**Kansas State University and West Texas A&M University Buff Cats Swing October 1-2, 2016**

September 2016 Dear Colleague,

The coaches, students, and alumni of the Kansas State University Speech and of West Texas A&M University invite you and your students to the Buff Cat Swing comprising two wonderful tournaments: the West Texas A&M Buff Classic (10/1/2016) and the Lynne Ross IE Classic (10/2/2016). **Both tournaments will be held on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan, KS.** Hosting the two tournaments on the same weekend on the same campus will help schools save travel time and money as well as help maximize competitive opportunities. Students will have the opportunity to compete in at least four rounds of performance and the chance to gain two AFA-NIET event qualifications in one weekend.

We will offer two preliminary rounds and finals in the eleven AFA events. Awards will be given for 1st-6th places. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be given for individual sweepstakes participants and for school sweepstakes at each invitational. In addition, awards will be given in overall individual sweepstakes and team sweepstakes for the swing tournament. To receive a swing award, you must have participated in both halves of the swing.

Entries must be in by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2016**. Those coaches who have run or attended tournaments with last minute cancellations realize the trauma caused to the tournament director and the students. Hoping to discourage this, fees will be assessed on the basis of information received as of 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday. A nuisance fee of $10 per change will be assessed between 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30th and noon on Friday, September 30. Changes made at the tournament or after noon on Friday will be assessed a $25 nuisance fee per change.

Entries for the tournament will be taken through [SpeechWire](http://speechwire.com/). You can find the tournaments on the tournament calendar under the names “BuffCats Swing Part 1” and “BuffCats Swing Part 2”.

Fees for the tournament are $8 per slot covered and $12 per slot uncovered. One judge covers six slots. We request that you bring ample judges.

We look forward to seeing you at the swing. If you have any questions email or call Darren Epping at depping@ksu.edu or 402-309- 4641.

Sincerely,

Craig Brown, Darren Epping, and Connie McKee

**Philosophy Statement**

The goal of our swing tournament is to offer students the opportunity to compete in several events while observing the AFA wellness initiatives for coaches and directors. We have done our best to provide students with the opportunity to get rest, food, and an educational experience in the traditional competitive forensics proscenium.

**Awards & Tournament Rules Students may enter no more than three events in each flight**. Team points will be awarded according to student’s placement in final rounds (10 points for first place, 8 points for second place, 6 points for third place, 4 points for fourth place, 2 points for fifth place, and 1 point for sixth place or lower). **Students who wish to enter Individual Sweepstakes must compete in four events**. Individual Sweepstakes points will mirror the system for determining team sweepstakes points. Ties will be broken in the following manner: Speaker points will be used to determine who advances to a final round. Ties in preliminary rank and rate mean that all tied contestants advance. Ties in final rounds will be broken by judge’s preference followed by speaker points. Ties in team points and Individual Sweepstakes will be broken on number of finals followed by number of first, seconds, thirds, etc.

**Events**

All events entered in the tournament must meet the requirements of the AFA and NFA national tournaments. The rules for Duo Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation and Program Oral Interpretation are consistent with those suggested by the AFA-NIET. A full listing of the AFA-NIET event descriptions may be found at http://www.afa-niet.org/. An open division of two flights will be offered.

**Flight Patterns & Schedules**

Pattern A: EXT, DUO, ADS, PERS, POE, PROSE

Pattern B: CA, DRAMA, POI, IMP, INFO

**Same Schedule for Both Days (Sat-West Texas A&M and Sun-KSU)**

8:00 am Registration Nichols Hall Lobby

8:30 am Extemp Draw for Round I

9:00 am Group A Events Round I

10:15 am Group B Events Round I

Lunch Break

12:00 pm Extemp Draw for Round II

12:30 pm Group A Events Round II

1:45 pm Group B Events Round II

3:15 pm Extemp Draw for Finals

3:30 pm Finals for A Events

5:00 pm Finals for B Events

ASAP Awards