



August 19, 2011

Dear Friends,

The Forensics Team and Forensics Alumni of John Brown University would like to invite you to the 2nd Annual Golden Eagle Invitational and IE-Palooza happening October 14-16, 2011. IE Competition will occur on Friday (IE-Palooza) and Saturday (Golden Eagle). Parliamentary debate will occur on Friday (Golden Eagle). NFA-LD Debate will occur on Saturday (Golden Eagle). IPDA Debate prelims will occur on Saturday, with elimination rounds occurring on Sunday (Golden Eagle). Please see the invitation for competition conflicts. We will offer 2 experimental events: Mini-Interp and Commercial Impromptu. Cash prizes will be offered to the top 3 in each experimental event!

All competitors who advance to elimination rounds will receive awards. Top novices in individual events will win awards as well. We offer a number of sweepstakes awards, including awards for:

- The top 3 universities and colleges (Golden Eagle)
- The top 3 IPDA schools
- The top IE swing school and top debate school.
- An individual IE Pentathlon award for each IE tournament, an individual Debate Biathlon Award (2 or more types of debate), and a Marathon Award (debate and IE).

The deadline for entering the tournament is Monday October 10th at 10 pm. Changes may be made until Thursday October 14th at 10 pm. Please use the convenient online entry system located at <http://forensicstournament.net/goldeneagle/11>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me! We hope you can join us in beautiful Siloam Springs, Arkansas for a great weekend of competition!

Sincerely,

Erick Roebuck
Director of Forensics
John Brown University

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

GOLDEN EAGLE....FRIDAY (PARLI)

10:00 Registration...Walker Student Center
10:40 Topic Announce
11:00 Parli 1
12:00 Topic Announce
12:20 Parli 2
1:20 Topic Announce
1:40 Parli 3
3:00 Topic Announce
3:20 Parli 4
4:40 Topic Announce
5:00 Quarterfinals
6:00 Topic Announce
6:20 Semifinals
7:20 Topic Announce
7:40 Finals

IE-PALOOZA...FRIDAY (IE's)

11:00 Registration...Walker Student Center
11:45 Extemp Draw
12:00 A1 (PRO, DUO, EXT, PER, CA)
1:15 Extemp Draw
2:30 A2
3:45 Extemp Draw
4:00 A Finals
5:15 B1 (ADS, DRA, POE, INF, IMP, POI)
6:30 B2
7:15 B Finals
8:30 Pizza And Awards

GOLDEN EAGLE....SATURDAY (IPDA/LD)

7:30 Registration...Walker Student Center
8:00 LD 1
9:00 IPDA 1
LD 2
10:45 IPDA 2
LD 3
12:30 IPDA 3
2:15 IPDA 4
LD 4
4:00 IPDA 5
LD Semis
5:45 IPDA 6
LD Finals
7:45 Awards

GOLDEN EAGLE....SATURDAY (IE's)

7:30 Registration...Walker Student Center
8:30 Extemp Draw
9:00 A1 (PRO, DUO, EXT, PER, CA)
10:15 E1 (Mini-Interp)
10:45 B1 (ADS, DRA, POE, INF, IMP, POI)
12:00 Extemp Draw
12:30 A2
1:45 E2 (Commercial Impromptu)
2:15 B2
3:30 Extemp Draw
4:00 A Finals/Semi Finals
5:15 Experimental Event Finals/Extemp Draw
5:45 All Remaining Finals
7:45 Awards

GOLDEN EAGLE....SUNDAY (IPDA)

7:45 Chapel Service
8:30 Octofinals
10:15 Quarterfinals
12:00 Semifinals
1:45 Finals

CONFLICTS:

- 1) Competitors must choose between IE's or Parli on Friday
- 2) LD Debaters may participate in Varsity IPDA or 1 IE in each pattern EXCEPT Extemp.
- 3) Varsity IPDA Competitors may participate in 2 IE's in each pattern EXCEPT Extemp.
- 4) Novice and Professional IPDA Competitors may not enter any other events

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

1) Tournament rules. AFA, NFA, NPDA, and IPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere within this invitation. In NPDA debate, we will allow hybrid teams and 3 person teams to compete (although only 2 debaters may speak in a given round). In NPDA debate, no person may debate without a partner.

