

# NATIONAL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER: February 1, 2007

Dear Members:

It gives me pleasure to announce that our 2007 NFA Tournament will be at Berry College, Rome, Georgia. Remember, the tournament this year will be a 5 day tournament, starting with registration on Thursday morning, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The invitation is part of this Newsletter, so be sure to check it out carefully. **We will, once again, be using e-mail for sending and receiving materials. As indicated in the invitation, you will submit your entry via e-mail to Dr. Vicki Karns ([vkarns@suffolk.edu](mailto:vkarns@suffolk.edu)) at Suffolk University.** It will be a great tournament, and I hope you will make plans to attend. If you have not made your reservations, please do so as soon as you can. Please read **the invitation** carefully, and if you have any questions, get back to me.

This edition of the NFA Newsletter will contain several items as follows:

1. Information related to the selection of the Lincoln Douglas topic areas was sent out in January and must be returned to Prof. Mark Hickman by February 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. A Tournament Results Report Form: Please make use of this form to report tournament results. This form will make it much easier for you to send your tournament results to Dr. Vicki Karns. If the Director of each tournament would complete this form after each tournament and send it directly to Dr. Karns, it would be a great help to get entries verified in a timely fashion.
3. Committee Assignments for 2006-2007: The Committees are listed for your information.
4. A call for tournament host for the years 2008, 2009, or 2010.
5. Information related to the 2007 Tournament at Berry College, Rome, Georgia.

The NFA Entry Sheet and **Registration** forms to the 2007 Tournament at **Berry College** will be sent to you as an attachment in another e-mail. **They will also be available on-line at the NFA Website.\*** Be sure to keep looking for it as it will be come very soon.

Anyone wishing to reach me between now and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, please contact via e-mail or my cell phone (507-382-3632) I shall be at my regular phone number beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Yours truly,

Larry Schnoor, President, NFA  
Office Phone: 507-387-3010

# **NFA LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE RESOLUTION SELECTION PROCESS**

## **IDENTIFICATION OF INTENT:**

All member school are asked to indicate their intent to participate in the LD debate and those with interest are requested to participate in the process of selecting the topic area and resolution for LD debate for the year **2007-2008**. The process for the selecting the topic area is being completed.

## **CALL FOR TOPICS:**

A CALL FOR TOPICS was included in the NFA Fall mailing requesting each school that has an interest in and an intent to participate in LD Debate in the following academic year to submit a topic area for consideration to the Chair of the NFA Lincoln-Douglas Committee (Prof. Mark Hickman). **In order to be accepted for consideration, the topic area should have been be in the form of a 1-2 page brief which included:**

1. A statement of the **significance** of the topic area in current events;
2. A statement of **why** the topic is **interesting, challenging, and/or provocative**;
3. A statement of the perceived **educational** value of the topic area for debaters;
4. A brief bibliography of **selected readings (5-10)** that capture the nature of the controversy surrounding the area; and,
5. Contact information should the committee need further clarification.

**Remember, in order for a brief to be accepted, it had to meet all of the above qualifications.**  
**All briefs that were submitted were confirmed by the Chair of the LD Committee.**

## **NARROWING PROCEDURES:**

Given that there a limited number of briefs submitted, all of them were accepted by the committee and sent out for your consideration. Ballots were to be returned by February 15th. The topic area selected will be announced in a forthcoming Newsletter, following February 15<sup>th</sup>.

The LD Committee will work on resolutions, asking for feedback from the community over the IE-L and other methods of communication, during February and March. A ballot will be sent out on **March 15<sup>th</sup>** with five (5) resolutions for consideration. In order for the a ballot to be counted, all five resolutions must be rank ordered. **The ballots must be returned to the NFA President and received by Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> prior to the National Tournament.** A weighted preferential voting system with 1<sup>st</sup>= 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup>= 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup>= 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup>= 2 points, and 5<sup>th</sup>= 1 point will be used. Ties will be broken by the President of the NFA, who may at his or her discretion consult with the LD Debate Committee.

## **RESOLUTION ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The winning resolution will be known only to the President of the NFA until it is announced on AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>. The Lincoln Douglas Committee will be waiting to hear from you. If your school is involved with Lincoln Douglas Debate, this is your opportunity to become active in the selection of the debate resolution for 2007-2008. Prof. Mark Hickman is waiting to hear from you. The only way the system will work is if you become involved in the process. There are definite deadline dates that have been established. On behalf of the L/D Committee and the NFA tournament staff, please take time to participate in this process during this academic year.

