



20TH NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FORENSICS INVITATIONAL

KEY DEADLINES

INITIAL ENTRY DEADLINE:
Tuesday, March 7, 5:00 CT

CHANGE DEADLINE:
Tuesday, March 14, 5:00 CT

JUDGE PHILOSOPHIES:
Friday, March 10, 5:00 CT

Email to:
mdreher@bethel.edu
(Put NCCFI Judge
Philosophy in subject)

IPDA/NPDA Topics:
Friday, March 10, 5:00 CT

Email to:
mdreher@bethel.edu
(Put IPDA/NPDA Topics
in subject)

**ENTRY CHANGES AFTER
THE CHANGE DEADLINE:**

Email directly to:
mdreher@bethel.edu
(Put NCCFI entry change
in subject)

NCCFI Friends and Colleagues:

Back in November 1996, a few coaches from Christian colleges came together at the National Communication Association convention to discuss whether or not it would be a good idea to hold a forensics tournament. In February 1998, 12 schools attended the inaugural NCCFI.

We hope you and your team will join us for the 20th annual National Christian College Forensics Invitational to be held March 18-20 at Brand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. The tournament is open to schools who are members of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities or schools that have a mission statement that is supportive and sympathetic to the mission of Christian higher education. This tournament is a unique opportunity to celebrate our heritage as Christians in forensics.

We are still looking for hosts for 2018 and beyond. We would encourage your school to consider submitting a bid to host the tournament. Bid forms are on the NCCFA website. Ideal locations have a large enough campus for 50-60 rooms at a time, a location fairly close to a major airport, located in a town with some large hotels with decent rates. Hosts typically spend less than it might take them to fly to a location several hours away. Please contact Jay Bourne if interested. We hope to present proposals at the Business Meeting.

On the following pages of the invitation, you'll find more details about the schedule, rules of the tournament, and more. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you in Arizona in March!

Prof. Jay Bourne, University of the Cumberlands, NCCFA President

Prof. Barry Regan, Grand Canyon University, Tournament Host

Prof. Michael Dreher, Bethel University, NCCFI Tournament Director

TENTATIVE NCCFI SCHEDULE (2017)

THE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ENTRIES, AND BASED ON WHETHER WE HAVE ENOUGH JUDGES TO SINGLE-FLIGHT IPDA. THIS SCHEDULE WILL LIST A DOUBLE-FLIGHTED SCHEDULE, BUT IT IS OUR HOPE TO SINGLE-FLIGHT IPDA.

- **Flight A: Prose Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Interpretation of Faith Literature, Impromptu Speaking, NFA Lincoln-Douglas Debate**
- **Flight B: Extemporaneous Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Duo Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation**
- **Flight C: After Dinner Speaking, Poetry Interpretation, Communication Analysis, Dramatic Interpretation, Readers' Theater**

Saturday

7:30-8:30	Onsite Registration
8:00	Announcements
8:10	NPDA Topic Announce/IPDA Draw (Flight A)
8:30	Round 1 Parli
8:40	Round 1 IPDA (Flight A), IPDA Draw (Flight B)
9:10	Round 1 IPDA (Flight B)
9:45	Round 1 C (ADS/Poe/CA/DI), Round 1 RT
11:00	NPDA Topic Announce/IPDA Draw (Flight A)
11:30	Round 2 IPDA (Flight A), IPDA Draw (Flight B)
12:00	Round 2 IPDA (Flight B)
12:00-1:15	Lunch
1:15	Opening Ceremony
2:00	Topic Announce/IPDA Draw
2:20	Round 3 Parli
2:30	Round 3 IPDA (Flight A), IPDA Draw (Flight B)
3:00	IPDA (Flight B)
3:30	Round 1A (Pro/Inf/FL/Imp), Round 1 NFA-LD
4:45	Fellowship Break
5:15	Extemp Draw
5:45	Round 1B (Ext/Per/Duo/POI)
7:00	Topic Announce/IPDA Draw
7:20	Round 4 Parli
7:30	Round 4 IPDA (Flight A), IPDA Draw (Flight B)
8:00	Round 4 IPDA (Flight B)

SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

Sunday

8:30	Chapel
9:15	Topic Announce/IPDA Draw (Flight A)
9:35	Round 5 Parli
9:45	Round 5 IPDA (Flight A), Draw (Flight B)
10:15	Round 5 IPDA (Flight B)
10:45	Round 2A (Pro/Inf/FL/Imp), Round 2 NFA-LD
11:45-12:45	Lunch
12:45	Round 2C (ADS/Poe/CA/DI), Round 2 RT
2:00	Topic Announce/IPDA Draw (Flight A)
2:20	Round 6 Parli
2:30	Round 6 IPDA (Flight A), IPDA Draw (Flight B)
3:00	Round 6 IPDA (Flight B)
3:30	Extemp Draw
4:00	Round 2B (Ext/Per/Duo/POI)
5:15-6:15	Dinner
6:15	Round 3A (Pro/Inf/FL/Imp), Round 3 NFA-LD
7:30	Extemp Draw
8:00	Round 3B (Ext/Per/Duo/POI)

Monday

8:00	Round 3C (ADS/Poe/CA/DI), Rd 3 RT
9:15	Topic Announcement
9:35	Parli Outround 1
9:45	IPDA Outround 1
10:45	Extemp Draw
11:15	IE Semifinals, LD Rd 4
12:15-1:15	Lunch
1:15	Topic Announcement
1:35	Parli Outround 2
1:45	IPDA Outround 2
2:30	Extemp Draw – Finals (round starts at 3:15)
3:00	IE Outround 1/LD Outround 1
4:15	Fellowship Break
4:45	IE Outround 2/LD Outround 2
5:45	Topic Announcement
6:05	Parli Outround 3
6:15	IPDA Outround 3
7:30	Banquet

HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Sky Harbor Phoenix International Airport is the closest airport to campus, and is served by most major airlines.

Parking information will be given at registration. Parking will be free; however, it is possible that larger buses and 12-passenger vans will have to park some distance away from the main buildings.

Hotels: We have a 50-room block at the Grand Canyon Hotel. The rate is \$89.99/night with breakfast included. The GCU Hotel is located 1-mile from campus. To receive the block rate, please reserve your rooms as soon as possible and mention "National Christian College Forensics Invitational." Here is the necessary contact information to book your room:

Website: <http://www.gcuhotel.com/>

Phone Number: 1-844-683-5428

The GCU Hotel is hosting a residency of over 100 doctoral students starting Tuesday, March 21, so you will be required to check out by Monday, March 20 to accommodate this. Our apologies for any inconvenience that may cause. In the event that your team will need to stay Monday night, here is a list of other hotels. **If you have any problems finding hotels, please contact either Barry Regan (barry.regan@gcu.edu) or Alaina Owen (alaina.owen@gcu.edu).**

Hotel 502 Phoenix
502 West Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013
(602) 264-9290
Approximately 10 minutes from campus

Radisson Hotel North Phoenix
10220 N Metro Pkwy E, Phoenix, AZ 85051
(602) 997-5900
Approximately 10 minutes from campus

Best Western Airport Inn
2425 S 24th St, Phoenix, AZ 85034
(602) 273-7251
Approximately 18 minutes from campus

Quality Inn Phoenix Airport
5121 E La Puente Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85044
(480) 565-2978
Approximately 22 minutes from campus

Candlewood Suites Phoenix/Tempe – \$114/night
1335 W Baseline Rd, Tempe, AZ 85283
(480) 777-0440
Approximately 22 minutes from campus

Extended Stay America - Phoenix - Biltmore – \$112/night
5235 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016
(602) 265-6800
Approximately 15 minutes from campus

Econo Lodge at Metro Center – \$122/night
9455 N Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix, AZ 85021
(602) 395-0900
Approximately 10 minutes from campus

