



Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 2012 Appalachian Swing. The swing will consist of two one-day tournaments held on the campus of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. On Saturday, January 28th the OU Forensics Team will host the 2012 Interstate Individual Events Tournament; the Alumni of OU Forensics will host their Fifth Annual Alumni Tournament on Sunday, January 29th.

We are pleased to welcome our Alumni back to Athens for this fun-filled forensics weekend. An Alumni/Judges/Coaches lounge will be available on Saturday and Sunday providing a space for people to relax and reconnect.

Dr. Susan Millsap will be heading up debate tab and OU Associate Director of Forensics, Prof. Mark Kokoska will be in charge of the IE tab room. We welcome back OU Assistant Director of Admissions, Tony Sylvester as our Alumni Assistant Tournament Director.

The tournament begins on Friday with 4 preliminary rounds and outrounds of open competition in Parliamentary Debate and College Public Forum. Both of these events conclude on Friday evening.

On Saturday and Sunday, the tournament will offer Open and JV divisions in all IEs as well as an open division of LD. For this tournament, "JV" is defined as first or second year in college forensics. Each tournament will offer two rounds and finals in all Open IE divisions and 3 rounds with no final rounds in all JV divisions. Additionally, each tournament will offer four rounds of LD, as well as an appropriate number of elimination rounds.

On top of all of that, we will be concurrently hosting the Ohio Forensics Association Novice State Championships on Friday and Saturday. Judge pools for both tournaments will be merged and a joint awards ceremony will be held on Saturday night.

Since we are hosting 3 tournaments on the same weekend, please note the following: **THERE WILL BE A \$25 PER SLOT DROP CHARGE FOR SLOTS DROPPED BETWEEN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.** In the past, we have allowed those changes at no charge, however, for the past two years we have had to start over rescheduling the tournament on Saturday night due to the number of drops.

You will find all of the necessary tournament information enclosed in this invitation, including a tournament schedule, event rules, lodging and entry information. We look forward to seeing you here in Athens in January.

If you have questions about the tournament please contact Dan West at 740-593-9962 or email westd1@ohio.edu.

Respectfully,

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Tournament Information

Events: NFA event rules apply for all individual events (AFA rules for POI). We do not limit a school's number of entries per event, however, individuals may enter no more than three events in each pattern. Students who are entered in more than one event in any pattern are responsible for notifying their judges. Judges will not wait for contestants longer than the scheduled times. The following individual events will be offered:

Students may NOT enter IE's and LD, though students may enter LD one day, and IE the next. College Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate are held on Friday.

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| Pattern A | Pattern B |
| Extemporaneous Speaking | Impromptu Speaking |
| Persuasive Speaking | Informative Speaking |
| Dramatic Duo Interpretation | Prose Interpretation |
| Programmed Oral Interpretation | Poetry Interpretation |
| Dramatic Interpretation | After Dinner Speaking |
| Rhetorical Criticism | Editorial Impromptu |
| NFA - LD | NFA-LD |

Entry Deadline: The deadline for all entries will be Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The deadline for changes (late adds or drops) will be Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at NOON. Late adds and drops will incur a \$10 per change fee. Drops at registration are \$25/slot.

Judges: Each school is required to provide one judge for every six individual events entries, and one judge for every two debate entries or portion thereof. No judge may counted as both and LD and an IE judge. Please attempt to cover your judging obligation; we would rather have your judges than your money. Dropped judges the day of the tournament will incur a \$100 nuisance charge in addition to uncovered judging fees.

Fees: Entry fees for individual events are \$8.00 per slot per tournament. Hired judges are \$10.00 per slot per tournament. Entry fees for debate are \$25.00 for each LD/PF entry and \$50/Parli team. Hired judges are \$75.00 per uncovered Parli/LD/PF entry per tournament.

Lodging: The Ohio University Inn & Conference Center is delighted to offer preferred rates to those with the Ohio University Forensics Tournament. Preferred Group rate: \$99.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. (Room rate is net, non-commissionable)

The Inn is the closest hotel to the campus of Ohio University and is also Athens only full service hotel. Amenities include: Complimentary Hi-Speed wireless internet, 24 hour business and fitness centers, Cutler's restaurant, Bunch of Grapes Tavern, In-room coffee makers, irons with ironing boards. The bike- jogging path is within walking distance of

the hotel as well as many uptown restaurants and shopping.

For reservations under the "Ohio University Forensics Tournament " group block, please enter through the link below or you may call the hotel directly at 740-593-6661 (866-593-6661) and ask for the Ohio University Forensics Tournament rate. The block date is for Friday, January 28, 2011. Reservations must be made prior to Friday, January 14, 2012 in order to receive the discounted rate. For details information about The Ohio University Inn & Conference Center as well as directions to Athens, please visit our website at www.ouinn.com

Registration: Registration will be held in the Baker University Center on the Ohio University Campus. The Baker University Center was the headquarters for the NFA National Tournament last April. The facility, in addition to housing southeastern Ohio's only escalators, has a food court, which will be open for lunch, as well as two coffee shops. **The Baker Center DOES NOT OPEN before 8 am.** You may wish to warm up in one of the classroom building near the Baker Center before registration.