Also remember, your students that are engaged in Lincoln Douglas Debate wish to be considered in this process of topic and resolution selection. Please take time to include them in your consideration of topic areas and resolution selections.

The Lincoln Douglas Committee for this year is as follows:

Chair: Mark Hickman, Executive Council	West Chester University
Vicki Karns, Tournament Director	Suffolk University
Marty Birkholt, Elected Member	Creighton University
Curt Gilstrap, Elected Member	Drury University
John Boyer, Elected Member	Lafayette College
Joelle Perry, Student Member	Western Kentucky University

**GENERAL ITEMS: Nomination forms for Hall of Fame Awards and/or Distinguished Service Awards are included in this Newsletter as well. They should be returned to Prof. Karen Morris at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire by March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION**

The Distinguished Service Award is for outstanding service to the National Forensic Association and the forensic community at large. Nominations should address the qualities of the individual as an forensic educator and their contributions to the NFA and forensics in general. This may be done by sending a letter outlining reasons why the individual should be considered for the award. This is not an award that is presented each year.

Letter should be sent to Chair of the Awards Committee, Professor Karen Morris at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire by March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**NATIONAL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION  
TOURNAMENT RESULTS REPORTING FORM: INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

Please complete this form and sent it to: Dr. Vicki Karns, Tournament Director, address given below.

NAME OF TOURNAMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of schools attending: \_\_\_\_\_

If more than 6 in a final round, please add the 7<sup>th</sup> place person.

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

EXTEMP SPEAKING

DRAMATIC DUO

Number in the event: \_\_\_\_\_

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IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

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POETRY SPEAKING

PROSE SPEAKING

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

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mail to: Dr. Vicki Karns, Tournament Director, NFA, Department of CJN, Suffolk University, 41 Temple St., Boston, MA 02114 or send by e-mail to vkarns@suffolk.edu.

Report Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Coach and School submitting this report)



## 2006-2007 NFA COMMITTEES

- AWARDS:** Karen Morris (Chair/Exec. Coun.) UW – Eau Claire  
Vicki Karns (Tournament Director) Suffolk U.  
Larry Schnoor (President, Exec. Coun.) MSU-Mankato
- CONSTITUTION:** Leah White (Chair/Exec.Coun.) MSU, Mankato  
Vicki Karns (Tournament Director) Suffolk U.  
Larry Schnoor (President, Exec. Coun.) MSU-Mankato  
Brendan Kelly, U. of West Florida  
Richard Paine, North Central College
- ELECTIONS:** Larry Schnoor (Chair, Exec. Coun.) MSU-Mankato  
Audrey Cunningham, University of Indianapolis  
JoAnn Edward, U. of Mississippi
- ETHICS:** Mark Hickman (Chair, Exec. Coun.) Westchester University  
Katie Hatfield, Creighton University  
Larry Schnoor, (President, Exec. Coun.) MSU-Mankato  
Edward Hinck, Central Michigan University  
Jennifer Talbert, Kent State University
- EXTEMP TOPICS:** Dan West, Ohio University, (Chair)  
Randy Richardson, (Exec.Coun.) Berry College  
Paul Porter, Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis  
Curt Gilstrap, Drury University  
Scott Pollack, Lafayette College  
Susan Millsap, Otterbein College
- IMPROMPTU TOPICS:** Janis Crawford, Butler University  
Dan Smith (Exec. Coun.), Bradley University  
Kimberly LaMarque, Tennessee State University  
Brian Swafford, Ohio University  
Richard Paine (Chair, Exec. Coun.), North Central College
- LINCOLN DOUGLAS COMMITTEE:** Mark Hickman, Chair (Exec. Coun.) West Chester University  
Marty Birkholt, Creighton University  
John Boyer, Lafayette College  
Curt Gilstrap, Drury University  
Vicki Karns (Tournament Director.) Suffolk University  
Joelle Perry, (Student) Western Kentucky University
- RESEARCH COMMITTEE:** Leah White (Chair, Exec.Coun.) MSU, Mankato  
Ed Hinck, Central Michigan University  
Vicki Karns, (Tournament Director), Suffolk University  
Katie Hatfield, Creighton University  
Richard Brophy, (Student) Eastern Michigan University
- HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE:** Karen Morris (Chair, Exec. Coun.) U.ofWisconsin, Eau Claire  
Ray Quiel, Eastern Michigan University  
Michael Graupman, Arizona State University  
Marty Birkholt, Creighton University  
Penni Pier, Wartburg College

## CALL FOR NCA PAPERS AND PANELS

The Deadline for submission of Papers and Panels is February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already submitted your papers etc. please get in touch with Dr. Leah White immediately.

