Debate Colleagues:

You are cordially invited to the ***3nd Annual Southeast Regional Parliamentary Debate Tournament***scheduled for *February 6-8, 2015*, at Walters State Community College. We are excited to announce that the tournament will be held at our beautiful *Sevier County Campus* just a few miles from the *Great Smoky Mountains National Park*, one of the most visited parks in the United States. You also will be near Pigeon Forge, home to numerous tourist attractions and, of course, *Dollywood.* While you will be close to the mountains, we are *not* hoping for skiing weather that weekend!

We are planning six rounds of preliminary and IPDA debate and the appropriate out rounds allowed by the entry. We hope that you will join us for good food, great debate and outstanding *southern hospitality*. There will also be some very nice trophies for your teams!

We will cater dinner on Friday as well as Breakfast, Lunch on both Saturday and Sunday to help keep the tournament running smoothly and efficiently. We are embedding food costs for each team in the cost of entry to expedite the entry process. Should there be any special dietary restrictions, please note it on your entry, and we will do our best to accommodate your request in a hospitable and courteous manner.

Please email the total number of teams and preliminary numbers of people that you plan to bring a week in advance so that we may plan for meals. We will bracket teams 48 hours before the tournament; therefore, we ask that you not change the number of teams entered. If possible, have *alternates* in case a team member is unable to attend. Observers are also welcome to attend.

We are looking forward to a great ***Southeast Regional Tournament***. We hope that you and your teams can make it. Please send this invitation to any new or budding programs that you know.

Yours,

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A schedule, map, entry form and further instructions are forthcoming. Deadlines and fees are as follows:

* **Entry deadline: 5:00 P.M. February 3rd**
* **Parli: $65.00/ team plus additional $60.00 for any uncovered team(s)**
* **I.P.D.A.: $35.00 Per entry / $30.00 for uncovered entries**
* **Drops:**
* **February 4th -- $35.00**
* **February 5th--$ 55.00**
* **February 6th $ 75.00**
* **Cash is preferable. If necessary, make checks payable to WSCC Forensics and Debate Club**

**Topic Areas NPDA**

Topic areas will be released to the attending schools after the deadline for registration. It is important to note that all topics will come from the topic areas only. This being said it is encouraged that all schools in attendance research all possible sides of the topic area.

**Judging**

NPDA Judges

Each judge will cover two teams upon a schools entry into Southeast Regionals. Any uncovered teams will incur a fee of $60 that shall be paid upon entry.

IPDA JUDGES

Each Judge will cover 2 IPDA entries upon a schools entry into Southeast Regionals. Any uncovered teams will incur a fee of $50 that shall be paid upon entry. Rounds will run concurrently placing additional constraints on the tournament for judges with IPDA so we can get you home in a timely manner.

* During the running of the tournament – judges should not give any oral critiques to debaters so that the tournament can run on time. There will be a warm posting of records for every team to examine their records. We would encourage you to write as much as you feel necessary on each ballot to help the competitors in their future endeavors.
* Judges and coaches will be required to fulfill their judging requirements one round past their final teams elimination from the tournament.

**Divisions**

**NPDA**

South East Regionals will offer two divisions of Parliamentary debate using NPDA guidelines for each division. Those Divisions are Novice and Open division and will be run concurrently during the tournament. Eligibility for each division shall follow the NPDA eligibility Guidelines.

**IPDA**

Southeast Regionals will offer three divisions of IPDA debate: Open, Novice, and Professional. Each division will have their rounds run concurrently during the tournament and will follow the IPDA eligibility guidelines.

**Accommodations**

* Food will be provided for the competitors and coaches during the course of the tournament. Dinner will be served Friday night, breakfast will be continental hosted by Walters State Saturday morning, and Lunch will be provided for the students Saturday Afternoon.
* Hotels: Due to state mandates, WSCC cannot contract for a tournament hotel but we can make suggestions for the accommodations in the city for the best places to stay. That list will be on the final page of the invite with contact information for the hotels.
* Should any team have specific dietary restrictions please let the tournament director know in your first e-mail and we will do our absolute best to accommodate those restriction.

**Awards**

* Pending the size of the tournament – awards will be given out as necessary. The following is a projection based upon the possible number of out rounds corresponding with speaker awards. Quarters – 6 speakers, Octafinals – 12 speakers, double octafinals 18 speakers. IPDA awards will be given in association with their entry in each division.
* Sweepstakes – will be given to the top 3 schools in attendance and to the top ranked community college in attendance. We will also be giving out the tournament Champion Award for teams that compete in each side of the tournament, NPDA and IPDA.
* We will also be continuing the Malcolm McAvoy Award for Coaching Excellence for coaches in attendance at the tournament. Coaches will be asked to submit their recommendations upon registration at the tournament.

 **Entry Confirmation**

Each schools entry to the tournament will be confirmed as soon as possible within 24 hours from receiving the entry e-mail. Receipts will be mailed Wednesday, tournament notes will be mailed out Thursday. Tournament notes will include any changes, additional information, parking, registration, and topic announcement locations.

**Proposed Schedule**

Friday February 6

Registration 2:00 PM – 2:45PM

Welcoming Remarks 2:50

Topic Announce Round 1 3:00 PM

Topic Announce Round 2 4:40 PM

Topic Announce Round 3 5:15 PM

Dinner 6:30-7:15

(Provided by WSCC)

Topic Announce Round 4 7:20 PM

Saturday February 7

Continental Breakfast 7:15 AM

Topic Announce Round 5 8:00 AM

Topic Announce Round 6 9:35 AM

Breaks Announced 11:20 AM

Elimination Round 1 11:30 AM

Lunch Provided by WSCC 12:30 – 1:15 PM

Elimination Round 2 1:20 PM

Elimination round 3 3:00 PM

Elimination Round 4 4:30 PM

Dinner (On Your Own) 6:00 – 6:30

IPDA Registration 5:30 – 6:30 PM

IPDA Round 1 Draw 6:45 PM

IPDA Round 2 Draw 8:00 PM

Sunday February 8

Continental Breakfast 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM

IPDA Draw Round 3 8:00 AM

IPDA Draw Round 4 9:15 AM

IPDA Draw Round 5 10:30 AM

IPDA Draw Round 6 11:45 AM

Lunch Break 12:45PM - 1:25 PM

(Provided by WSCC)

Breaks Posted 1:25 PM

IPDA Elimination Round 1 Draw 1:30 PM

IPDA Elimination Round 2 Draw 3:00 PM

IPDA Elimination Round 3 Draw 4:30 PM

IPDA Elimination Round 4 Draw 6:00 PM

Awards 7:45 PM

Hotels

Music Road Inn

(See attached Flyer)

303 Henderson Chapel Road

Pidgeon Forge, TN 37863

Rate: $89.00 per night (Fri, Sat)

Website: [www.musicroadinn.com<http://www.musicroadhotel.com](https://mail.ws.edu/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx)

Phone: 844-993-9644

The Inn on the River

2492 Parkway

Pidgeon Forge, TN 37863

Rate: $78.00 Per Night

Phone Number: 865-428-5500

When Calling Speak to Barbie for Group Rate for the Tournament