Parking: Parking is available in the Walter Hall Parking Lot (first parking lot on your left once you turn onto South Green Drive). **EVEN THOUGH THE TOP OF THE PARKING DECK IMMEDIATELY NEXT TO THE BAKER CENTER WILL LOOK VACANT, IT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PARKING.** You will be ticketed for parking on the top level of the parking deck. The green metered spaces in front of the Baker Center are monitored 24/7, and you are free to park there as long as you are willing to feed the meters. ☺

Hospitality: A continental breakfast will be provided each morning, and snacks will be provided each afternoon. There is a \$3 per person charge for hospitality each day.

Awards: Trophies will be awarded to all students placing in varsity individual events and all students who advance to debate elimination rounds. Sweepstakes Awards will be awarded to the top three schools in LD, the top three Large Entry IE Schools, the top three Small Entry Schools at each tournament and the top overall School for the Swing. Individual Sweepstakes awards will also be presented to the top competitors entered in four or more events.

Entries: Please register for the tournament at forensicstournament.net. If you have not used this site before, you will need to create an account before you will be able to register. You will need to register for each tournament separately.

**2012 Appalachian Swing
OU Alumni & Ohio University
January 27-29, 2012 – Athens, Ohio**

Friday, January 27, 2012

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| Noon | Registration for NPDA & College Public Forum (CPF) |
| 12:30 pm | Round I NPDA & CPF |
| 1:45 pm | Round II NPDA & CPF |
| 3:00 pm | Round III NPDA & CPF |
| 4:30 pm | Round IV NPDA & CPF |
| 6:30 pm | Semifinals, if necessary |
| 8:00 pm | Finals |
| ASAP | Awards |

Saturday, January 28, 2012 – Ohio University IIET

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| 8:00 – 9:00 am | Registration for IE's Baker University Center (The building does not open before 8 am) |
| 8:45 am | Extemp Draw |
| 9:15 – 10:30 am | Round I Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA) LD 1 |
| 10:30 -- 11:45 am | Round I Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS, EI) LD 2 |
| Noon | Extemp Draw |
| 12:30 – 1:45 pm | Round II Pattern A, LD 3 |
| 1:45 – 3:00 pm | Round II Pattern B, LD 4 |
| 3:00 | Extemp Draw |
| 3:30 – 4:45 pm | Finals/Round III Pattern A 1 st LD Elimination |
| 5:00 – 6:15 pm | Finals/Round III Pattern B LD Elim Rounds Continue |
| 6:30 – 7:30 pm | Finals (if needed) |
| ASAP | Awards |

Sunday, January 29, 2012 – Ohio University Alumni Tournament

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| 8:30 | Extemp Draw |
| 9:00 – 10:15 am | Round I Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA) LD 1 |
| 10:15– 11:30 am | Round I Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS, EI) LD 2 |
| 11:30 | Extemp Draw |
| Noon – 1:15 pm | Round II Pattern A, LD 3 |
| 1:15 – 2:30 pm | Round II Pattern B, LD 4 |
| 2:30 | Extemp Draw |
| 3:00 – 4:15 pm | Finals/Round III Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA) 1 st LD & PF Elim |
| 4:15 – 5:30 pm | Finals/Round III Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS) LD & PF Elims continue |
| 6:00 pm | Awards |

College Public Forum

- 1. Philosophy:** Public Forum focuses on advocacy of a position derived from the issues presented in the resolution. Competitors in this team event advocate or reject a position posed by a resolution (prepared by the College Public Forum committee and distributed via the IE-L). The clash of idea must be communicated in a manner persuasive to the non-specialist or “citizen judge”, i.e. a member of the American jury. Public Forum should:

- a. Display solid logic, lucid reasoning, and depth of analysis.**
- b. Utilize evidence without being driven by it.**
- c. Present a clash of ideas by countering/refuting arguments of the opposing team (rebuttal)**
- d. Communicate ideas with civility, clarity, organization, eloquence, and professional decorum.**

This is not a debate event, per se, and as such, teams do not have prime facie burdens or the burden of rejoinder. Instead, teams are asked to advocate for (pro) or against (con) the ideas and policies represented within the resolution.

Since this is not a debate event, in the traditional sense, teams are prohibited from utilizing plans (formalized comprehensive proposals for implementation), counterplans and kritiks (off-topic arguments). Multiple competitive venues exist for the application of these argumentative strategies.

