ideas and policies represented within the resolution.

Since this is not a debate event, in the traditional sense, teams are prohibited from utilizing plans (formalized comprehensive proposals for implementation), counterplans and kritiks (off-topic arguments). Multiple competitive venues exist for the application of these argumentative strategies.

Procedure and order of speeches: Prior to EVERY round and in the presence of the judge(s), a coin is tossed by one team and called by the other team. The team that wins the flip may choose one of two options: EITHER the SIDE of the topic they wish to defend (pro or con) OR the SPEAKING POSITION they wish to have (begin the debate or end the debate). The remaining option (SIDE OR SPEAKING POSITION) is the choice of the team that loses the flip. Once speaking positions and sides have been determined, the debate begins (the con team may lead, depending on the coin flip results). Note: The round begins at the conclusion of the coin flip/sides/positions discussion. Contestants may not leave the room or consult with coaches after the coin flip, which begins the round.

- a. First Speaker – Team A

5 minutes

b. First Speaker – Team B	5 minutes
c. Crossfire (first question by speaker A1)	3 minutes
d. Second Speaker – Team A	5 minutes
e. Second Speaker – Team B	5 minutes
f. Crossfire (first question by A2)	3 minutes
g. Summary – First Speaker – Team A	3 minutes
h. Summary – First Speaker – Team B	3 minutes
i. Closing Arguments – Second Speaker – Team A	3 minutes
j. Closing Arguments – Second Speaker – Team B	3 minutes
k. Prep Time	2 minutes per team

Timing: Judges and/or debaters should keep track of speaking time.

Plans/Counterplans: In College Public Forum, neither side is permitted to offer a plan nor a counterplan (formalized comprehensive proposal for implementation). Instead, each team should offer reasoning to support a position of advocacy. Debaters may offer generalized, practical solutions.

Oral Critiques: No debate ballot may be turned in without a reason for decision. Oral commentary is not considered a substitute for the written ballot. CPF and the ICFL discourage judges from disclosing decisions in preliminary rounds of competition. The ballot serves as a valuable educational tool to the teams and their coaches. Comments made by a judge (orally or written) should be constructive and professional.

Judges: The use of community judges is strongly encouraged.

Governance: College Public Forum is sponsored by the Intercollegiate Forensics League (ICFL) and all matters not covered in this description will be clarified by the ICFL committee.

National Tournament and Qualifications: Each school in attendance at the College Public Forum National Tournament will be allowed to enter two at-large teams. All additional entries from each school must qualify for the national tournament by being ranked in the top half of teams (with no more than 8 qualifications at any tournament) at a sanctioned Public Forum Tournament during the regular season.

A guide to competing in Public Forum can be found at: [this link](#) Note: This guide was written for high school Public Forum, and the events have slight differences.

A guide to judging Public Forum can be found at: [this link](#) Note: This guide was written for high school Public Forum, and the events have slight differences. We will use the current resolution which will come out later this season. For more information: If you are interested in competing in College Public Forum, there are many resources available at the National Forensics League at <http://www.nflonline.org>

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Competition will be offered in all 10 NFA events, POI and Editorial Impromptu and will follow the guidelines set forth by the NFA at [this link](#) POI will follow the rules set forth by the AFA NIET: at [this link](#) The events will be divided into the following Groups:

Group A: After Dinner Speaking, Duo, Extemp, Persuasion, Program Oral Interp, & Prose

Group B: Drama Interp, Editorial Impromptu, Impromptu, Informative, Poetry, & Rhetic. Crit.

Competitors will be allowed to compete in three events per group but it will be their responsibility to make it to rounds on time and notifying the judges that they will be arriving late. Judges will be

asked to leave the room when the scheduled time for the end of the round arrives. ***Students entering debate may only do one IE in either flight and MAY NOT do Extemp.***

JUDGES

Each school is required to provide one judge for every six IE slots entered. They are required to provide 1 judge for every two Lincoln – Douglas individuals or Public Forum Teams entered. These individuals must be made available for all rounds including elimination rounds.