INFORMATION ABOUT NCCFI

At the 2004 NCCFI, the assembled schools passed a constitution that created the National Christian College Forensics Association. As the constitution notes, membership is open to all schools who are full members of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), with a forensics program that competes at the national tournament during the current or preceding three years. In addition, schools that support the Christian faith are allowed to participate. While not all historic church bodies subscribe to a creedal declaration of faith, the tenets of the Christian faith that schools are asked to support are as detailed by the Nicene creed. For further data on the organization please look to <http://www.nccfa.org/>

The National Christian College Forensics Association (NCCFA) is not an attempt to isolate Christian College programs from the regular circuit. Rather, the goal of the NCCFA is to provide Council based programs the opportunity to gather once a year and celebrate our faith while we engage in an activity we all love. We apologize to any individuals or institutions that may feel marginalized by our admittedly inexact effort at defining membership parameters.

Are you wondering whether you or another school can be part of the NCCFA? Contact: Prof. Jay Bourne, President of NCCFA: jay.bourne@ucumberland.edu or 606-524-8755 after reviewing the organization's homepage designed to provide helpful information.

TOURNAMENT FEE INFORMATION (ENTRY DEADLINES ON PAGE 1)

Entry fees: Each school will be assessed a \$65.00 fee per participant (Coaches, Judges and Participants and Observers) to help provide food available during the tournament.

- Each Individual Event Slot: \$10.00
- Each NFA LD entry: \$35.00
- Each IPDA entry: \$35.00
- Each NPDA Debate team: \$50.00
- Each RT entry: \$35.00

Judging fees: For each uncovered entry, the following fees will be assessed:

- Individual Event slot: \$10.00
- NPDA Debate slot: \$100.00
- NFA LD Debate slot: \$70.00
- IPDA Debate slot: \$70.00
- Reader's Theatre slot: \$70.00

Meal Packages: The meal package covers 3 lunches, one dinner and the banquet. **If there are any dietary restrictions, please contact Barry Regan.**

Tax/Vendor Information: NCCFA is a designated non-profit organization. Our Tax Identification Number (TIN) is 27-2053626

JUDGING

Qualification: All judges must have experience judging intercollegiate forensics competitions and be qualified to judge the events assigned to them. All Open competition judges **MUST** possess a college degree. Non-degree holding judges **MAY** be used for Novice division competition **ONLY** if they have intercollegiate forensics experience. Judges without a college degree should be noted with the entry.

Limitations: Please note all events and/or rounds a judge is **NOT** qualified or able to judge on the entry form. As always, we prefer your judges to your money!

Obligations: Each school will be required to provide judges as follows:

- One I.E. judge for every 10 IE entries
- One RT judge for every 2 Readers' Theaters
- One NPDA judge for every 2 NPDA debate teams
- One IPDA judge for every 2 IPDA debaters.
- One LD judge for every 2 LD debaters.

Mix and matching:

- Individual Events judges may also cover judging for NPDA **or** IPDA (and would cover a full number of NPDA/IPDA slots)
- Individual Events judges who want to cover NFA-LD can cover 1 LD slot and 5 IE slots.
- Individual Events judges who want to cover RT can cover 1 RT and 10 IE slots.
- Debate judges can only cover IPDA or NPDA, but not both.

PLEASE be careful not to overbook your judges. Tournament days can be very long and breaks are rare if judges are committed to covering every possible event.

If you are bringing along judges who would like to work beyond your team's commitment, please note their willingness to be hired on the entry form. We will waive their meal fee and pay them for additional rounds.

Philosophies: All NPDA debate judges are required to submit a copy of their philosophy. Email all philosophies to: mdreher@bethel.edu.

Commitment: All judges are expected to judge one round beyond the point their students are eliminated from competition. IE schools would be expected to judge in all time blocks of IE finals. Please help the tournament run on a timely basis by fulfilling your commitment.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION: FEES, ENTRIES AND ADA:

1. *We will adjust your fees for judges that judge more than one type of event.* We'll make those adjustments at the entry change deadline. If you need that information earlier (to request a check, for example), please contact me (Michael Dreher - mdreher@bethel.edu), and I'll do that for you ahead of time.