2) Competitor Eligibility. The rules of AFA, NFA, NPDA, and IPDA will guide competitor and judge eligibility. Competitors in IE's, NPDA, and NFA-LD must be students at a 2-year or 4-year college or university who have not participated in more than eight semesters of intercollegiate forensics competition. Judges and competitors in IPDA must meet the division requirements of Novice, Varsity, and Professional outlined in the IPDA constitution.

3) Entry/Facility Limitations. Though we do not anticipate having to limit entries and will make every effort to accommodate all who wish to participate, JBU reserves the right to limit entries if our campus capacity is exceeded. We will use the following priority to entries (if needed): first, entries received after the entry deadline; second, entries without sufficient judges (uncovered); and finally, time the entry is received – the earliest entries will take precedence.

4) JBU Student Participation. JBU students may participate in the tournament, but will not be eligible for team sweepstakes awards.

5) Entry Procedure. All entries must be made online at <http://www.forensictournament.net/goldeneagle/11>

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INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1) Students may not enter more than THREE events per pattern. Novice IPDA and Professional IPDA may not enter IE's. Varsity competitors who are eligible to compete in IE's may enter up to 2 events EXCEPT Extemporaneous. LD Competitors may enter one event EXCEPT Extemporaneous. Students are responsible for signing in and making it to all of their rounds and draws. Failure to do will result in a no-show score or forfeit for the round.

2) Novice Recognition. Students who are in their first year of collegiate individual events competition may be designated as novices. Coaches will be contacted to indicate their novice competitors. A minimum of 1 novice award in each event will be recognized. No sweepstakes points will be awarded for novice awards in IE's. Novice awards will not be given in experimental events.

3) Though we anticipate having enough critics to cover final rounds, we reserve the right to have fewer than three judges in a final round. If fewer than three judges are used in a final round, then final ranking will be determined by the cumulative total of all ballots.

4) If there is a clean break on rank and rate, the top 6 competitors in each event will be advanced to the final round. If there is a tie on rank and rate for the final slot, then the tied competitors will be advanced as long as there are no more than 7 slots in the final round. If advancing the final tied competitors would exceed more than 8 slots in the final round, then the last tied competitors will not advance, resulting in a final round of less than 6 competitors.

EXPERIMENTAL EVENTS

We will offer the following experimental individual events:

- 1) Mini-Interp: Students perform a piece or pieces of literature from the genres of prose, poetry, or drama. Script optional. Time, including introduction, must not exceed 2 minutes.
- 2) Commercial impromptu: Students will receive a choice of 3 photos of products. Students will then have 1 minute to compose a 1 minute “commercial” for the product. Students may use up to one minute of preparation time. Their speaking time, however, may not exceed 1 minute, even if all preparation time is unused.

Cash prizes will be given to the finalists in each experimental event. 1st Place-\$20, 2nd Place-\$10, 3rd Place-\$5. All other finalists-\$1.

LD DEBATE

- 1) Paradigm – NFA L/D Debate is a communication event that is debated in a stock issues paradigm. In deference to the intent of the event, we ask that all competitors and critics are mindful of these rules. See <http://www.nationalforensics.org>
- 2) Disclosure - Keep us stay on schedule! Oral critiques may only be given after the ballot has been turned in. Judges must not delay students who need to go to other rounds. Delays attributed to coach/judges may result in penalties to that school's teams including automatic losses or removal from the tournament.
- 3) LD competitors may enter 1 IE event in each pattern EXCEPT extemp.
- 4) Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by total speaker points, followed by opposition record, then adjusted speaker points, and finally by Z-Score. In elimination rounds, brackets WILL be broken.
- 5) If there are at least 7 seven (7) entrants per division, there will be two divisions of NFA-LD debate: Novice and Open. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines. Competition in at least three tournaments of any style of debate constitutes a semester.

NPDA DEBATE

- 1) Provided that there are at least seven (7) entrants per division, there will be two divisions of NPDA Debate: Novice and Open. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines. Eligibility is determined based upon the most experienced partner. Competition in at least three tournaments of any style of debate constitutes a semester.
- 2) Disclosure - Keep on schedule! Ballots are due 1 hour, 20 minutes after the announcement of the motion. Oral critiques immediately following the debates may not exceed five minutes. Delays attributed to coach/judges may result in penalties to that school's teams including automatic losses or removal from the tournament.
- 3) Preliminary Rounds – Rounds One and Two will be random-matched. Rounds Three will be lag-matched high-low within brackets based on the results of all previously tabulated debates. Round Four will be power-matched high-low within brackets based upon the results of all previous rounds.