**DR. LEAH WHITE**  
**DIRECTOR OF FORENSICS**  
**MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH COMMUNICATION**  
**MANKATO, MN 56001**

## RESEACH PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

If you are planning on conducting a research project at the NFA tournament, please be advised of the following regulations:

1. Research Proposal must be submitted to the Research Committee by March 9, 2007
2. Specific event research must be available to the tournament staff prior to registration.
3. People conducting research must be at registration to handle the distribution of any materials.
4. If materials are to be distributed to judges, the tournament staff will distribute to event judges at the convenience of the tournament.
5. Research projects should be designed in a manner that will not cause any disruption or distraction for students competing in the tournament.
6. Plans for any research project should contain an explanation of how distribution will be handled and collected. Research committee will make final determination.
7. **FINGS OF THE PROJECT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO NFA by September 30, following the tournament at which research was conducted.**

## UP COMING ELECTIONS: NOMINATIONS NEEDED

**Nominations for several elected positions are needed. The membership will elect the following positions this spring:**

1. **President, 3 year term.**
2. **Secretary-Treasure, 3 year term.**
3. **At-Large Representatives: Two positions – 2 year terms.**
4. **L-D Committee Representatives for 2007-2008: Three Positions – 1 year term.**

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Contact Larry Schnoor with your nominations at: Larry Schnoor, 107 Agency Road, Mankato, MN 56001**

**Fax: 507-387-3068**

**E-Mail: [Lgene9535@aol.com](mailto:Lgene9535@aol.com)**

## QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

1. A student qualifies for any of the events by being in a "final" round, or in the top 10% of that event, at a tournament that had at least 7 schools participating. The tournament must have had at least two preliminary rounds. In order to qualify, students must compete in all preliminary and elimination rounds conducted at a given tournament. If an event has fewer than twelve contestants, 50% of the contestants qualify if they competed in a final round.
2. In the case of state championships and similar events that arbitrarily limit entries, the "Rule of 7" may be waived by the NFA Executive Council. Applications for waivers must be made in writing to **Prof. Larry Schnoor, President, National Forensic Association, 107 Agency Road, Mankato, MN 56001.** by February 28, 2007.
3. Contestants may not have received a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent, except that students who graduate during the 2006-2007 academic year may compete in those events in which they qualified between September, 2006 and their date of graduation. Contestants must have been enrolled at the institution they represent in more than a course in forensics during the academic year.
4. Tournaments held after March 18th, 2007 will not be recognized as qualifying contests. Results of tournaments the weekend of March 18<sup>th</sup> must be sent overnight or by e-mail, to Dr. Karns the day after the tournament in order to be considered qualifying tournaments.
5. Contestants may use programs or speeches that are different from those they qualified with at the National Tournament. **Contestants may not switch programs or speeches during the National Tournament.**

6. A student may enter up to two slots of Dramatic Duo if she/he has qualified with different partners. In no case may duo partners be substituted, nor may 2 students who have qualified with other partners combine to form a new partnership.
7. A student may enter as many events as they qualified. The student's best five events will count toward pentathlon points. This rule in no way affects the application of sweepstakes points towards a school's total if the student in one of the top three in any event from that school.
8. Lincoln-Douglas debaters may enter all I.E. events for which they are qualified. L-D debaters must have qualified at a tournament using the NFA L-D topic.
9. Novice events qualify IF THEY ARE CONDUCTED AS SEPARATE EVENTS - with separate preliminary and final rounds – from open and / or varsity events. Verification of novice vents is contingent upon ability to prove the students competed in separately scheduled preliminary rounds.
10. For the 2006-2007 National Individual Events Tournament, only those events offered at the National Tournament will be considered qualifying events. The lone exception to this rule is that Communication Analysis will qualify for Rhetorical Criticism. If you are unsure of the legitimacy of a specific event from a specific tournament or have other questions concerning qualifications, please contact the National Tournament Director.
11. All students, judges and coaches participating in the tournament are subject to the NFA rules and Code of Ethics.
12. **Please return results for all tournaments and verification of qualifications to Dr. Vicki Karns.** You may call Dr. Karns for verification updates. All verifications and entries should be sent to Dr. Vicki Karns. Be sure to check the official NFA Entry form for directions for submitting your entry.