2. **When you enter on Speechwire, please remember to enter pronunciations for student names.** If you've not entered the student before, the pronunciation box is right below the name box. If you've used Speechwire and the student before, go back and edit the student in your roster. You can then add the pronunciation. It will make our lives much easier!

3. **If you have a student or judge who needs special room accommodations, please let both Michael and Barry know.** We've already identified potential rooms during the site visit; we'll make sure that those rooms are used for those who need them.

4. **Please enter RT the following way: enter the RT cast members first on the main entry screen. Then go to "Piece Registration" and enter the name of the RT there.**

NOVICE/OPEN DEFINITIONS

NOVICE: The tournament staff has become aware of cases in which schools have had differing opinions regarding the division between Open and Novice. If students are found to be entered in the wrong division prior to the tournament, their coach will be asked to decide between moving the student up or dropping the student. If the student is discovered during the tournament, the student will be allowed to continue for the sake of education and tournament consistency, but the student will not advance and cannot receive sweepstakes points. All opposing students will automatically be ranked above the competitor (e.g., an automatic bye in debate, or a leapfrog in IEs). In short, put your students in the correct divisions. When in doubt, either contact the tournament administration for a ruling or move the student into the higher division.

IE: A novice I.E. competitor is any student in her/his first year of college competition. We use the AFA guidelines; one semester of competition is 3 or more tournaments of competition. A student who has attended a previous NCCFI or other national tournament is not a novice and must enter the open division. Students in Dramatic Duo must move up to the Open Division if either competitor would be required to move up based on these requirements.

Debate: For NPDA and NFA-LD debate, the tournament uses NPDA division guidelines. For IPDA debate, the tournament uses IPDA guidelines.

NPDA and NFA-LD Debate:

To be classified as novice,

- The student should have no significant high school debate experience. "Significant" shall be defined as having more than one year of experience OR more than six tournaments, whichever is more restrictive (e.g., a student who only competed during one year but traveled to 7 tournaments should not be considered a novice).
- The student should be in the first two semesters of college debate
- Once the student has advanced to elimination rounds more than 3 times, the student should be advanced to the junior or open division.

To be classified as junior varsity,

- The student should be in the first four semesters of intercollegiate debate.
- The student should not have advanced to elimination rounds more than 3 times in junior or open division.
- Once the student has advanced to more than three elimination rounds in junior division (or higher), the student should be advanced to open.

IPDA Debate:

To be classified as novice, the student shall not have competed in more than 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, L-D, etc.). For these purposes, a swing tournament would count as two tournaments.

Junior Varsity: have competed in eight tournaments beyond their novice eligibility OR have competed in sixteen debate tournaments in any capacity at the collegiate level in any combination (e.g. novice, junior or open, IPDA, CX, Policy, Value, NDT, CEDA, Parliamentary, NFA, L-D, etc.).

Open: This division is open to all tournament competitors. Any student who is in at least his/her third year of college competition must enter the open division as long as they have not already expended up to four years of eligibility, measured either by 8 semesters or 4 National Years (a year the student competed at any intercollegiate forensics National Championship) whichever is more restrictive.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- **Flight A: Prose Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Interpretation of Faith Literature, Impromptu Speaking, NFA Lincoln-Douglas Debate**
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There will be open and novice divisions in each event. We will only collapse divisions with less than 6 students. There is no limit on the number of students a school may enter in a given event, however, we cannot guarantee that team members will not compete against one another in preliminary rounds.

- Students may triple-enter in flight A if they are not entered in NFA-LD. If a student is entered in NFA-LD, she/he may enter one other flight A event.
- Students may double-enter in flight B.
- Students may triple-enter in flight C. Readers' Theater contestants who are double- or triple-entered should go to IE events first if their RT is slotted second in the round.

No material used at NCCFI should have been used in competition prior to September 1, 2016.

