Dear Forensics Colleagues,

 The Northwest Nazarene University Forensics Program, Pi Kappa Delta Idaho Delta Chapter, Department of Communication Studies, invites you to the NNU Season Opener Forensics Tournament on Sept. 23 – 24th 2016 on the campus of Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. We will be offering four rounds of novice and open IPDA on Friday and all 11 AFA-NIET events on Saturday. We apologize for the late notice of the tournament invite but wanted to be sure our campus was available and that has taken some time. We are now ready to do this and excited for you and your team to visit our campus in the fall.

Our focus is on education for this first tournament. There will be no finals. Debate will be single-flighted (provided we can get the judges), so we will use the lay judge allowance in IPDA. Although this will have more of a scrimmage feel on Friday, top speakers and records will be recognized. Saturday will be open division in all events. We will have three rounds of competition. There will be an awards ceremony on Saturday night based on their preliminary rounds.

We are less than 30 minutes from the Boise Airport and have several hotel options in the area. The NNU campus is located in walking distance to restaurants and coffee shops. I hope you will join us in September for a friendly first tournament of the year!

**ENTRY DEADLINE is Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 5:00pm MST.**

**DROP DEADLINE is Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 5:00pm MST.**

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**SCHEDULE:**

**DAY 1: NNU Season Opener**

**Friday, September 23, 2016**

2:30 pm Registration: NNU Brandt Center Lobby

3:30 pm IPDA Rd. 1 Draw; Start 4:00 pm

4:45 pm IPDA Rd. 2 Draw; Start 5:15pm

6:00 pm IPDA Rd. 3 Draw; Start 6:30pm

7:15 pm IPDA Rd. 4 Draw; Start 7:45pm

**DAY 2: NNU Season Opener**

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

7:30 am Registration: NNU Brandt Center Lobby

8:00 am Extemp Draw

8:30 am Round 1A

10:00 am Round 1B

11:30 am Lunch

12:00 pm Extemp Draw

12:30 pm Round 2A

2:00 pm Round 2B

3:30 pm Extemp Draw

4:00 pm Round 3A

5:30 pm Round 3B

7:30 pm Awards

**CONFLICT PATTERNS:**

Pattern A: ADS, DI, \*EXT, PER, POI, POE

Pattern B: CA, \*DUO, IMP, INF, PRO

(\*Double entries only)

**Registration Fees:**

(PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO NNU or can pay with a credit card online)

School Fee: $20

Covered Individual Events: $8 per slot

I.E. Entries not covered by a judge: $16 per slot

(1 judge = 6 slots)

Covered IPDA Teams: $10 per slot

IPDA Teams not covered by a judge: $20 per slot

(1 judge = 2 slots)

**Entries:**

Students may triple enter in each pattern on each day, with the exception of extemporaneous speaking and Duo Interpretation. Please enter your teams at [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net)

**Awards:**

NFC Guidelines will be used to determine breaks and placements. All awards will be presented on Saturday night.

Sweepstakes:

Individual Events:

1st Place: 10 points

2nd Place: 8 points

3rd Place: 6 points

Debate Awards: Awards will be presented to the top records and top speakers in both divisions.

IE awards:

Awards will be based on prelim rankings and given to at least the top three placements.

Sweepstakes awards will be given to the top 3 schools at the tournament for individual events. There will be no sweepstakes awards given for debate.

**Individual Events Divisions:**

Please use the following guidelines to determine appropriate divisions for your students.

**Novice:** Students in the novice division are in their first full year of collegiate forensics. They have not earned more than three 1st -3rd place finalist awards in IE’s. Coaches should refrain from placing students with significant high school experience in novice divisions. This is an opportunity for students with little to no forensics experience, not champions in high school that just entered college.

**Open:** All competitors are welcome to compete in this division regardless of their experience or success.

**Individual Event Descriptions**

**A EVENTS:**

**After Dinner Speaking**: An original, humorous speech by the student, designed to exhibit sound speech composition, thematic, coherence, direct communicative public speaking skills, and good taste. The speech should not resemble a night club act, an impersonation, or comic dialogue. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforced the message. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

**Drama Interpretation**: A cutting that represents one or more characters from a play or plays of literary merit. The focus of this event is on the development of characterization. This material may be drawn from stage, screen, or radio. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes including introduction.

**Extemporaneous Speaking**: Contestants will be given three topics in the general area of current event, choose one, and have 30 minutes to prepare a speech that is the original work of the student. Maximum time limit for the speech is 7 minutes. Limited notes are permitted. Student will speak in listed order. Postings of topics will be staggered.

