



December 1, 2018

Dear colleagues and friends,

We would like to cordially invite you to the 2019 Viking Invitational at Western Washington University on January 25-27. We look forward to you joining us in Bellingham for a great weekend of speech and debate competition and the conclusion of the Northwest Forensics Conference sweepstakes season!

In keeping with tradition, we will host speech events on Friday evening and Saturday, and debate events on Saturday and Sunday.

We will uphold the NFC code of conduct and require that all participants representing an NFC school (directors, coaches, judges, students) have received appropriate Title IX training concerning the prevention of sexual harassment and assault to be eligible for NFC sweepstakes points. Directors can certify their participants via Speechwire.com.

Given that there is a new Head Viking at the helm, we encourage you to be proactive (and subsequently patient) with any questions or concerns related to this year's event, as finding answers and solutions might take more time this year. While Bellingham in January is dark and grey, we are excited for a lively weekend of competition, community-building, and fun this January! We hope you will attend.

Sincerely,

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2017 WWU Tournament Invitation Details

Registration Deadlines and Details:

All events with the exception of NPDA will utilize Speechwire.com. NPDA registration will take place on Tabroom.com.

The deadline for entries is Monday, January 21 at 5 pm PST. All fees will be assessed at that time. If there are changes to your roster that are required after the deadline, please contact Traviscram@gmail.com.

Judging Policy:

Finding adequate judging in Bellingham is very difficult. Please do not expect a large pool of judging available for hire. *We cannot accept* IE entries with more than 12 uncovered slots per school—or more than 2 uncovered debate teams. If you are facing a unique hardship in complying with this policy, please contact us directly so we can hopefully find an accommodation. Your judges must have the ability to judge the event and division that your students are entered in, or we will have to drop entries for uncovered judging.

Each debate judge covers 2 teams (IPDA judge covers 4 with flighted rounds). Each judge is committed through the first partial and complete out round and 1 round past your school's elimination. Each individual event judge covers 6 slots.

Entry guidelines:

Please use the following guidelines to determine appropriate divisions for your students:

Novice - Students in the novice division are in their first full year of collegiate forensics. They have not advanced to elimination rounds more than three times in their respective event. Coaches should refrain from placing students with significant high school experience in novice divisions. If a student has competed in more than 3 high school tournaments, they should be placed in junior or open.

Junior - Students in junior division are in their first or second year of collegiate competition. They have not advanced to elimination rounds more than three times in their respective event.

Open- Open to all students meeting national eligibility requirements of their respective event.

Divisions may be collapsed based upon entries; NFC guidelines will determine whether an event is collapsed or not. The tournament director reserves the right to reassign divisions to any student who is improperly placed in a novice or junior division.

Events Offered

Individual events:

AFA-NIET rules will govern the individual events competition. Information and event descriptions are located at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/event-descriptions>

We will offer the following event patterns in all divisions (subject to overall numbers):

Pattern A: Impromptu, Informative, Communication Analysis, Poetry, Duo.

Pattern B: Extemp, Persuasion, After Dinner Speech, Prose, Dramatic Interp, Programmed Oral Interp.

Students may triple enter within a pattern of individual events. Students are responsible for making it to every round that they are scheduled for. Students who are triple-entered and fail to make it to a scheduled round will not be allowed to make up the competition. Each student may only enter one Duo entry. We will not hold final rounds in events with fewer than nine (9) competitors.

NPDA Debate:

We will offer three divisions in NPDA if entries allow. NPDA rules will govern the tournament, except in instances where they conflict with NFC guidelines. There will be 25 minutes between the release of the topic and the start of the round. We will use standard 7(2)-8(2)-8(1)-8-4(1)-5 times (flex/prep is in parentheses). Western Washington University debate students will be competing in NPDA and are eligible to clear, win speaker awards, and accrue sweepstakes points. Western coaches and directors will not be involved in any tabbing decisions where Western teams are involved.

IPDA Debate:

We will offer three divisions in IPDA if entries allow. IPDA debate will utilize rules outlined in the IPDA constitution (<http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>). We will use standard 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 speaking times with 30 minutes of preparation time. Topic selection will utilize five topics per round, with each debater striking two resolutions, leaving one to be debated. IPDA debates will be flighted due to space constraints.

BP Debate:

We will offer two divisions of British Parliamentary debate if entries allow (novice and open). The BP division will utilize standard WUDC guidelines, with a 7-7-7-7-7-7-7 speaking format and 15 minutes of preparation. The topics will be centrally announced. We encourage consensus judging, but given our schedule, we must insist that decisions be made in a timely fashion. If a decision has not been reached fifteen (15) minutes after the conclusion of the debate, the chair's ballot will be considered binding.

Registration, Fees and Payment Information

Fees:

We will utilize the following fee schedule. NFC Student Fee's will be collected per student @ \$4.50/each (only NFC member schools will be charged this fee). Western Washington is committed to offering an excellent experience at the lowest cost possible. Unfortunately, the costs of using campus resources have escalated since we last hosted. Prompt payment is required and expected. However, if you are a student run program or a program that is struggling with a tight budget, please contact us directly about possible accommodations. We would hate to have fees be the difference between having you on campus versus not.

