

## Tentative NPDA National Meeting Agenda

(Additional items should be sent to Renea Gernant by Oct. 15 for inclusion on the final agenda.)

NCA, Seattle, WA

Thursday, November 9

6:30-9:00 p.m.

- I. Officer's Reports
- II. Site Report
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business

- a. Proposal by Al Johnson of Colorado College and Michael Dreher of Bethel College-MN

Change Current bylaw 8: (text of current bylaw follows)

VIII: Criteria for sanctioning NPDA tournaments: Tournaments meeting the following general criteria will be designated as counting for sweepstakes points:

1. Unless hosted by a national or regional organization, the host of an NPDA sanctioned tournament must be a member of NPDA;
2. Unless hosted by a national or regional organization whose rules specify invitation of members only, the tournament shall be open to all members of NPDA and must be included in the NPDA calendar. The NPDA calendar will be prepared no later than June 1 by the Executive Secretary based on applications submitted from tournament hosts. The Executive Secretary may prepare addenda to the NPDA calendar later in the debate season.
3. Unless the tournament director applies for and is granted an exception, the tournament must follow NPDA Tournament Procedures and Administration (see Article IX NPDA Constitution) and NPDA guidelines.
4. The tournament must be attended by at least six teams from a minimum of three NPDA member schools.
5. Copies of the results of the tournament must be sent in a timely manner to the person designated to count sweepstakes points. Unless precluded by the date of the tournament, all results to be counted for sweepstakes must be in the hands of the person designated to count sweepstakes points no later than ten days prior to the beginning of the NPDA championship tournament.

Proposed changes:

a) Change item 5 as follows: "Unless precluded by the date of the tournament, copies of the results of the tournament must be sent to the person designated to count sweepstakes points within 21 days of the conclusion of the tournament. For tournaments that take place within 21 days of the NPDA championship tournament, all results must be in the hands of the person designated to count sweepstakes points no later than ten days prior to the beginning of the NPDA championship tournament."

b) Add item 6: "If the Executive Secretary (or other person designated to count sweepstakes points) fails to receive tournament results during the time period mentioned in item 5 above, the tournament shall be placed on a probationary status for the following school year. The tournament would still count toward season sweepstakes, but a notation shall be placed in the tournament calendar to indicate the tournament's status."

c) Add item 7: "If a tournament fails to submit results in a timely basis for two consecutive years, then the tournament will not be allowed to be sanctioned. However, if there is a new tournament director, the denial of sanctioning may be lifted."

d) Add item 8: "Appeals of sanctioning decisions may be made to the Executive Council. A 2/3 decision of the council is required to reverse a decision."

Justification: The Executive Secretary has been receiving many tournament results several months after the tournament's conclusion. This amendment to the bylaws would encourage schools to return their results in a timely fashion.

- b. Proposal submitted by Students of Concordia and Creighton Universities, Nebraska

In honor of Dan Hennig and the excellence he and other novices like him bring to parliamentary debate, we propose that the Top Novice Speaker Award at the NPDA Championship tournament be renamed the "Dan Hennig Top Novice Speaker" award.

- c. Proposal Submitted by Anna Hasty, peer coach and assistant to the NPDA executive secretary, of Concordia University, Nebraska

a) Amendment to Article VII, Section 2, a. It will now read "One point for each OPEN debate win, AND ½ POINT FOR EACH JUNIOR OR NOVICE DIVISION WIN by a team in up to 6 preliminary rounds of a

National Parliamentary Debate Association approved division of a tournament and two point for a win BY AN OPEN TEAM and ONE POINT FOR A WIN BY A NOVICE DIVISION TEAM in an elimination round.

Justification: Not all regions are large enough to warrant having more than one division at a tournament. The novice teams from these regions are forced to debate in open; thereby hurting their chances of receiving a high win record. This amendment is an effort to “level the playing field” in terms of team sweepstakes points.

- d. Proposal Submitted by Northern California Forensic Association, Shawn Batt, Liaison

Whereas the current year-long sweepstakes formula privileges extra long 6 round tournaments, making it difficult for shorter tournaments to garner enough demand, the sweeps formula will be modified to use the following point structure: 1 point for each win out of the latest 3 preliminary rounds, 6 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 2 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and 1 point for 4<sup>th</sup> place. All other aspects of the sweeps rules would remain the same except for this change in the point structure.