A few notes to keep in mind:

- Students who are entered in all IE rounds as well as debate will have very little downtime; please take wellness into account.
- Students double-entered in two different Duo Interpretations will be protected in Flight B; students need to adhere to their assigned schedule to help guarantee that those rounds get off on time. For example: if Duo A is in the 2nd slot and Duo B is in the 5th slot, go to those rounds in that order. The same is true for Readers' Theater – RT will speak in the order in the schedule.
- Students are responsible for getting to rounds on time. Students will have 75 minutes to get to all of their rounds, depending on the specific round; we strongly encourage students to move promptly from round to round, and it helps us greatly when you have teammates check you in to your waiting rounds. Judges will be instructed to mark speakers as forfeits if they cannot meet this deadline.
- Wellness is a vital element of making this experience a positive one for our students. Be sure to plan ahead in order to guarantee that your students will have adequate rest as well as opportunities to eat healthy and stay hydrated!

Event Definitions: All events will follow AFA guidelines, with the following exceptions:

- *Impromptu*: Impromptu Speaking: An impromptu speech, serious in nature, with topic selections varied by round. In the spirit of the tournament, however, the topic committee will develop quotations which may consist of Psalms or Proverbs, quotations from famous religious figures (e.g., Martin Luther, Mother Theresa, Billy Graham, etc.), or regular 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.
- *Extemporaneous*: Questions will be mixed with least one round being value, religious, or moral oriented questions. The topic committee will generate questions from a variety of sources. Internet access and electronic data retrieval will be allowed during preparation time, but both NFA and AFA guidelines explicitly forbid collaboration in Extemporaneous Speaking – the speech should be the original work of the student, and students should not confer with anyone during preparation time.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (CONTINUED)

The NCCFI will also offer the following events:

- **Interpretation of Faith Literature:** 8-10 minute time limit. A selection or selections of interpretation material emphasizing faith issues. Content could reflect a variety of faith perspectives. This may be a single selection or may be developed from more than one source in any genre. Solo performances only, no Duos permitted. Presentation should follow traditional guidelines for an interpretation presentation including an introduction which establishes the theme and tone of the piece. The use of a manuscript is required.
- **Readers' Theater:** A group performance of literature, involving more than two performers with a single or compiled program on a discernible theme or concept. Scripts must be perceived, but not necessarily referenced at all times. Props, set pieces, music, singing and other theatrical accouterments must be perceived as enhancing rather than substituting for the performance options. 25 minute time limit includes set up and take down of set and audience reaction.

IE Outround Procedures

- If there are more than 12 students in the event, all finalists shall be advanced. If there are 35 students in an event, there will be semifinals, tournament resources permitting.
- Semifinalists shall be seeded into two patterns. Semifinal A shall have the 1-4-5-8-9-12 seeds; semifinal B shall have the 2-3-6-7-10-11 seeds. If there is need for a 13th student, that student shall be placed in semifinal A. The top 3 students from each semifinal shall be advanced into the final round.
- If a novice division has less than 12 students in an event, and the open division has 12 or more students, then the entries will be collapsed into a single division. A novice champion shall still be named. If an open division has less than 12 students, and the novice division has 12 or more, then the divisions will not be collapsed, and the open division will advance 50% into finals. If both divisions have less than 12 students, then the divisions will be collapsed and a novice champion will still be named.

Breaks to, and placement in, elimination rounds will be conducted as follows:

- Total ranks
- Speaker points (In a tie including more than 3 competitors, if speaker points break part of the tie, it shall be used first)
- Judges' preference (In a three-way tie, if judges' preference breaks the tie, it shall be used first)

DEBATE

The tournament will offer NPDA parliamentary debate, IPDA debate, and NFA-LD debate.

- All debate formats will offer open, junior and novice divisions.
- Divisions will only be collapsed when there are six or fewer entrants.
- Definitions of divisions can be found on page 3 of the invitation.

2016-2017 NFA-LD Resolution: Resolved: the United States Federal Government should substantially reduce the role of the United States Southern Command in Latin America.

