

 **Ohio Union**

 **Student Resource Room**

 **1739 N. High Street**

 **Columbus, OH 43210**

Dear Colleagues:

The Ohio State Forensics Program cordially invites you to join us at the fun and festiveOhio State Holiday Frolic Forensics Tournament on **December 4th and 5th. 2015.** The Frolic will be the first half of a swing with the Otterbein Frolic Some More Tournament hosted by Otterbein College, also in the Columbus area, on December 6th, 2015 (a separate entry must be registered at the “Frolic Some More” webpage - http://www.forensicstournament.net/frolicsomemore/15).

This year’s Frolic will feature varsity and novice divisions where warranted in all eleven AFA events, NFA-LD Debate. Awards will be given to all contestants advancing to elimination rounds, the top LD speakers, the top five pentathlon competitors, and open and small school sweepstakes.

Preparations for this year’s Frolic have been ongoing since the beginning of the summer to guarantee a well run, fun, festive, and competitive tournament. It is our sincere hope to build on the successes of past Frolics and offer you the best tournament experience.

Finally, you won’t want to miss the traditional Team Sing before awards on Saturday. Team Sing is a forensics related performance sung to the tune of a holiday song. If you are tentatively planning to attend the Frolic and want to enter the Team Sing, send an informal call or email by the entry deadline. Based on the rough estimate of those entering, we will announce what the Team Sing time limit is for each team, but plan on 10 minutes or less. This should allow everyone to participate while also keeping the total time for all performances.

We hope we can be your final stop before the holiday season and can’t wait to see you!

Sincerely,

Bethany Sanders Kalrav Thakore

Tournament Director Team President

**SCHEDULE:** LDers must go to IE events first if cross entered between LD and IE Elimination Rounds.

**Friday, December 4th** **Saturday, December 5th**

3:30-5:00 LD Registration 8:00 Continental Breakfast

 Enarson Classroom Building 8:15-9:00 Morning IE Registration

 8:15 Rd IV LD

5:25 LD Round I 9:15 Round IB

6:30 LD Round II 10:30 Round IA Ext Draw

8:30 LD Round III 10:45 Round IA

2:00-8:00 IE Early Registration 12:00 LD Elimination Round 1

 1:00 Round IIA Ext Draw

 1:15 Round IIA

 2:30 Round IIB

 3:45 LD Elimination Round 2, IE Semis

 4:45 Extemp Finals Draw

 5:00 A Finals, LD Elim Round 3

 6:15 B Finals, LD Elim Round 4

 8:00 Awards

**BRACKETS:**  Flight A: Extemp, Persuasion, Duo, POI, Rhetorical Criticism, DI

 Flight B: Pro, Info, Imp, Poe, ADS

 Flight Debate: Lincoln Douglas Debate

**EVENTS:** All I.E. and LD Debate will follow NFA (AFA for POI) rules, time limits, and format except where noted. In extemporaneous speaking, draw will be adjusted to eight-minute intervals.

**LD DEBATE: LD competitors not registered by 5:00 PM in person or phone on Friday will be dropped without exception.** Also note that NFA LD times are 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with 4 minutes total prep. The third and fourth LD rounds will be powered paired. All evidence with full citation must be available for review after the round. See the **EXTEMP PREP** section for information concerning Ohio State’s internet network.

**EXTEMP PREP:** Following the recent decision by NFA, the use of internet in prep shall be allowed. However, The Ohio State internet service network is restricted to students, staff, and faculty of Ohio State. A guest network is available; however, we cannot guarantee access. We recommend that competitors have access to physical or digital files for the tournament. There will be a tournament staff member in the prep room before and a reasonable time after Flight A, but we ask that laptops and other materials are removed as soon as possible. We accept no responsibility for lost or damage personal or team property.

**NOVICES: ‘**Novice’ is defined as students in their first year of college competition. For the purposes of the frolic, I.E. and LD are considered separate events. While some students may have previous I.E. experience, they can be classified as a novice in LD (at your discretion) if this is their first year of college debate or vice versa. If they have competed in any form of college debate (LD, CEDA, NDT, NPDA, etc.), they will be classified as a varsity debater. **Novice slots do NOT count towards pentathlon competition.** Novice duo competitors whose partners are varsity competitors will be entered in a varsity duo slot, but may compete in other events as a novice.

**ENTRIES:** Each school may enter an unlimited number of students in each event. In the case of excessively large entries, your students may meet each other so we can use your judges. **Students may only enter three (3) events per flight.**

**AWARDS:** All contestants advancing past preliminary rounds and the top speakers in LD will receive awards. Pentathlon awards will be given to the top five students competing in five varsity events in at least three **(3)** of four **(4)** genres (with LD debate considered a separate genre). There will be five Open Sweepstakes awards and three Small School Sweepstakes awards.

**JUDGES:** One judge covers 6 IE, 2 LD slots and 3 IE and 1 LD, Please try to cover your slots, especially in LD. A fee discount will be given to any school providing qualified LD judges with no LD entry.

**FEES: \*$10 per school (technology fee)**

\*$10 for each I.E. slot ($12 per duo)

\*$30 for each LD slot

\*$15 for each uncovered I.E. slot

\*$60 for each uncovered LD slot

\***All checks made out to: OSU Forensics Union**

**NUISANCE:** Nuisance fees will be $5 per dropped slot on Wednesday, $15 per dropped slot on Thursday, and $25 per dropped slot the day of the tournament (LD on Friday and IE on Saturday). Dropped judges will incur a $75 fee after the entry deadline **plus** the cost of covering the slots. With all drops, use SPEECHWIRE, or call/email us as soon as possible

**DEADLINE:** We will be using SPEECHWIRE to run our tournament so all entries should be made through there. Entries must be received by 7:00 PM EST on Tuesday, December 1st. Please be mindful of any time zone differences. If you have any questions regarding the entry process, please send us an email at **ohiostatespeechanddebate@gmail.com.**

**LOCATION:** The tournament will be centered around the Enarson Classroom Building. We will send out an email closer to the tournament with specific details as to which buildings the tournament will be held.

**EMERGENCY:** Contact Bethany Sanders at (614)578-6811 or Kal Thakore at (678)523-5120