

**NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ASSOCIATION**  
**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 27, 2008**  
**7:30-10:00 PM**  
**Colorado Springs, Colorado**  
**Best Western Academy Inn Meeting Room**  
**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes (Fall 2007—Available [on NPDA Website](#))
- III. Reports

(See reports online, where applicable. Short reports, as needed, will be presented orally at the meeting. Executive Reports and Committee Reports, where possible will be posted on the NPDA website 10 days before the meeting.)

- A. Executive Council
- B. Committees
  - 1. Site Committee
  - 2. Ad Hoc Committee on Tournament Conduct
  - 3. Additional Committees as Needed
- C. Tournament Host

- IV. Consent Items

Amendment to NPDA Tournament Operating Procedures (Addendum 1)

\* Note: The amendment to the procedures was itself amended at the November business meeting to have the effect of restoring the status quo. While unusual, it is procedurally correct. If the amendment passes, the status quo remains.

- V. Discussion Items

No discussion items have been submitted for this agenda.

- VI. Action Items (15 Minutes Starting Discussion Time)

- A. Season Long Sweepstakes—Divisions (See Addendum 2)
- B. Season Long Sweepstakes—Closed Tournaments (See Addendum 3)
- C. Eligibility—Allowing 10 Semesters (See Addendum 4)

- VII. Open Comment Period – Bring ideas or issues of importance that you would like considered by the Executive Council or referred to committees in the coming year.

## Addendum 1

Amendment to the NPDA National Tournament Operating Procedures

All judges are committed to judge two rounds past the elimination competing teams, or octafinals, whichever is later. The Tournament Director will print a list of the judges being used for morning elimination rounds.

## Addendum 2

Amendment to the NPDA Bylaws concerning season-long sweepstakes divisions:

Add to Bylaws, III, A (new language in **bold**):

- A. The National Parliamentary Debate Association will confer sweepstakes awards on outstanding schools that participate in sanctioned tournaments during the season. **Five season sweepstakes awards will be conferred: overall sweepstakes, open/varsity sweepstakes, junior varsity sweepstakes, novice sweepstakes and community college. Schools may count up to 4 teams toward the overall sweepstakes; up to 2 of which may be novice and junior teams (cannot count more than combined 2 from novice and junior divisions). In junior and novice divisions, a school's top 2 teams will count for divisional sweepstakes.**

## Addendum 3

Amendment to the NPDA Bylaws concerning "closed tournaments" and season-long sweepstakes points. Add to Bylaws, III, C (new language in **bold**):

Final sweepstakes awards will be based on the total points accumulated at the four sanctioned tournaments at which each school has gained the most points during the season. **Schools may not count "closed" or "members only" tournaments toward the four tournaments counting for sweepstakes points.**

## Addenda 4

Amendment to the NPDA Bylaws to extend eligibility to ten total semesters

Add and strike to/from Bylaws, VI, E (new language in **bold**, removed language in strikethrough):

- E. No person shall be allowed to participate in more than four NPDA Championship Tournaments as a contestant.
1. Undergraduate students are limited to no more than ~~eight~~ **ten** semesters of eligibility.
    - a. A semester is considered "used" when a student competes in three or more tournaments during the semester.
    - b. The number of semesters in which a student competes is superseded by the number of national tournament years in which the student competes.
  2. Contestants are limited to four national tournament years.
    - a. A national tournament year is one in which a student competes in a national tournament sponsored by any national forensic organization

including but not limited to: AFA-NIET, NFA-IE Nationals, Novice IE Nationals, NDT, CEDA, NEDA, Phi Rho Pi, Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Delta, Interstate Oratory, APDA, and any other nationally recognized organizations and tournaments that may be added to this list.

- b. The number of national tournament years in which a student has competed supersedes the number of semesters in which he or she has competed.
- c. The intent of this standard is to prohibit students from competing in national tournaments for more than four years, **but to bring the NPDA in line with the standards set by other national debate organizations, such as CEDA, NDT and NPTE.** During their four national tournament years, students may attend as many national tournaments as they wish or as their programs' budgets allow, but they may not compete in four AFA-NIET nationals or four CEDA nationals, for example, and then move on to compete in four NPDA Championship Tournaments over the course of several more years.