School fee \$50	Per school	\$55
Debate Teams (NPDA/BP)	X \$90 per team	
IPDA Debate	X \$45	
IE Slots	X \$11	
NFC Fees (Only NFC Schools)	X \$4.50	
Uncovered Debate Team	X \$175	
Uncovered IPDA Judge	X \$90	
Uncovered IE Judge (per slot)	X \$25	

Registration & Payments

We anticipate using the Bond Hall lobby for Tournament Central. Registration will begin at 3.30 on Friday. Debate only registration will be between 9 and 10 am on Saturday. We will have representatives from the cashier's office present to accept payment. University Policy designates that we are NOT a cash accepting entity—we cannot accept early payment or late payment, the Cashier's representatives MUST receive your payment. However, this does mean that you can use a credit card for payment in addition to checks. Because Cashiers' will be overseeing payment (and they charge us a hefty, mandatory fee for that labor), please make every effort to pay your registration at the times outlined.

If you have concerns or questions about making payment, please contact us directly via email.

Campus and Parking Information

Parking: WWU is very serious about parking enforcement and is quick to ticket a vehicle, so be sure you know where you can park. There are a variety of pay-lots across campus (<http://www.wwu.edu/map/index.html?features=parking>) but your best bet is **Lot 12A**. Parking here is free from 4:30pm onward on Friday, and free on Saturday and Sundays. *You will need to pay for parking at the kiosk or via the web app if you arrive on Friday before 4:30pm.* It can be done via credit card or cash. If 12A is full (unlikely), there is parking in the large lot south of 12A. This is lot C/CR (born on the bayou) and has the same parking policies as 12A.

Wireless Access: WWU has fast, reliable guest internet access. It does not require a password. Connect your computer to “WWUwireless-Guest” and agree to the terms in the dialog box. More information on trouble-shooting a connection or how to contact our tech support office is here: <https://atus.wwu.edu/kb/wwu-public-wifi-network>

Campus common sense: Please communicate three important things to your participants: *First*, they are competing in a coastal rain forest in January, and will have to do quite a bit of walking outside. It will be cold, damp, and dark. They will be happier if they prepare for such conditions in their choice of clothing and footwear. *Second*, don't touch technology or move anything in the classrooms other than seats. That includes unplugging things. *Third*, students, coaches, and judges need to constantly police each other in keeping campus clean! Make sure trash goes in trash cans, and recyclables and compostables go to their correct bins. Classroom seats should be placed back as they were found and all trash removed after each competition. We regard our participants as some of the finest students on campus, and that should also show up in how little work we create for custodial crews. Additionally, WWU Debate will be on the hook for thousands of dollars in custodial cleaning if we cannot abide by pretty basic common sense.

Food options on campus: Western's campus is not within walking distance of food. Several restaurants are about a 5-10 minute drive. We can provide a box-lunch for your participants at a cost of \$14/each for programs that would like the convenience of that option. We are also hoping to offer breakfast and coffee in the mornings, but cannot currently guarantee those will be offered (catering restrictions have become more...restrictive).

A full campus and Bellingham food guide will be published closer to competition days.

Lodging options: There will not be a central tournament hotel. There are a number of hotels within a 5-15 minute drive of campus. If this is your first time to Bellingham for the competition and you would like recommendations (or warnings of places to stay away from), contact us directly.

Campus Maps and Directions to Campus: We'd guess most of you will simply consult your GPS. We will also provide campus maps as we get closer to competition.

WWU 2019 –Schedule

FRIDAY, January 25

3.30-4.30 Registration and Payment (Bond Hall Lobby)

4.30 IE Extemp Draw

5.00 RD I. Pattern B

6.30 IE RD I. Pattern A

8.00 IE RD II. Pattern A

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8.30 Extemp draw

9.00 IE RD II. Pattern B

9.00-10 Debate Reg. and Payment (Bond Hall Lobby)

10.30 Debate RD I topic announce

12.00 Lunch

12.30 IE Finals Pattern A

2.00 IE Finals Extemp Draw

2.30 IE Finals Pattern B

4.00 Debate Rd. II

6 IE Awards

6.30 Debate RD III

SUNDAY, January 27

9 Debate RD IV

11 Debate RD V

12.30 lunch

1.00 Debate and NFC Awards

2.00 Debate Appropriate elim

4.00 Debate elim

6.00 Debate elim

Friday	
3.30 -4.30 Registration	
4.30 Extemp Draw	
5.00 Rd. I Pattern B	
6.30 Rd. 1 Pattern A	
8.00 Rd. 2 Pattern A	
Saturday	
8.30 Extemp Draw	
9.00 Rd. 2 Pattern B	Debate Registration
10.30	Debate Rd. 1
12.00 Lunch	
12.30 Finals Pattern A	
2.00 Extemp Draw	
2.30 Finals Pattern B	
4.00	Debate Rd. 2
6.00 IE Awards	
6.30	Debate Rd. 3
Sunday	
9.00	Debate Rd. 4
11.00	Debate Rd. 5
12.30 Lunch	
1.00	Debate/NFC Awards
2.00	Debate Elim
4.00	Debate Elim
6.00	Debate Elim

NOTE: IE events are Friday and Saturday only, Debate events are Saturday and Sunday only