Governing Rules

The following are links to the rules for NPDA, IPDA and NFA-LD debate:

- NPDA: <http://www.parldebate.org/pdf/npdarules-0608.pdf>
- IPDA: http://www.ipdadebate.info/uploads/4/9/8/1/4981933/ipda_constitution_and_bylaws____

TIME LIMITS FOR DEBATES

NPDA Time Limits

- PMC: 7 minutes
- LOC: 8 minutes
- MOC: 8 minutes
- MOC: 8 minutes
- LOR: 4 minutes
- PMR: 5 minutes
- Prep Time: 20 minutes from topic announce, with 3 minute forfeit rule

NFA-LD Time Limits

- 1AC: 6 minutes
- Cross Examination: 3 minutes
- 1NC: 7 minutes
- Cross Examination: 3 minutes
- 1AR: 6 minutes
- 1NR: 6 minutes
- 2AR: 3 minutes
- Prep Time: Each competitor is allowed to use up to a total of 4 minutes of preparation time allocated at their discretion throughout the round

IPDA Time Limits

- 1st Affirmative: 5 minutes
- 2 minute Cross Examination
- 1st Negative: 6 minutes
- 2 minute Cross Examination
- Affirmative Rebuttal: 3 minutes
- Negative Rebuttal: 5 minutes
- Affirmative Summary: 3 minutes
- Prep Time: 30 minutes

For IPDA and NPDA: Please be prompt. Preparation time includes the time required to walk to the furthest room. There is a three minute forfeit rule which will be strictly enforced. ***The three minute forfeit rule IS the grace period. Arrival after that 3-minute delay is necessarily an automatic forfeit.***

All NPDA debate topics will be presented via mass topic announcement.

All IPDA debate topics will be presented via draw, with competitors striking topics at the draw table.

Prep Rooms

- Schools will be given prep rooms for NPDA debate. However, it is the responsibility of the school to keep the room clean and usable, since there will be other competition rounds in those rooms, including IE events. If necessary, schools will be assessed cleaning fees. Please leave the rooms as you've found them.

Use of Electronic Devices (NPDA and IPDA): Unless the competitor has verified an ADA accommodation for the use of a laptop, electronic tablet, or any other electronic device, they should not be used in the round.

- Cellphones are allowed in NPDA debate for personal timekeeping only
- By IPDA rules, cellphones are not allowed for personal timekeeping.

Use of Electronic Devices (NFA-LD): NFA guidelines have now been altered to allow digital media. However, note that opponents must be allowed the option to review evidence in exactly the same way they would if the material were printed. It is strongly recommended that debaters carry printed copies of their most commonly presented positions for this purpose.

DEBATE (CONTINUED)

NPDA and IPDA Resolutions

All schools participating in NPDA debate should submit five potential motions for debate by Friday, March 10. Coaches MAY encourage students to participate in the topic submission process.

Faith and Value Resolutions

To remain consistent with the theme of the tournament, the debate propositions will vary in content. Some propositions may reflect a value, moral, religious, or ethical intent wherein students may feel free to integrate their faith into their arguments.

Invoking a particular theological belief or particular interpretation of a verse is only persuasive if your audience already shares those views. Given the fact that we have a wide variety of denominational backgrounds and theological preferences represented in the NCCFA, the tournament desires to be inclusive of a wide variety of faith traditions. We encourage judges and students to respect other viewpoints - even if they are not their own - and to encourage that respect within the rounds and on the ballots. We also encourage judges if they have definitive theological biases that they cannot set aside to contact the tournament staff as soon as possible, certainly prior to the beginning of the debate round.

Debate Outround Procedures

- The tournament resources (e.g., rooms, judges, and time) will trump outround calculation.
- Resources permitting, the number of competitors in each event will determine the number of teams advancing to elimination rounds. The tournament will attempt to use partial outrounds if available. If not, the tournament will use the following guidelines:
 - up to 7 entrants = finals
 - 8-14 entrants = semifinals
 - 15-28 entrants = quarterfinals
 - 29-57 entrants = octofinals

As specified in the bylaws, brackets will be broken.