DROPS

If you must drop an entry that can be done online until noon on Wednesday and after that you should contact Darren Epping at eppingdl@muohio.edu. The drop fee becomes more unpleasant with each passing day. Finally, there is no excuse for a student not showing up to a round or being an unreported drop; consequently a stiff nuisance fee is included.

DEADLINE AND REGISTRATION

We will be taking registrations online only. The system is very user friendly and will allow you to handle drops and adds yourself. To register for the first half of the swing follow the link: <http://forensicstournament.net/MMSwing1/11>. You must also register for the second half of the swing at this link: <http://forensicstournament.net/MMSwing2/11>. Remember, ***if you are attending both halves of the swing you must register for both tournaments.*** You will get a confirmation email for each day of the tournament. Registration will close at **5:00PM (EST) Tuesday, January 18, 2011**. You may make changes to your entry online until noon on Wednesday. Changes after that time will need to be emailed to Darren Epping, eppingdl@muohio.edu. Also, if you have questions on how to register for the tournament don't hesitate to email Darren.

AWARDS

At each half of the swing, awards will be presented to all participants in elimination rounds, and the top non-advancing novice will be recognized in each event. Additionally, the top six contestants in Individual Sweepstakes and Sweepstakes to the top six schools will be awarded. There will also be awards for the top three Pi Kappa Delta schools, and combined Sweepstakes for schools competing in both halves of the swing. A quality award will be presented to the coach of the team with the highest average point total per slot. The top three schools in LD will receive debate sweepstakes awards at both halves of the swing as well as a combined debate Sweepstakes award to the top Debate school participating in both halves of the swing.

Fees

LD / Public Forum Entry	\$30.00
IE Slots	\$8/per slot
LD/PF Judges	\$50.00 / uncovered debate entry
IE Judges	\$12.00 /per uncovered slot
Lunch	\$5.00 per person (not automatic)
Drops after noon Wednesday, January 12	\$10.00
Drops on Thursday, January 13	\$15.00
Drops on Friday, January 14	\$25.00

Drops on Saturday, January 15	\$50.00
Dropped Judges on Thursday, January 13 or later	\$50.00 plus \$10.00 per round scheduled
No-Show/Unreported Drop	\$60.00

All fees (entries, judges, drops, and no-shows/unreported drops) must be paid before elimination rounds are posted. Failure to do so will result in all entries from that school being declared ineligible to advance to any elimination round or to be eligible to win any sweepstakes award.

Sweepstakes

Debate – For the purpose of calculating sweepstakes, a school will be awarded 3 points for each preliminary round win and 1 point for each loss. Points will be awarded in Elimination Rounds as follows: Champion – 12 points, runner-up 9 points, elimination round two – 5 points and elimination round one – 2 points. Only the top four entries in Lincoln – Douglas from each school will count towards sweepstakes.

Individual Events – Sweepstakes points will be awarded as follows: In preliminary rounds, all contestants will accumulate points with each rank of:

Prelim Points	Finals Points
1 st – 3 points	1 st – 12 points
2 nd – 2 points	2 nd – 10 points
3 rd – 1 point	3 rd – 8 points
	4 th – 7 points
	5 th – 5 points
	6 th – 3 points

Directions / Parking

We assume that everyone can use a mapping program or GPS to find their way to Oxford. If you are headed to the Hueston Woods Resort/Hotel the address they recommend is 5282 Lodge Road, *College Corner*, OH 45003 (513-664-3500). It is a seven miles outside of Oxford and will take you about 15 minutes to get to the campus. We are currently planning to hold registration on Saturday in Benton Hall. The GPS street address for that is 541 East High Street, Oxford, OH.

Parking: The best place to park will be in the North Parking Garage located underneath the School of Engineering on East High Street with access from Withrow Lane, which runs west off North Patterson Avenue. It does cost \$5.00 per day (or \$.50 per hour).

Food

Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday will be provided. We will also be bringing in lunch. Oxford has a few of the basic fast food places (McDonalds, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Jimmy Johns, etc.) but none are conveniently located for lunch. We would encourage you to take advantage of the lunch we are offering. We will have vegetarian options available.
