

NATIONAL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER: February 12, 2008

Dear Members:

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

1. Information related to the 2008 Tournament at Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN.
2. The NFA Entry Sheet and **Registration** forms to the 2008 Tournament at **Tennessee State University** are attached to this e-mail. **They will also be available on-line at the NFA Website.**

Anyone wishing to reach me between now and March 3rd, please contact via e-mail or my cell phone (507-382-3632) I shall be at my regular phone number beginning March 4th.

Yours truly,

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

IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. The tournament qualification deadline is **Sunday, March 23**. 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 24, 2008**. No adjustments will occur to base fees after **March 30th**, except to increase the fees if changes 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 30th.**

March 30-April 9, 2008.....	\$ 5.00 per slot
April 10-12, 2008	\$ 10.00 per slot
April 13-14, 2008	\$ 15.00 per slot
April 15, 2008	\$ 25.00 per slot
April 16, 2008	\$ 30.00 per slot
April 17, 2008 (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 10TH) WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY FEE OF \$300 FOR EACH JUDGE DROPPED. DROPPED JUDGES AFTER APRIL 10TH 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 Sp. Group B: ADS, Inform, Rhet. Criticism
 Group C: Pers., Poetry, Drama Group D: Drama Duo, Impromptu

Exp. Event: BioInformative will be scheduled as it best fits in the schedule for the tournament. If one has a BioInformative, they can only enter it once in the tournament = either as an informative or as a BioInformative. BioInformative will not count toward Sweepstakes.

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 INTERP: The contestant will perform dramatic literature, humorous or serious, that represents one or more characters from material of literary merit. This material may be drawn from stage, screen, or radio. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections. Manuscripts are required. Maximum 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.

NFA EXPERIMENTAL EVENT: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATIVE

An original, factual speech by the student on a “real” person (living or deceased) with the general aim to inform and enlighten the audience. Although the subject of this speech may be a person the audience is familiar with, the information included in the speech should enlighten the audience and not just reiterate past knowledge. In addition, the student must show a personal link to the topic, as well as the importance of the subject’s contribution to the world today (positive or negative). Audio-Visuals may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources (not necessarily current or internet) should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time is 10 minutes.

TOURNAMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Each school may enter up to 2 Biographical Informative Speeches and must provide one judge.
2. Entries will be taken on a first come basis with a cut off at 50 entries.
3. Prelims will occur at the same time as earlier LD rounds or whenever it fits best in Tournament schedule.
4. Semis and Finals will occur in the LD time period as needed.

HOTEL INFORMATION

HOLIDAY INN SELECT
Nashville-Vanderbilt
2613 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37203
Front Desk: 1-615-327-4707
Fax: 1-615-327-8034

2008 NATIONAL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Special Building Assignments

****Student Center – Tournament Headquarters:**

Tab Room = Faculty Senate #302
Ballot Table – Foyer of Forum
Extemp Prep – Kean Hall
Ballot Stuffing – Room 040
Judge's Lounge – Forum

Humanities Building:

Postings – Exterior Humanities

Thursday, April 17, 2008

6-8 pm Registration – Foyer of Forum
8-9 pm National Assembly (Students) TBA
8-9 pm National Assembly (Coaches) Forum

Saturday, April 19, 2008 (cont.)

1:45 pm Round 4A
3:15 pm Round 4B
4:45 pm Round 2 C
6:15 pm Round 2D
7:30 pm LD Round 5

Friday, April 18, 2008

7:45 am Opening Assembly – TBA
8:30 am Extemp Draw
9:00 am Round 1A
10:30 am Round 1B
12:00 pm LD Round 1
12:45 pm Extemp Draw
1:15 pm Round 2A
2:45 pm Round 1C
4:15 pm Round 1D
5:45 pm Round 2B
7:15 pm LD Round 2

Sunday, April 20, 2008

9:00 am LD Round 6
10:00 am Round 3C
11:30 am Round 3D
1:00 pm LD Double Octofinals
2:00 pm Round 4C
3:30 pm Round 4D
5:15 pm Extemp Draw
5:30 pm Quarterfinals A & B
7:00 pm LD Octofinals

Saturday, April 19, 2008

8:00 am LD Round 3
9:00 am Extemp Draw
9:30 am Round 3A
11:00 am Round 3B
12:30 pm LD Round 4
1:15 pm Extemp Draw

Monday, April 21, 2008

8:30 am Quarterfinals C,D, & LD
10:00 am Extemp Draw
10:15 am Semi Finals A & B
12:15 pm Semi Finals C, D & LD
2:15 pm Extemp Draw
2:30 pm Finals A & B
4:30 pm Finals C, D, and LD
7:30 pm Awards in Kean Hall

NATIONAL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION:
Information Form: 2008
ACCOMODATIONS

SCHOOL: _____

Director: _____
(or contact person for team while at Tennessee State University)

PHONE: _____
(Cell phone number of contact person while team is at Tennessee
State University.)

_____ We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Select – Vanderbilt.

_____ We will be staying at the location given below: Please provide
a phone number for this location as well.

Send this form to Vicki Karns or submit this form at registration.