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

**PERSUASION:** A speech to convince, to move to action, or to inspire on a significant issue, delivered from memory. Maximum time is 10 minutes.

**EXTEMPORANEIOUS:** For each round, contestants will select one of three topics on current national and international events. The contestant will have 30 minutes to prepare a five to seven minute speech on the topic selected. Notes are permissible but should be at a minimum. Maximum time is 7 minutes.

**IMPROMPTU:** Contestants will receive short excerpts dealing with items of general interest, political, economic and social issues. The contestants will have a total of seven minutes to divide between preparation and speaking. Students should speak for at least three minutes. All contestants in the same section shall speak on the same topic. Maximum time is 7 minutes.

**RHETORICAL CRITICISM:** Contestants will deliver an original critical analysis of any significant rhetorical artifact. The speaker should limit the quotation of, paraphrasing of, or summary of, the analyzed artifact to a minimum. Any legitimate critical methodology is permissible as long as it serves to open up the artifact for the audience. The speech must be delivered from memory. Maximum is 10 minutes.

**INFORMATIVE:** The contestant will deliver an original factual speech on a realistic subject to fulfill a general information need of the audience. Visual aids that supplement/reinforce the message are permitted. The speech must be delivered from memory. Maximum is 10 minutes.

**AFTER DINNER:** Each contestant will present an original speech whose purpose is to make a serious point through the use of humor. The speech should reflect the development of a humorous comedic effort, not a stand up comedy routine. The speech must be memorized. Maximum is 10 minutes.

**PROSE:** The contestant will present a program of prose literature. Original introductory comments and transitional remarks are permitted. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections. Plays are not permitted. Manuscripts are required. Maximum time is 10 minutes.

**POETRY:** The contestant will present a program of poetic literature. Original introductory comments and transitional remarks are permitted. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections. Manuscripts are required. Maximum is 10 minutes.

**DRAMATIC DUO:** A cutting from a play, humorous or serious, involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. This is not an acting event. Thus, costumes, props, etc. are not permitted. Presentation must be from manuscript and focus should be off stage. Maximum time is 10 minutes.

## LINCOLN-DOUGLAS INFORMATION

### Rules for Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

1. NFA L-D Resolution: Resolved: That the United States Federal Government should significantly reform the criminal justice system.
2. The format for NFA Lincoln-Douglas debate will be:

Affirmative Constructive:	6 minutes	Cross Examination:	3 minutes
Negative Constructive:	7 minutes	Cross Examination:	3 minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal:	6 minutes	Negative Rebuttal:	6 minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal:	3 minutes	Prep Time Per Debater:	4 minutes

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are planning to attend the National Tournament, Please be aware of the following:

1. The National Forensic Association will videotape the final rounds of all public address events, limited preparation events, and Lincoln-Douglas debate at the National Tournament. Your entry into these events constitutes your consent to have your students videotaped. Please make sure your students are aware that by entering the National Tournament, they are consenting to be videotaped. The final round videotaping will be conducted by the NFA Research Committee. The Research Committee will ensure that the taping will not interfere with the competition. All tapes will be made available to the forensic community on a cost basis. Students participating in videotaped final rounds will have a free copy of the tape shipped to their school when the tapes are copied and available for distribution.
2. ALL CONTESTANTS, JUDGES AND COACHES ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE NFA CODE OF ETHICS. The Director of each program is responsible for sharing the Code of Ethics with their students and ensuring that they understand the Code prior to the National Tournament.
3. THE PRESIDENT'S SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS will be presented. In individual events there are three Divisions as well as the open Sweepstakes awards, to the top ten schools in each of the individual event categories. Sweepstakes awards will also be presented to the top schools in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. School eligibility for sweepstakes categories will be determined on the Sunday before the tournament begins. Category breakdown will not be announced until the Awards Assembly on Monday.
4. NFA STATEMENT OF PLAGIARISM: Plagiarism is defined as a competitor representing material from another source as his/ her own without giving proper credit to that source. This may occur when the student copies material from a source(s) and represents this material as their own or when they do not attribute information to the proper primary or secondary source. It is suggested that direct quotations not exceed 20% of the total speech content. All students entered in prepared events must have manuscripts of the speech(es) available at the National Tournament. The NFA Executive Council may request manuscripts (and / or videotapes) for review should questions of irregularity be brought before the Council. Additionally, in all interpretation events, the literature should represent the intent and language of the author.
5. **L-D Decisions: Action taken by the General Assembly has decided that decisions in rounds of Lincoln-Douglas WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED. It is an ethical violation for anyone to release any decisions of L-D preliminary rounds. The L-D Committee will determine how decisions will be announced in any elimination rounds.**