- 2. Resolutions:** Resolutions will be distributed four times in this inaugural year. Topics will be announced on the IE-L.
 - a.** Sept 17 for tournaments Oct 1-31.
 - b.** Oct 25 for tournaments Nov 5-Dec 5.
 - c.** Jan 7 for tournaments Jan 14-Feb 21
 - d.** Feb 11 for the National Tournament, Feb 25 at Butler University in Indianapolis, IN.

- 3. Procedure and order of speeches:** Prior to EVERY round and in the presence of the judge(s), a coin is tossed by one team and called by the other team. The team that wins the flip may choose one of two options: EITHER the SIDE of the topic they wish to defend (pro or con) OR the SPEAKING POSITION they wish to have (begin the debate or end the debate). The remaining option (SIDE OR SPEAKING POSITION) is the choice of the team that loses the flip. Once speaking positions and sides have been determined, the debate begins (the con team may lead, depending on the coin flip results). Note: The round begins at the conclusion of the coin flip/sides/positions discussion. Contestants may not leave the room or consult with coaches after the coin flip, which begins the round.

- a.** First Speaker – Team A 5 minutes
- b.** First Speaker – Team B 5 minutes
- c.** Crossfire (first question by speaker A1) 3 minutes
- d.** Second Speaker – Team A 5 minutes
- e.** Second Speaker – Team B 5 minutes

- f. Crossfire (first question by A2) 3 minutes
- g. Summary – First Speaker – Team A 3 minutes
- h. Summary – First Speaker – Team B 3 minutes
- i. Closing Arguments – Second Speaker – Team A 3 minutes
- j. Closing Arguments – Second Speaker – Team B 3 minutes
- k. Prep Time 2 minutes per team

4. **Timing:** Judges and/or debaters should keep track of speaking time.
5. **Plans/Counterplans:** In College Public Forum, neither side is permitted to offer a plan nor a counterplan (formalized comprehensive proposal for implementation). Instead, each team should offer reasoning to support a position of advocacy. Debaters may offer generalized, practical solutions.
6. **Oral Critiques:** No debate ballot may be turned in without a reason for decision. Oral commentary is not considered a substitute for the written ballot. CPF and the ICFL discourage judges from disclosing decisions in preliminary rounds of competition. The ballot serves as a valuable educational tool to the teams and their coaches. Comments made by a judge (orally or written) should be constructive and professional.
7. **Judges:** The use of community judges is strongly encouraged.
8. **Governance:** College Public Forum is sponsored by the Intercollegiate Forensics League (ICFL) and all matters not covered in this description will be clarified by the ICFL committee.
9. **National Tournament and Qualifications:** Each school in attendance at the College Public Forum National Tournament will be allowed to enter two at-large teams. All additional entries from each school must qualify for the national tournament by being ranked in the top half of teams (with no more than 8 qualifications at any tournament) at a sanctioned Public Forum Tournament during the regular season.
10. **Sanctioning:** All College Public Forum participants are encouraged to be active members of this new forensics community and any and all suggestions and concerns should be directed to the ICFL committee. All College Public Forum tournaments must use the appropriate resolution and must be sanctioned by the ICFL. Sanctioning is available to all schools at the fee of \$1 per team College Public Forum Team entered into competition. To receive sanctioning, a tournament must:
 - a. Have a minimum of three schools competing in public forum
 - b. Have a minimum of 4 teams in attendance.
 - c. Hold a minimum of 4 rounds of competition.
 - d. Use the appropriate CPF topic.
 - e. Submit a completed sanctioning form (attached)

- f. Submit a complete set of tournament results (prelim rounds as well as a completed elim bracket, clearly identifying first and last names as well as school affiliations of all competitors).
- g. Pay the sanctioning fee.
- h. NOTE: Any school in attendance may complete the sanctioning process for a tournament.

11. A guide to competing in Public Forum can be found at:

http://www.nflonline.org/uploads/AboutNFL/cr103pf_instr.pdf

Note: This guide was written for high school Public Forum, and the events have slight differences.

12. A guide to judging Public Forum can be found at:

<http://www.nflonline.org/uploads/CoachingResources/Public%20Forum%20Judge%20Overview.pdf>

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13. Sample resolutions: Listed below are resolutions used in High School Public Forum. College Public Forum will use resolutions similar to the ones listed below:

- a. Resolved: That, by 2040, the federal government should mandate that all new passenger vehicles and light trucks sold in the United States be powered by alternative fuels
- b. Resolved: That the United States government should implement universal health care modeled after the French system."
- c. Resolved: That the United States should significantly increase its use of nuclear energy.
- d. Resolved: That the United States should implement a military draft.
- e. Resolved: That the US Government should increase social services for indigenous peoples in America.
- f. Resolved: That eliminating United States government budget deficits should be prioritized over increasing domestic spending.
- g. Resolved: That the [Fairness Doctrine](#) should be reinstated.
- h. Resolved: That the private ownership of handguns should be banned in the United States

14. For more information: If you are interested in competing in College Public Forum, there are many resources available at the National Forensics League at <http://www.nflonline.org>