The criteria used to establish breaks in NPDA and IPDA Debate will be:

- Number of Wins
- Adjusted Speaker Points
- Total Speaker Points
- Opposition Record

The criteria used to establish breaks in NFA LD Debate will be:

- Number of Wins
- Total Speaker Points
- Adjusted Speaker Points
- Opposition Record

SOME SPECIAL SPEECHWIRE INFORMATION

We are going to try something new this year with regard to Speechwire: the live coverage functionality. There are two different ways in which the live functionality will work:

1. During the tournament, you can go to <http://www.speechwire.com/live>. There will also be a link to the tournament on Speechwire's home page as well. From those links, you'll be able to link to schematics and debate postings.
2. You and your students may choose to subscribe to SMS/email subscriptions. We'll announce when this will be available - it'll be shortly before the tournament. Students will know where they'll be performing before each round. Judges will receive alerts when ballots are being handed out. NOTE: The alert for judges won't tell you whether you have a ballot or not; it simply indicates when ballots are ready. For debate in particular, if you don't have a ballot in a round, you should be expected to be on standby and be able to pick up a ballot if needed.

Here's how it works: Click on the "Live!" link at the top of the Speechwire site. Then you'll see an option that allows you to subscribe to NCCFI. Click that link.

You'll get to a screen that says the following:

Subscribe to a competitor

Please select the event/division of the competitor you wish to subscribe to and click 'View entries'.

Event/Division: <a drop down box with all the events will appear.>

Please select the judge that you wish to subscribe to and click 'Subscribe'.

Judge: <a drop down box with all of the judges will appear.>

For the competitor - click on the "view entries" that appears next to the event once you've selected it. Then click on the competitor's name. You'll then be taken to another screen where you can choose to receive email updates or SMS updates.

For the judge - a similar screen will appear where you can choose to receive email updates or SMS updates.

Please note Ben Stewart's caveats when it comes to this service. This is a new feature and we apologize in advance for any glitches. You should always be aware of the location of tournament postings at the local tournament site in case of technology problems with email/SMS text or late updates to the tournament schedule after the delivery of email/SMS text messages. Standard messaging and data fees may apply. Check with your carrier for details on specific fees and charges. The SMS text feature is contingent on the delivery of SpeechWire's messages by the message recipient's cellular/mobile carrier, and SpeechWire Tournament Services is not responsible for messages blocked or not delivered for any reason (spam filtering, outages, etc.) by cellular/mobile carriers. SpeechWire Tournament Services may be reached by email at support@speechwire.com.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Sweepstakes points will be accrued by both novice and open speakers in IEs and novice, junior and senior speakers in debate in the following manner:

Debate

- 3 points will be earned for every preliminary round win for each debate team. Byes will be counted as wins for purposes of points.
- Preliminary round points may be earned for up to 4 teams per division, per school. Elimination round points may be earned for all teams from a school in each division.
- Elimination round points will be earned on the following basis:
 - First Place - 20 Points
 - Second Place - 15 Points
 - Semifinalists - 9 Points
 - Quarterfinalists - 6 Points
 - Octofinalists - 3 Points

Individual Events

- Preliminary round points will be earned on the following scale:
 - 1st place in a round earns 3 points,
 - 2nd place in a round earns 2 points,
 - 3rd place in a round earns 1 point.
- Preliminary round points may be earned for up to 4 students per school, per division. Elimination round points may be earned for all students per school per division.
- Elimination round points will be earned on the following basis:
 - First Place - 12 points
 - Second Place - 10 points
 - Third Place - 8 points
 - Fourth Place - 6 points
 - Fifth Place - 5 points
 - Sixth Place - 4 points
 - Seventh Place or Higher in a Final - 3 points
 - Non-advancing Semifinalists - 2 points

Readers' Theater

- 3 points will be earned for each preliminary round win. Byes will be counted as wins for purposes of points. (If there are two judges per preliminary round, then each preliminary round win shall earn 1.5 points.)
- Preliminary round points may be earned for as many as 4 Readers Theaters per school. Elimination round points may be earned for all Theaters from a school.
- Elimination round points will be earned on the following basis:
 - First Place - 24 Points
 - Second Place - 20 Points
 - Third Place (or Semifinalist)- 16 Points

AWARDS

Individual Tournament Sweepstakes: We will offer awards for the top overall competitor at the tournament in Open and Novice divisions.