**Persuasive Speaking**: An original speech by the student designed to inspire, reinforce, or change the beliefs, attitudes, values or actions of the audience. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

**Program Oral Interpretation**: A program of thematically-linked selections of literary merit, chosen from two or three recognized genres of competitive interpretation (prose/poetry/drama). A primary focus of this event should be on the development of the theme through the use of narrative/story, language, and/or characterization. A substantial portion of the total time must be devoted to each of the genres used in the program. Different genre means the material must appear in separate pieces of literature ( e.g., A poem included in a short story that appears only in that short story does not constitute a poetry genre.) Only one selection may be original. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes including introduction.

**Prose Interpretation**: An original or selections of prose material of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Focus of this event is on the development of the narrative/story. Play cuttings and poetry are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time is 10 minutes including introduction.

**B Events:**

**Communication Analysis**: An original speech by the student designed to offer an explanation and/or evaluation of a communication event such as a speech, speaker, movement, poem, poster, film, campaign, etc., through the use of rhetorical principles. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Manuscripts are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

**Impromptu Speaking**: An impromptu speech, substantive in nature, with topic selections varied by round and by section. Topics will be derived from quotations. Speakers will have a total of 7 minutes for both preparation and speaking. Timing commences with the acceptance of the topics sheet. Limited notes are permitted.

**Informative Speaking**: An original, factual speech by the student on a realist subject to fulfill the general aim to inform the audience. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time is 10 minutes.

 **Dramatic Duo:** A cutting from one or more texts of literary merit, humorous or serious, involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. The material may be drawn from any genre of literature. This is not an acting event; thus, no costumes, props, lighting, etc, are to be used. Presentation is from the manuscript and the focus should be off-stage and not to each other. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes including introduction.

**Poetry Interpretation**: A selection or selections of poetry of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. A primary focus of this event should be on the development of language. Play cuttings and prose works are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes including introduction.

**IPDA:** Offered in both novice and varsity divisions. Novice competitors cannot have competed in eight debate tournaments in any capacity at any level in any combination (e.g., high school or college; novice, junior or open, CX, Policy, Value, NDT, CEDA, Parliamentary, NFA, or LD).

And/or cannot have advanced to the semi-final round or better in three tournaments (in any capacity, at any level, in any combination). Time limits

will be:

5 Minutes Affirmative Constructive

2 minutes Cross Examination

6 minutes Negative Constructive

2 minutes Cross Examination

3 minutes 1st Affirmative Rebuttal

5 minutes Negative Rebuttal

3 minutes 2nd Affirmative Rebuttal

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26 minutes Total (approximate)

Topics will be announced 30 minutes prior to the start of the debate. This tournament chooses to follow IPDA guidelines on the use of evidence and consultation during the 30-minute preparation period. This, in essence, means there are no restrictions on the use of materials during preparation time, or on “coaching”, during preparation time. Remember, no pre-printed material may be brought into the debate round. Jargon is also not acceptable.

**Hotel Information:** Rooms are filling fast for another event in town, so book your rooms soon. Ask for the NNU rate.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Hampton Inn & Suites

(4 miles from campus) (4 miles from campus)

4104 E. Flamingo Ave. 5750 E. Franklin Rd

Nampa, ID Nampa, ID 83687

(208) 466-4045 (208) 442-0036

Fairfield Inn & Suites

(3.4 miles from campus)

16150 N. Midland

Nampa, ID 83687

(208) 467- 5888

**Food:** The Student Center will be open for dinner both days and brunch on Saturday. I will let you know on pricing. We will also provide a list of local favorites at registration.

**Directions to Campus:**

**Address:** 623 S University Boulevard
Nampa, ID 83686

**Driving Directions:**

**Traveling East on I-84:**

* Take Exit 35 (Nampa Blvd.)
* Turn Right onto Nampa Blvd/ID-55 S
* Turn Left onto E 3rd St S/I-84 Bl E
* Continue to follow E 3rd St S.
* Turn Right onto 16th Ave.
* Continue south on 16th Ave.
* At Roosevelt, 16th Ave. becomes Holly St
* Continue south on Holly and enter the north entrance of NNU.

**Traveling West on I-84:**

* Take Exit 38 (Garrity Blvd.)
* Turn Left on Garrity
* Turn Left onto 16th Ave
* Continue south on 16th
* At Roosevelt, 16th Ave. becomes Holly St
* Continue south on Holly and enter the north entrance of NNU.