**The Robert Littlefield IE tournament & The Cindys IE tournament  
plus the NDSU-ConCORDIA Parliamentary debate touranment!**

**Saturday Jan 25 – Sunday Jan 26**

**North Dakota State University & Concordia College**

Dear Colleagues:

North Dakota State University and Concordia College cordially invite you to attend a two-IE tournament swing, coupled with a 5-preliminary round Parliamentary debate tournament, to be co-hosted on our campuses in January 2014. These tournaments will honor the work of three forensics coaches who have contributed greatly to the activity through their research, service, and coaching, and are designed with specific pedagogy, health, accessibility, and competitive goals. Entry fees have been kept as low as we believe they can be, while still allowing for beautiful awards and a break-even impact on our budgets. Please read below for the details, and click [this link to a form](https://docs.google.com/a/cord.edu/forms/d/17BRrJTmS9G8psi7HD-lgJvYFuBUHyJiIL28yRMBK368/viewform) to let us know you’d like to attend!

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# Benefits of attending

## Pedagogy

* + Novice finals: If 6 or more novices do NOT break to the final round, a separate novice final round will be held, guaranteeing at least one additional ballot. Novice final round judges will receive instructions to more fully explain comments.
  + Parliamentary debate resolutions will include two of value, two of policy (one domestically focused and one internationally focused) and one of fact, in the preliminary rounds.
  + Parli will follow NPDA guidelines, but without a ‘warm room’ and with no coach interaction once topics are released
  + Extemp speaking will include questions drawn from only 20 topic areas (e.g., the ACA, China’s economy, etc.) so competitors have a chance to feel less overwhelmed with the breadth of a file needed. Each set of questions will contain 3 different topic areas; topic areas will be emailed on Monday before the tournament to all registered schools. Final rounds of extemp will include a cross-examination period.
  + All ballots will be full-size sheets of paper to allow for thorough commenting.
  + Completed ballots will be scanned and distributed electronically along with results sheets, so all competitors can learn from all performances.
  + All possible methods will be employed to insure single-entered limited preparation event competitors will be able to observe some other competitors.

## Health / Safety

* + For $4 / person, the tournaments will provide lunches for students. Lunches will be smorgasboard-style and will have a variety of options to allow students to make good choices within the ranges of their dietary restrictions.
  + Registration on Saturday runs from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m., allowing safe travel from approximately 200 miles away without a Friday night hotel stay. Saturday’s IE portion should be completed by 7:30 p.m., allowing ample time to eat healthily and sleep well.
  + Sunday’s awards ceremony should also be complete by 7:30 p.m., allowing for safe return travel for schools within about 250 miles, by midnight.
  + An interfaith service on Sunday morning will allow students to maintain their spiritual health.

## Open access

* + Schools in the first two years of program development may request a waiver of entry fees (but not uncovered judge fees).
  + The tournament tab room is open to all coaches.
  + Host school non-novice students will not compete on the day their school hosts.

## Competition

* + The tournament will be an NPDA Sweepstakes tournament.
  + Students who enter the full weekend have two chances to earn qualifying slots at the AFA-NIET and the NFA IE tournament.
  + The tournaments strive to create balanced judging panels in final rounds, and to have as diverse a judging pool across both days as is possible; if possible, judges will not judge IE events in preliminary rounds on day 2 that they judged in any round on day 1.

# Schedule

## Saturday @ NDSU

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 10:00 a.m. | Extemp Prep |  |  |  |  |
| 10:15 a.m. | Extemp\*, POI, CA, ADS, DI, Poe | 1-A |  |  |  |
| 11:30 a.m. | Imp, Info, Pro, Duo, Pers | 1-B | Parli | I |  |
| 12:45 p.m. | Lunch |  |  |  |  |
| 1:15 p.m. | Imp, Info, Pro, Duo, Pers | 2-B | Parli | II |  |
| 2:15 p.m. | Extemp Prep |  |  |  |  |
| 2:30 p.m. | Extemp\*, POI, CA, ADS, DI, Poe | 2-A |  |  |  |
| 3:45 p.m. | Imp, Info, Pro, Duo, Pers | Finals | Parli | III | powered off I-II |
| 4:45 p.m. | Extemp Prep |  |  |  |  |
| 5:00 p.m. | Extemp\*, POI, CA, ADS, DI, Poe | Finals | Parli | IV | powered off I-II |
| 6:45 p.m. | Awards! |  |  |  |  |
| 7:45 p.m. |  |  | Parli | V | powered off rounds I-IV |

