September 2017

Dear forensics colleagues,

You and your students are cordially invited to attend the Jim McPherson Classic tournament at Whitworth University in Spokane on **Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22, 2017**. We will offer all traditional **11 NIET events** in open division. If entries warrant, we aspire to offer **novice** extemp, prose, impromptu and informative. We will offer an open division of **IPDA,** and aspire to offer a novice division if entries warrant.

Previously this was a swing weekend, with two separate IE tournaments, but now it is one tournament where students may enter both IPDA and IE. The tournament has been named for a retired distinguished Whitworth professor of Communication Studies. In honor of his research interests, some of the topics in IPDA and limited prep events will address media ethics, media criticism and women’s rights.

All the campus academic buildings in use are less than a five-minute walk from tournament headquarters, and have elevators. Please let us know if you have competitors, coaches, or critics who need ADA accommodation.

And since Whitworth is hosting IPDA Nationals on March 24-27, 2018, this would be a **great opportunity** for your teams to sample excellent regional competition and local judging.

This tournament adheres to the AFA-NIET Code of Ethics, the Northwest Forensics Conference Code of Ethics, and the IPDA Constitution. The tab room will be staffed by our good friends Dan Broyles and Jennifer Conner from Pacific University.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can provide any more information to you. We look forward to seeing you in Spokane this October!

Sincerely,

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**Entry Deadline:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:00 pm

**Drop Deadline:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Fees are calculated based on entries at this time; any changes after this point must be emailed to mingram@whitworth.edu and will be charged full entry fees and entry change fees.

**Note:** To manage your team entries and drops, please use <http://www.speechwire.com>.

**DIVISIONS:** We will offer novice and open divisions for IPDA and for extemp, prose, impromptu and informative as entries warrant (more than 12 in IPDA and more than 10 in IE). Please use the following guidelines to determine the appropriate divisions for your students:

**Novice** – Students in the novice division must be undergraduate students in their first four semesters of collegiate forensics, and as per NFC rules, have fewer than three trophies per category (interp, platform, debate, etc).

**Open** – Students in the open division must be undergraduate students with eight or fewer semesters of intercollegiate forensics experience who have not completed a bachelor’s degree.

**ENTRIES:** Students may *triple-enter* within either IE pattern of competition, except for those competing in Duo and Extemp. For those events, please use the following guidelines:

Students in Duo may ***ONLY*** *double-enter* in pattern A.

Student in Ext may ***ONLY*** *double-enter* in pattern B – speakers 1-4 should compete

in extemp prior to their other event, whereas speakers 5-6 should compete in their other event prior to extemp.

**RESTRICTIONS:** If we run into issues with entries, divisions or availability of rooms and judges, we reserve the right to impose the following restrictions as needed.

**Teams Limits** – If we have to limit team entries, decisions will be based on AFA-NIET standards (66 entries or less per school) and then a first come first serve basis.

**Division Limits** – If there are less than 12 entries in IPDA, we will collapse novice into open accordingly. If there are less than 9 entries in an IE, we will collapse that division

**Placement** – Students competing in novice that have surpassed the restrictions for this division will be reassigned to the open division at the discretion of the tournament director.

**INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE (IPDA)**

Procedures will follow standard IPDA/NFC guidelines. We will use 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time limits and 30 minutes of preparation. Debaters will be presented with five resolutions and each side will have two strikes. Topics will be drawn from a variety of current events and include policy, value, fact and metaphor resolutions. \*\*This tournament strongly encourages topic disclosure by the affirmative.

Guidelines are at: <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

ALL Students are responsible for making it to their rounds on time – **competitors MUST arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the end of the current round to be given a chance to compete.** AFA-NIET descriptions and rules apply to individual events. For information please see: <http://www.afa-niet.org/>

**Pattern A:** CA, DUO, IMP, INF, POE

**Pattern B:** ADS, DI, EXT, PER, POI, PRO

All impromptu speakers in the same room will choose between the same pair of quotations.

Extemp questions will be drawn from the previous 60 days of news (not fake news).

**AWARDS**: Certificates (or something similarly inexpensive, yet thrilling) will be awarded to all IE finalists and IPDA elimination round participants. Awards will be given to the top three teams, and the top place two year school.

**SWEEPSTAKES**

**IPDA** 1st 2nd Semis Quarters

IPDA: 10pts 8pts 4pts 2pts

**IE** 1st 2nd 3rd Finalist

IE’s: 10pts 8pts 6pts 4pts

**JUDGING REQUIREMENTS:** As a new tournament, and one far away from I-5, we are working to cultivate a new judge pool in Spokane. As such we need schools to provide qualified judges for the tournament to cover the majority of their entries. Restrictions may be imposed for schools that do not provide a reasonable number of judges to cover their entry. One judge will cover eight IE slots, and four IPDA debaters.

**FEES:**

School fee $35

IPDA Entries $35 Uncovered IPDA debater $75

IE Slots $8 each Uncovered IE slot $18

**HOTELS: From the closest to campus to downtown:**

**Quality Inn Oakwood,** 7919 N. Division St. 509.467.4900 Queens @ $85 until 9/20

**LaQuinta**, 9601 N. Newport Hwy. 509.468.5020 (Mention Whitworth for best rate)

**Ramada Inn,** 7111 N. Division St. 509.467.7111 Queens @ $85 until 10/ 5

**Holiday Inn Express**, 801 N. Division St. 509.328.8505 Queens @ $119 until 9/22

**Red Lion River Inn**, 700 N. Division St. 509.326.5577 Queens @ $99 until 9/22

\*Mention you are attending the Whitworth Debate Tournament to obtain these rates. The first three hotels are less than seven minutes from Whitworth. The others are about 20 minutes south.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Interstate 90: Take exit 281. Go north on the Division/Ruby couplet for about 7 miles. Turn left/west on Hawthorne (at the corner where Jack in the Box is on the left). Go through the first light. Turn right into campus by the brick welcome sign. The road swerves to the right and the Hixson Union Building (HUB) will be the first building on your left.

**Campus parking**: From the HUB, turn around and exit the university. Turn right back onto Hawthorne and park in the large parking lot on your left, Lot A-1 on the south side of Hawthorne. You will get a parking pass at Registration to put in your vehicles.

**Saturday, October 21**

7:30 am Registration – Hixon Union Building lobby (HUB)

8:30 Rd 1 A – CA, Duo, Impromptu, Informative, Poetry

10:00 Rd 2 A

11:30 Lunch Break

11:45 IPDA 1 – Flight A draws 11:45, Flight B draws 12:15

1:15 pm Extemp Draw – Robinson Science Hall 210

1:45 Rd 1 B

3:15 IPDA 2 – Flight A draws 3:15, Flight B draws 3:45

4:45 Extemp draw

5:00 Rd 2 B

6:30 IPDA 3 – Flight A draws 6:30, Flight B draws 7:00

**Sunday, October 22**

8:00 IPDA 4 – Flight A draws 8:00, Flight B draws 8:30

9:30 IE Finals A

11:00 IPDA 5 – Flight A draws 11:00, Flight B draws 11:30

12:30 Lunch break

1:00 IPDA Quarters (we plan to flight but will work to single flight if we can)

2:30 Extemp Draw

2:45 IE Finals B

4:15 IPDA Semis – single flighted

5:30 IPDA Finals

6:30 Awards – HUB Multi Purpose Room

The HUB Multi Purpose Room will function as both IPDA announce and prep, and a team hang out area. The cafeteria and the coffee shop will both be open inside the HUB.

Two shopping centers with plenty of restaurants are less than a five-minute drive from campus.