

# Castle Classic Varsity @ Greeley Central

On behalf of the Greeley Central High School Forensics team, I would like to invite you and your team to the 2019 GCHS 'Castle Classic' Varsity Invitational Tournament on November 16. We are once again pleased to announce that this tournament has been accepted as an official NIETOC bid tournament (National Individual Events Tournament of Champions).

## Tournament Style:

- Waved (Orange wave, Black wave - oscillating) *Black wave is B wave*
- 3 rounds + finals where numbers warrant (More than 20 entries)
- **Orange Wave Events:** CX, PF, Drama, Humor, **POI (Program Oral Interp)**, Informative Speaking, NX and Congressional Debate.
- **Black Wave Events:** LD, Duo, OO, FX, **Poetry**, Creative Storytelling and Congressional Debate.
- Double entry is encouraged across waves – **if you have an extraordinary student that wants to attempt more than 2 individual events (for NIETOC purposes), please just ask me and doubling within a wave can be negotiated.**
  - o *Debaters may not double enter in another debate.*
  - o *Debaters who double in Extemp may lose full prep in Extemp if debate rounds run late.*
  - o **CX debaters may ONLY double enter in Congress**
  - o **Competitors competing in Poetry and POI should use different performances/pieces/cuttings as they are not the same event. Poetry will use CHSAA rules (10 minutes, memorized)**

## Registration:

- This will take place on <http://castleclassic.tabroom.com> this year.

## Congress Details:

- We will have a revolving congress session. Students will attend the congress session in one wave, then take an extended personal privilege and go to the next wave.
- We will make every effort to maintain the same judge for all 3 'mini-rounds', but if that is not possible, there will be a different judge each round and results will be averaged to determine awards... the student must be in all three 'mini-rounds' to be eligible for an award & the last PO standing gets the gavel. **THE JUDGE DETERMINES AWARDS, NOT A CHAMBER VOTE.**
- Email legislation to Frenchie [sfrench@greeleyschools.org](mailto:sfrench@greeleyschools.org) so it can be posted on tabroom.
- **LEGISLATION DEADLINE = 12:00 PM Friday, November 8.**
- If schools do not submit legislation, GCHS will provide legislation – this enhances and legitimizes the congress so students have time to actually research and prepare ahead of time instead of playing games.
- There will not be any 'walk-on' legislation the day of the tournament.

## Entries & Fees:

- Registration on tabroom.com
- Entries will be accepted until 60 rooms are filled. We strongly encourage early entries so we can plan for judges accordingly.
- **Fees of \$9.00 per single entry, \$18.00 per team (CX, Duo and PF) and \$6.00 per student congress entry are based on pre-registration – Due by 11/9**
- If you want to enter more than 5 in each event, please contact Frenchie.
- **If you are fortunate enough to have a P-Card/Credit Card/Debit Card, you can call my fabulous finance secretary, Nancy Kern, and pay that way, just let her know it is for the forensics tournament. 970-348-5002.**
- **Please make the checks payable to: Greeley Central High School -**

### Send to:

Greeley Central High School Forensics  
c/o Sarah French  
1515 14<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Greeley, CO 80634

### Judges:

- PLEASE HELP US WITH JUDGES. I will contact the judges if you provide me with phone numbers, or email. If you want us to run on time, we must have the judges.
- **We are going to attempt COMPUTER BALLOTS, so please ask judges to bring an electronic device (I will have limited Chromebooks to loan out for the day). PLEASE have them create a judge tabroom account to speed up the process at judge check-in in the morning.**
- *We ask that ALL coaches judge 2 rounds during the day.* No matter the circumstance, every team is required to donate two rounds of judging by *any* coach – head or assistant will do.
- *Coaches not wishing to judge or who do not provide a judge for the 2 donated rounds will be asked to pay a \$30 judge fee.*
- If you bring CX teams, you need to bring CX judges; the event is shrinking, as is the available pool of “qualified” judges for the event. No judges = totally lay judges and it is what it is.

### Facebook for judges:

- \*\*We have a facebook page for Northern Colorado judges. Please tell your judges to search for ‘Northern CO Speech & Debate Forensics Judges’ and ‘like’ the page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114179395299605/>
- I post details on that facebook page about upcoming judging opportunities.

### NIETOC Information:

This is an official bid tournament. Students advancing to bid rounds of this tournament will earn one official bid for the 2019 NIETOC; which will be hosted at Frank Dobie HS in Houston, TX on May 8-10, 2020.

*If you are unaware of NIETOC, please feel free to ask me about this as it is the BEST tournament experience I have had in 23 years of coaching.*

**NIETOC Main Events:** Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Original Oratory, Informative Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation, Duet Acting, and **NEW THIS YEAR – Extemporaneous Speaking has been added as a main event**

**Supplemental events:** Prose and Poetry and Expository  
Champions in Main Events and Supplemental Events will receive scholarships.

#### **How to earn a bid:**

- \*0-19 contestants = 1<sup>st</sup> place
- \*20-34 contestants = 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- \*35-50 contestants = Finals Round bid
- \*51-70 contestants = Semifinals Round bid

<http://nietoc.com/full-details/>



*AP TESTING NOTE: NIETOC accommodates if you have students scheduled for AP tests on these dates.*

## Castle Classic Schedule of Events:

**7:00-7:30 Registration**, \*West entrance\* off the large parking lot

*Schools arriving after 7:30 may be dropped from or take a loss/4 in round one... if you are running late, grab a cell phone and call my cell phone so we can schedule the tournament and assign judges before you arrive!!!*

**7:30 Round 1 NX Extemp Draw** – if you are late, your extempers will lose the opportunity for full prep time.

**7:30 Round 1 CX** – note the early start for the first round of CX!!! We will start with our without you. If your CXers are late, they will forfeit round 1 but will still be able to compete in the remaining rounds.