## Sunday @ Concordia College

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 8:30 a.m. | Imp, Info, Pro, Duo, Pers | 1-A | Parli | Q |
| 9:45 a.m. | Interfaith Service |  |  |  |
| 10:15 a.m. | Extemp Prep |  |  |  |
| 10:30 a.m. | Extemp\*, POI, CA, ADS, DI, Poe | 1-B |  |  |
| 11:45 a.m. | Lunch |  |  |  |
| 12:30 p.m. | Imp, Info, Pro, Duo, Pers | 2-A | Parli | S |
| 1:30 p.m. | Extemp Prep |  |  |  |
| 1:45 p.m. | Extemp\*, POI, CA, ADS, DI, Poe | 2-B |  |  |
| 3:15 p.m. | Imp, Info, Pro, Duo, Pers | Finals | Parli | F |
| 4:30 p.m. | Extemp Prep |  |  |  |
| 4:45 p.m. | Extemp\*, POI, CA, ADS, DI, Poe | Finals |  |  |
| 6:30 p.m. | Awards! |  |  |  |

\*Extemp rounds begin 15 minutes after other events in the flight. Triple-entered Extempers may be asked to compete in another event first, and draw last, to facilitate tournament flow.

## Entry limitations

### Saturday:

* IE competitors may enter three events in each bracket
* Parliamentary debaters may enter one event in “B” bracket and 2 events in “A” bracket.

### Sunday:

* IE competitors and non-advancing debaters may enter three events in each bracket.
* Parliamentary debaters who advance may enter one event in “A” bracket and three events in “B” bracket.

# Awards

* Trophies / medals will be presented to the top six competitors in each individual event.
* Gavels will be presented to the top five Parliamentary speakers, based upon preliminary round speaker points.
* Plaques will be earned by all advancing debaters.
* All novice final round competitors (and the top novice in events without a novice final round) will receive handsome certificates recognizing their success.
* The top 3 IE schools at each tournament will receive trophies, as will the top 5 overall schools at the swing.
* The top 3 debate schools will receive trophies.

Parli Sweeps

Prelim win: 2 pts.

(Octafinalist) 4 pts.

Quarterfinalist: 6 points

Seminfinalist: 8 points

2nd: 10 points

1st: 12 points

only top 4 teams/school can earn preliminary points for sweeps.

IE Sweeps, each tourney

Prelim "3" 1

Prelim "2" 2

Prelim "1" 3

Finalist 2

6th 3

5th 4

4th 5

3rd 8

2nd 10

1st 12

Ties broken on JP will average sweepstakes points; only top 2 slots / event / school count for prelimary points toward sweeps.

Weekend Sweepstakes

Only finals count:

Finalist 1

6th 2

5th 3

4th 4

3rd 5

2nd 6

1st 8

Parli 1st 8

Parli 2nd 6

Parli sems 5

Parli quarters 3

# Fees

* Deadline for entry is Tuesday, January 21, at 8:00 p.m. – so please [indicate your intent to enter](https://docs.google.com/a/cord.edu/forms/d/17BRrJTmS9G8psi7HD-lgJvYFuBUHyJiIL28yRMBK368/viewform) well before that!
* IE slots: $5.50 / day
* Parliamentary debate teams: $16
* Uncovered judge fee (IE): $10 / slot. Each judge listed as “IE only” covers 6 slots.
* Uncovered judge fee (Parli): $25 / team. Each judge listed as “Parli” covers 2 teams.

### Uncovered cost calculations

We pulled the number of entries at the Fall VFLs from the 2012-2013 school year, and determined that a “full cost for judges” based on those entries would have been $3000 (50 judges needed, at $60 / judge). Then, the proportional costs for IE and debate were calculated:

IE: Parli:

* At VFL #2, there were 145 IE slots and 23 Parli teams.
* IE judges needed: 13 per preliminary flight of IEs, plus 4 additional so all get one round off. 2 days. 34 judge-days needed; assuming a Parli judge could cover an IE final each day.
* Parli judges needed: 11 per preliminary round (12 in quarterfinals) + 4 for a round or two off = 16 judges needed.

Because most schools bring at least one judge, and we have several alumni and faculty members graciously willing to volunteer to judge some rounds, we believe we can lower the cost for judges to a point where $10/$25 fees will allow the tournament to run in the black.