Open speakers must be entered in at least 4 events.

- The student must be entered in platform (limited prep or public address) and interpretation events to be eligible.
- Readers' Theater counts as an interpretation event with elim points halved.
- LD, IPDA, and NPDA debate count as limited preparation events, with NPDA points halved.

Novice speakers must be entered in at least 3 events.

- The student must be entered in both platform (limited prep or public address) and interpretation events to be eligible.
- Readers' Theater counts as an interpretation event with elim points halved.
- LD, IPDA, and NPDA debate count as limited preparation events, with NPDA points halved.

Number of Events - If a student enters more than the minimum number of events required (4 or 3, respectively), then their best 4 or 3 events will count.

Individual Events Speaker: We will offer awards for the top Individual Events speakers in both novice and open division.

Open speakers must be entered in at least 4 events.

- The student must be entered in platform (limited prep or public address) and interpretation events to be eligible.
- Readers' Theater, IPDA, LD debate, and NPDA debate do not count for this award.

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- The student must be entered in both platform (limited prep or public address) and interpretation events to be eligible.
- Readers' Theater, IPDA, LD debate, and NPDA debate do not count for this award.

Number of Events - If a student enters more than the minimum number of events required (4 or 3, respectively), then their best 4 or 3 events will count.

Individual Debate Speaker: We will award the top 10 speakers in open, junior and novice NPDA debate. Since NFA LD Debate and IPDA are single-person events, no speaker awards will be given in those events.

Debate Team Sweepstakes

The tournament will offer three team trophies in each of two divisions of debate: large entry and small entry.

- The breakdown between divisions shall be such that a minimum of 40% of the entries fall into each division, unless a "natural break" occurs that would modify the 40% rule. The breakdown will be based on the number of entries at the time registration closes or the time the tournament starts, whichever is higher.
- The guiding principle behind this rule is that a team that brings a few debaters that do both LD and parliamentary debate will likely be a small entry; as paraphrased, 'If your teams fit in a minivan, they are likely in the small entry division.'
- For purposes of entries, IPDA, NFA LD, and NPDA each count as 1 entry.

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Individual Events Team Sweepstakes

The tournament will offer three team trophies in each of three divisions of individual events: large entry, medium-size entry, and small entry.

- The breakdown between divisions shall be guided by “natural breaks.” The intent is to have approximately 1/3 of the teams in each of the divisions. The breakdown is based on the number of entries at the time registration closes or the time the tournament starts, whichever is higher.
- For purposes of entries, Readers Theater will count toward Individual Events sweepstakes at the rate of 1 Readers Theater = 2 Individual Events entries.

Team Quality Awards Sweepstakes

The tournament will offer one quality award trophy. This trophy is designed to award the team that has the greatest success per entry.

- The quality award will be calculated by adding all points that the school’s entries earn, and dividing by the number of entries.
- Readers Theater will count as 2 entries for purposes of quality awards.

Overall Team Sweepstakes

The tournament will offer three trophies to the top overall schools. In order to be eligible, a school must enter individual events and debate. RT is considered an individual event.

The overall team award shall be determined as follows:

- Calculate the percentage of all possible points a team earns in IE,
- Calculate the percentage of all possible points a team earns in Debate,
- Add the two percentages together (to two significant digits).

Example: Assume there are 1000 possible IE points, and 800 debate points. A school earns 100 IE sweeps points, and 96 debate sweeps points. Their score would be 10% (100/1000) + 12% (96/800) = 22%.

If there is a tie, the tie will be broken as follows:

- Total combined place ranking in IE and debate (e.g., 2 + 2)
- Total number of breaks in all events
- Number of 1’s in all events
- Coin flip