**7:45 Judge Meeting in room 226 (across from library)**

### *Orange Wave Events*

Orange Round 1 - 7:30 & 8:00

Orange Round 2 - 11:00

Orange Round 3 - 3:00

### *Black Wave Events*

Black Round 1 - 9:30

Black Round 2 - 1:30

Black Round 3 - 4:30

Finals (if numbers warrant) 6:15

*\*\*Lunch app. 12:30 – 1:30\*\* --pay close attention to the postings as these times are not set in stone... we will push the tournament faster if we can.*

**Awards 8:20**

**Extemp draw:** This will take place **30 minutes prior** to scheduled start of the round. Please note that this includes **starting round 1 draw promptly at 7:30 in the auditorium** If you are running late, please call my cell phone and register your team. Extempers arriving late to ANY of the rounds (regardless of the reason) will forfeit their fully allotted prep time. **LATE COMPETITORS WILL NOT GET FULL PREP TIME – REGARDLESS OF THE REASON.**

**Creative Storytelling Draw:** These will take place in room 305 and will take place 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the round.

**Awards:** Medals and/or ribbons will be awarded to places 1-6. Superior and Excellent competitors will receive ribbons.

**Judging: ALL Coaches will be asked to judge at least two rounds.** Coaches not wishing to judge will be assessed a \$30 judging fee. We ask that if you bring judges that they do not hang out in the commons with the other teams as this can cause other competitors to freak out. Having to track down missing judges also slows everybody down. Judges will be asked not to discuss rounds with students until the conclusion of the tournament to help ensure the appearance of fairness and integrity, and to ensure that the tournament runs ON TIME. We will have a cozy, food-filled room in which judges can congregate. NO ORAL CRITIQUES please; this slows tournaments to a crawl. We will be attempting COMPUTER BALLOTS VIA TABROOM.

### **Debate Topics & the use of laptops:**

**CX** debaters will use the NSDA 2019-2020 topic. **Rebuttals will be 5 minutes.**

*Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of arms from the United States.*

**LD** debaters will use the NSDA Nov/Dec topic

*Resolved: The United States ought to eliminate subsidies for fossil fuels.*

**PF** debaters will use the NSDA November topic.

*Resolved: The benefits of the United States federal government's use of offensive cyber operations outweigh the harms.*

**All debates & Extemp:** The use of laptops & WiFi will be allowed. It is your issue if the WiFi goes down or you cannot figure out how to tap into the public WiFi. Additionally: your battery, your problem. “Flashing” will count as part of prep time.

**WiFi:** Yes, Central has open wifi and it does not need a password. Select the WCS6-Public-Net, then your device should take you to a page that just asks you to accept the user policy. I have found that opening the Microsoft Edge browser automatically pops to the ‘accept policy’ page.

**Lunch:** Lunch will be served for coaches and judges. A concession stand will serve coffee, soup, pizza, burritos, snacks and other goodies. There are no restaurants within walking distance of Greeley Central. If you leave campus and miss a round, you will be awarded a last place/loss.

**Smoking:** Smoking is not allowed anywhere on campus. Because a residential area surrounds Greeley Central, students are asked not to smoke across the street either.

**Tab Room:** We will be in the library (on the second floor of the Castle). As always, coaches are welcome in the tab room. We will ask coaches to help in tab and/or judge, please make sure you are available and don’t sneak off for a nap. **Help us on computer tab via the tabroom platform - learn it and/or help teach others how to use it.** We all need to get used to using it and the more transparent tournaments are, the better! Having your students & judges sync’d/linked to you with tabroom accounts will be helpful as postings will be blasted via text and/or email.

**Ballots & Results Disclosure:** We are not in lock-down mode, so coaches may read and enjoy the ballots at any point in the day. WE ARE TRYING ALL COMPUTERIZED BALLOTS. Please do not release ballots to your students until the conclusion of the awards ceremony. If you are a coach who tells your students how they are doing throughout the day, please be mindful that some coaches do not inform their students about round results until after awards. Please tell your students to not tell others how they are doing.

**Entries:** Please limit entries to a maximum of **5** per debate event (if you bring a debate judge – 4 if not) and a max of **5** for all other events, unlimited for Student Congress. If you wish to have additional entries, email me and we will see if that request can be accommodated... it usually can. **You must provide 1 judge for each 2 CX teams you enter or the teams will be pulled from the tournament.**

#### **Day of the tournament:**

- **If you are running late the day of the tournament, PLEASE ENTER DROPS ON TABROOM.COM AS SOON AS YOU KNOW THEM or TEXT DROPS TO Sarah’s cell phone (970) 405-3198;** include your school, event and name of the student. If you are late and have not contacted Sarah, you will be dropped from the first round... your students will receive losses in the debates and will receive last place in all other events but will be able to enter the competition the following round.
- **Getting through Greeley: Streets run east and west & Avenues run north and south...** if you are lost, call Sarah or follow the signs to the hospital, as we are across the street to the east of the hospital.

