

**OFA Fall Workshop
And Forensics Teaching Tournament
September 15, 2012**

Dear OFA Member,

You are cordially invited to the annual OFA Fall Conference and Forensics Teaching Tournament on September 15, 2012, at Muskingum College. The teaching tournament is a one day conference designed to promote the value of forensics education for novice and experienced competitors, as well as for coaches. This conference/tournament offers tremendous benefits to novices by introducing them to the broad array of collegiate events available and/or highlighting the differences between high school and college forensics. Experienced competitors get to voice their opinions on trends in forensics while getting an early opportunity for feedback on events they've prepared over the summer. Coaches will get to share ideas with one another on various issues of coaching and program development. Forensics in Ohio will benefit from the dialogue. Please plan to be a part of this important endeavor.

Please note a few changes to the schedule.

- The coaches meeting is scheduled to be the very first event taking place before Extemp draw on Saturday
- There will be a single workshop session during lunch. (We currently do not have any workshops scheduled at this time. If you would like to volunteer for a workshop, please let me know.
- There will be 3 prelim rounds and no finals in IEs and 4 prelims rounds in debate.
- There will be Showcase performances of selected events with Critique Judges at the conclusion of the tournament.

Conference details are included on the following pages. If you have questions, please feel free to call or text Derrick Green, OFA President, at 937-532-9242 (unlimited texting) or greend@cedarville.edu.
Hope to see you on September 15th!

Respectfully,

Derrick Green
OFA President

Entry Information

There is no limit to the number of entries a school may bring. However, each student may enter up to 2 events per bracket. A student may only enter one DUO. L/D counts as one event in each bracket. Entries must be received by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 13th. Changes without a fee can be made online until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 14th. Please submit entries and changes via

<http://www.forensicstournament.net>. Changes after the deadline should be emailed to westd1@ohio.edu

Entry Fees: \$3 per IE Slot, \$6 per L/D slot, \$10 per uncovered IE, \$20 per uncovered debate. A \$10 change fee for drop/adds after the entry deadline plus a \$50 fee per dropped judge. If you plan on attending the conference workshops only, please call and confirm your plans. All participants (judges and contestants) will be charged \$5 for lunch (pizza and drinks). Your \$60 OFA Annual dues can be paid at registration.

Event Brackets:

- A: Extemp, Inform, Poetry, Duo, Crit, POI & Debate
- B: Impromptu, Persuasion, Prose, ADS, DI & Debate

*We may move events to even the brackets.

Judging Information

One judge covers 6 IE slots or up to 2 L/D slots. Schools receive ½ judge credit on assessed tournament judging fees for each workshop run by their coaching staff. Please bring enough judges to cover your entry.

Awards:

Certificates will be presented to the top 6 competitors in each event. In the spirit of a teaching tournament, there will be no final rounds, no Trithon and no Team Sweepstakes. The 2011 O.F.A. Championship Sweepstakes Awards and Forensic Educator of the Year Honor will be presented at the awards ceremony.

Directions and Lodging

Recommended information is available through the Muskingum College website. For local directions, visit: www.muskingum.edu/home/visitsmap/localmap.html; for lodging: www.Muskingum.edu/home/visitsmaps/lodgings.html

Tentative Schedule

8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration – Caldwell Hall 3 rd Floor Lobby
8:30 am	OFA Business Meeting
9:00 am	Extemp Draw
9:30 am	Round I A, L/D 1
10:45 am	Round I B, L/D 2
11:45 am	Pick up lunch in Caldwell Lobby
Noon	Workshop Sessions
1:00 pm	Extemp Draw
1:30 pm	Round II A, L/D 3
2:45 pm	Round II B, L/D 4
3:45 pm	Extemp Draw
4:15 pm	Round III A, L/D Showcase
5:30 pm	Round III B
6:45 pm	Showcase Performances
7:30 pm	Awards