## JUDGES FOR NATIONALS

**Please remember – a full time judge means they are available for the duration of the tournament. It also means they must be available on Thursday and Friday of the tournament. If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact the Tournament Director. Also remember that any judge dropped (IE and/or LD after the Thursday prior to the tournament will be assessed a penalty fee of \$300 each. DROPPED JUDGES AFTER APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> WILL ALSO BE PENALIZED \$10.00 PER ASSIGNED ROUND AND SCHOOL FEES ADJUSTED TO REFLECT ONE LESS JUDGE and entry fees will be adjusted for hired judge fees in addition. Appeals should be addressed to the Tournament Director and Executive Committee.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Forms for Hall of Fame Nominations – Officer Nominations are included in this Newsletter. Be sure to use them and return them as indicated.**
2. **The NFA Entry is on Line – and should be submitted to the Tournament Director as indicated.**
3. **Remember to use the Tournament Results report form that is included in this Newsletter to submit tournament results to the Tournament Director.**
4. **Any agenda items for the NFA General Assembly meeting should be submitted to the President by March 5<sup>th</sup>.**
5. **We are looking for hosts for the years 2008 – 2009 – 2010. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Pres. Larry Schnoor for the details and information.**

## NFA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS OF COMPETITION: \_\_\_\_\_

**JUSTIFICATION FOR NOMINATION AND/OR INDUCTION INTO THE HALL OF FAME:** (this should provide the Awards Committee with information not only of the persons forensic background and participation, but also include material as to what this person has contributed to forensics since their graduation from college etc. Check your Fall Newsletter for explanation of the Criteria to be used in making this determination. If additional space is needed, use additional sheet.

### CRITERIA AND APPLICATION INFORMATION:

#### 1. FORENSIC COMPETITIVE EXCELLANCE:

#### 2. FORENSIC COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP:

#### 3. FORENSIC AMBASSADORSHIP:

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ATTENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO PROF. KAREN MORRIS, Department of Communication and Journalism, Hibbard Hall, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 54702 by March 10, 2006**

**NATIONAL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION**

**NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICERS  
2006-2007**

**Please return this nomination form by March 9th to the address given below:**

**Please complete this form for nominating individuals for the offices listed:**

**1. President: Currently held by Larry Schnoor**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Secretary/Treasure: currently held by Dan Smith**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. At-Large Council Representatives; Two Positions – 2 Year terms. Currently held by Mark Hickman and Brendan Kelly.**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Lincoln-Douglas Committee for 2007-2008: Three Positions – 1 year terms. These positions are currently held by Marty Birkholt, John Boyer, and Curt Gilstrap.**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this Nomination form to Larry Schnoor, 107 Agency Road, Mankato, MN 56001 or by e-mail to [Lgene9535@aol.com](mailto:Lgene9535@aol.com) by March 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

## ENTRY INFORMATION

1. The tournament qualification deadline is Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> . No tournaments held after this date will qualify for NFA.
2. All entries must follow the instructions contained on the official NFA Entry forms which will be attached to an e-mail you will be receiving soon and available on the NFA website.
3. Fees will be calculated on March 28th , 2007. No adjustments will occur to base fees after March 28th , except to increase the fees if changed etc. are made. In other words, you are charged for your entry as it stands when entries are due plus any applicable drop fees etc.
4. Drops after the deadline: These penalties will be added to your base fee as of March 29th.

