

WESTERN STATES FORENSICS TOURNAMENT

February 18-20, 2011

Hosted by

University of the Pacific

EVENTS

- NPDA: Junior and Open Divisions
NPDA format (7-8-8-4-5) Prep time 15 minutes + walking time
- BP Debate One Open Division, (7 minute speeches)
- Individual Events: Junior and Open Divisions. (With sufficient entries) Competitors may enter a maximum of three events per pattern (or one event plus extemp or LD; see below). Students with multiple entries in a pattern are responsible for getting to their competition rooms on time.
- NFA LD (6-3-7-3-6-6-3; 4 minutes prep) One open division (with sufficient entries.)
2010-11 Resolution is "Be it resolved: the United States Federal Government should substantially reform the provision of mental health services to the chronically mentally ill."
- Pattern A: Extemp, Informative, CA, DI, POI, Poetry; NFA LD
Pattern B: Impromptu, Persuasive, ADS, Prose, Duo, NFA LD

ELIGIBILITY

1. Any regularly enrolled undergraduate college student may represent the school at which they are pursuing a degree.
2. Any undergraduate student may participate in Open Division, but only those students with less than two years of any college forensics competition may participate in any Junior Division individual event. (ie: if students are in their third or fourth year of college forensics they are not eligible for junior division even if this is the first time they are participating in a particular event.)
3. In Debate competition any individual may compete in open division. Only those students with less than four full semesters of college debate experience may participate in junior division. (ie: if a student participates in CEDA/NDT for four semesters, they are NOT eligible for junior division NPDA)
3. Any questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the Co-Speech Activities Coordinators, Bob Becker (307) 754-6118 or Jeannie Hunt (307) 754-6422.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

1. Each institution may enter a maximum of four debate teams in any division of debate without the prior permission of the Speech Activities Coordinator. Only four teams, designated at registration, may earn sweepstakes points.
2. Students may enter no more than three individual events per pattern, and only two in a pattern if one of them is extemp or NFA-LD. ***A student may not enter both LD and extemp.***

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

1. Each institution must provide at least one qualified judge, preferably the Director of Forensics. Judges must possess a BA or equivalent degree, or obtain Speech Activities Coordinator's prior approval.
2. One judge covers two debate teams and 5 IE slots per pattern.
3. All debate judges are committed one round past their school's elimination from the tournament.
4. Failure of school to meet its judging obligation may result in the withdrawal of that institution's students.
5. If you have a particular problem meeting your institution's judging requirements contact the Speech Activities Coordinator.
6. We will gladly hire you if you can judge beyond your commitment. If you know of qualified individuals who would like to be hired, please have them contact the Speech Activities Coordinator.
7. 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.

Practices and Standards

The Western Forensics Association subscribes to and will abide by the NPDA rules and bylaws for debate, and the AFA Code of Standards.

Brackets will be broken in the pairing of elimination rounds of debate. NPDA and LD will be paired High-high in rounds 3 & 5, and High-Low (within brackets) in rounds 3 & 6. Rounds 1 & 2 will be preset randomly.

AWARDS:

Western States will feature awards for all finalists in individual events and all elimination rounds in debate (beginning with octo-finalists). School honor awards will be presented for the top three schools in each category of four year and two year schools as well as the top schools in debate

and individual events and quarterfinalists through first in debate. The top five speakers in each division of debate will receive speaker awards. Sweepstakes awards will be presented for debate, individual events, and overall excellence.

Sweepstakes awards will be based on the following point system:

1 st Place IE 10 points	Parli 1 st Place 20 points
2 nd Place IE 8 points	Parli 2 nd place 15 points
3 rd Place IE 6 points	Parli Semis 10 points
Finalists IE 4 points	Parli Quarters 5 points
Semi-Finalist IE 2 points	Parli Octos 3 points

LD & World 1st Place 12 points
LD & Worlds 2nd Place 10 points
LD Semis & Worlds 3rd Place 8 points
LD Quarters & Worlds 4th Place 6 points

TOURNAMENT FEES

We are trying to keep fees low, but hired judges are very expensive. These fees are lower than they have been for the last several years.

School Fee	\$50.00 per school
Debate	\$50.00 per team
IE's	\$ 8.00 per slot
NFA-LD	\$20.00 per debater
Hired Judges	\$50.00 per debate team
	\$10.00 per uncovered IE slot
	\$20.00 per uncovered LD debater

Fees will be assessed as of 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2011.

Please make checks payable to Western States' Forensics Assn.

2011 TOURNAMENT LODGING INFORMATION

This year, with the help of Marlin Bates we have secured excellent rates at the Best Western Plus Heritage Inn. Rates are a flat rate of \$59.00 per room plus tax. When making reservations ask for the Western States Communication block. The motel address is Best Western Plus Heritage Inn, 111 East March Lane, Stockton, Ca. 95207, Phone (209) 474-3301; Fax (209) 474-1701.

Reservation Deadline: Reservations must be made by FEBRUARY 3, 2011. Reservations received after this date will be subject to space availability and may be subject to the hotel's standard room rate. Please make reservations early to guarantee your space. Space is at a premium. **CALL NOW** If you have difficulty getting rooms, please contact the Speech Activities Coordinator immediately.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be received by 10:00 p.m. MST on Tuesday, February 15, 2011; Drops will be allowed until 10:00pm PST Wednesday, February 16.

Any changes after Wednesday, February 16 should be e-mailed to Bob Becker
robert.becker@northwestcollege.edu

Entries will be facilitated through ***ForensicsTournament.net***

PLEASE NOTE: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 is a travel day for the Speech Activities Coordinator to the tournament site.

2011 WSCA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 17, 2011

7:00-9:00 Registration- Hotel- Check at Desk

Friday, February 18, 2011

7:30	Late registration--Debate
8:00	Parliamentary/BP Round 1
9:30	Parliamentary/BP Round 2
11:00	Parliamentary/BP Round 3
12:00-12:45	Final Registration- IE Schools
1:00	Pattern A-Round 1
2:30	Pattern B-Round 1
4:00	Parliamentary/BP Round 4
6:30	Pattern A-Round 2

Saturday, February 19, 2011

8:00	Pattern B-Round 2
9:30	Pattern A-Round 3
11:00	Parliamentary/BP Round 5
1:00	Pattern B-Round 3
2:30	Parliamentary/BP Round 6
4:15	Semi-Finals (Some final rounds may occur at this time as well—watch for schedule changes.)
6:00	Parliamentary Elimination Round 1

Sunday, February 20, 2011

8:00	Finals Pattern A (if needed)
9:30	Finals Pattern B (if needed)
11:15	Parliamentary/BP Elim 2
1:00	Awards Assembly
1:30	Debate Elims continue as needed