4) Elimination Rounds - Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon record, followed by adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by Z-Score.

IPDA Debate

1) The IPDA constitution will guide all facets of IPDA competition at the tournament. It is available at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

2) Novice and Professional IPDA competitors may not enter IE's or LD.

3) Varsity IPDA competitors with IE eligibility may enter two IE during each IE pattern EXCEPT extemporaneous OR they may enter LD debate. Students should compete first in IE's or LD, and then hustle to the IPDA draw.

4) In the event that an IPDA competitor is entered in LD or IE's and has not made it back to draw 35 minutes after the first draw has gone off (45 minutes for LD), then a coach or designated representative may conduct the topic strikes. It is the responsibility of the multiple-entered competitor to return on time, and she or he assumes all risks of not being back in time for their draw.

Awards

All competitors who advance to elimination rounds will receive trophies or framed certificates. In addition, the following sweepstakes awards will be given...

1) Top 3 Universities and Community Colleges (Golden Eagle)

2) Top 3 IPDA schools (Golden Eagle)

3) Top IE Swing School (IE Palooza and Golden Eagle)

4) Top Debate School (Golden Eagle)

5) Individual Pentathalon (5 or more IE's...both IE tournaments)

6) Individual Biathalon (2 or more debate formats)

7) Individual Marathon (IE and Debate points)

IE Points: Prelims: 1st-3, 2nd-2, 3rd-1; Finals: 1st-12, 2nd-10, 3rd-8, 4th-6, 5th-4, 6th-2, 7th-1

Experimental IE's: Prelims: 1st-1, 2nd-0.5, 3rd-0.25; Finals: 1st-5, 2nd-4, 3rd-3, 4th-7th-2

Parli: Prelim win: 6 ; 1st-12, 2nd-10, Semis-8, Quarters-4

NFA-LD: Prelim Win: 3 ; 1st-6, 2nd-5, Semis-4, Quarters-2

IPDA: Prelim Win: 3; Advancing to Octofinals OR a winning record (without advancing): 3

Fees

IE's: \$7 for each covered slot, \$15 for each uncovered slot (Each judge covers 8 slots total)

Experimental IE's: \$1 for each covered slot, \$2 for each uncovered slot (Each judge covers 10 slots total)

Parli: \$30 for covered team, \$60 for uncovered slot (Each judge covers 2 teams)

LD: \$15 for covered debater, \$30 for uncovered slot (Each judge covers 2 debaters)

IPDA: \$20 for covered debater, \$40 for uncovered debater (Each judge covers 4 debaters)

Hotels

We will not be getting a block of rooms for the tournament, but we suggest the following lodging options.

Hampton Inn 2171 Ravenwood Plaza, Siloam Springs, AR 866-539-0036
(\$95 average on Hotels.com)

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=FYVSSHX>

Quality Inn 1300 US Highway 412 West, Siloam Springs, AR... (479) 524-8080
(\$80 average on Hotels.com)

http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-siloam_springs-arkansas-AR200

Super 8 1800 Hwy 412 West Siloam Springs, AR... (479) 524-8898
(\$57 average on Hotels.com)

<http://www.super8.com/>

Best Western Stateline Lodge 273 S Highway 59, W Siloam Springs, OK... (918) 422-4444 (\$85 average on Hotels.com)

<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=37107>

Super 7 1951 Highway 412 E, Siloam Springs, AR, 72761 866-539-0036
(\$39 average on Hotels.com...kind of scary, but they have a good BBQ restaurant on site)

Budget Inn 1951 Highway 412 E, Siloam Springs, AR, 72761 866-539-0036
(\$38 average on Hotels.com)

Cherokee Casino 2416 Highway 412 East, West Siloam Springs, OK 918-422-5100
(Starting at \$79...Buffet and Steakhouse)

<http://cherokeecasino.com>

If you would like a greater variety of hotel options, then we are a short drive from Springdale, AR (20 miles) and Fayetteville, AR (25 miles), though if you wait too long, you may have trouble finding rooms in Fayetteville because there is a Razorback football game on Saturday. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help you find lodging!

Map

<http://www.jbu.edu/about/map/>

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