April 8-11, 2007.....	\$ 5.00 per slot
April 12-14, 2007 .....	\$ 10.00 per slot
April 15-16, 2007 .....	\$ 15.00 per slot
April 17, 2007 .....	\$ 25.00 per slot
April 18, 2007 .....	\$ 30.00 per slot
April 19, 2007 (Registration) .....	\$ 50.00 per slot
Late Registration .....	\$ 150.00 per school
FAX FEE for copy of tournament invitation .....	\$ 35.00

**NOTE: ANY DROPPED JUDGE (IE AND/OR L/D) AFTER THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT (APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>) WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY FEE OF \$300 FOR EACH JUDGE DROPPED. DROPPED JUDGES AFTER APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> WILL ALSO BE PENALIZED \$10.00 PER ASSIGNED ROUND AND SCHOOL FEES ADJUSTED TO REFLECT ONE LESS JUDGE. APPEALS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

5. NO SHOWS AT THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE PENALIZED \$75.00 PER SCHEDULED / ASSIGNED SLOT.
6. Judges who do not pick up ballots for assigned rounds will be assessed a \$25 fee payable immediately.
7. NO STUDENT FROM A SCHOOL WILL ADVANCE TO QUARTER-FINAL ROUNDS UNTIL ALL OF THAT SCHOOL'S PENALTY FEES, INCLUDING NO-SHOW FEES, ARE PAID.
8. You will receive an entry verification from the National Tournament Director as soon as your entry is processed. If you do not receive an entry verification, within a week of the date you sent the entry to the Director, please check with the Tournament Director on the status of your entry.

### GROUPINGS FOR THE TOURNAMENT:

Group A: Prose, Extemp	Group B: ADS, Informative, Rhetorical Criticism
Group C: Persuasion, Poetry	Group D: Duo, Impromptu

**NATIONAL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Tentative Tournament Schedule**

**NFA 2007 TOURNAMENT:**

The 2007 Tournament will be hosted by Berry College, Rome Georgia. This year's tournament will be using a **revised schedule with registration on THURSDAY MORNING, on the campus of Berry College**. The tournament will be held on Thursday – Monday, April 19-23, 2007. Please be aware of this revised schedule.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2007:**

**Thursday – April 19, 2007**

**Registration: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Opening Assembly: 10:00 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m. – Round 1 C**

**12:30 p.m. – Lincoln Douglas, Round 1**

**2:00 p.m. – Lincoln Douglas, Round 2**

**4:30 p.m. – Extemp Draw**

**5:00 p.m. – Round 1 A**

**6:30 p.m. – Round 1 B**

**Friday – April 20, 2007**

**8:00 a.m. – Lincoln Douglas, Round 3**

**10:00 a.m. Lincoln Douglas, Round 4**

**12:00 noon – Lincoln Douglas, Round 5**

**1:00 p.m. – NFA Coach/Student meetings**

**2:30 p.m. – Extemp Draw**

**3:00 pm – Round 2 A**

**4:30 p.m. – Round 2 B**

**6:00 p.m. – Round 3B**

**7:15 p.m. – Round 1 D**

**Saturday – April 21, 2007**

**8:00 a.m. – Extemp Draw**

**8:30 a.m. – Round 3 A**

**10:00 a.m. – Round 4B**

**11:30 a.m. – Lincoln Douglas, Round 6**

**1:00 p.m. – Extemp Draw**

**1:30 p.m. – Round 4 A**

**3:00 p.m. – Round 2C**

**4:30 p.m. – Round 2D**

**Sunday – April 22, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. – Round 3 C**

**10:30 a.m. – Round 4 C**

**12:15 p.m. – Lincoln Douglas D.O.**

**1:30 p.m. Round 3 D**

**3:00 p.m. Round 4 D**

**4:00 pm – Extemp Draw**

**4:30 pm – Quarterfinals A & B**

**6:15 p.m. – Lincoln Douglas Octas**

**Monday – April 23, 2007**

**8:00 a.m. – Quarterfinals C & D & LD**

**10:00 a.m. – Extemp Draw**

**10:30 a.m. – Semi Finals A & B**

**12:15 p.m. – Semi Finals C & D & LD**

**2:15 p.m. – Extemp Draw**

**2:45 p.m. – Finals A & B**

**4:30 p.m. – Finals C & D & LD**

**7:15 pm - Awards**

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_____	America's Best Value Inn	706-235-1717	\$49.99
_____	Ashwood Inn	706-378-9650	\$59.99 King; \$69.99 Dbl.
_____	Best Western Executive Inn	706-234-3161	\$64.00
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_____	Country Hearth	706-314-1115	\$69.99 King; \$79.99 Dbl.
_____	Country Inn and Suites	706-232-3380	\$69 - \$130
_____	Days Inn	706-295-0040	\$55.00
_____	Hampton Inn	706-232-9551	\$82.00
_____	Hawthorn Suites	706-378-4837	\$99 - \$179
_____	Holiday Inn Skytop	706-295-1100	\$79
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