

Castle Classic Varsity Invitational Tournament - NIETOC Bid

On behalf of the Greeley Central High School Forensics team, I would like to invite you and your team to the 2020 GCHS 'Castle Classic' Varsity Invitational Tournament on Saturday, November 21.

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).

We will be using tabroom.com with NSDA Campus as the online tournament platforms.

<http://castleclassic.tabroom.com>

Tournament Style:

- This will all be online with synchronous and asynchronous events. **We are going to try a flex schedule and will run rounds as soon as we have the judges for each event.** That may mean some events are farther along than others at any given time. Judges are the key. The more we have, the faster we can progress throughout the day.
- 3 rounds + finals where numbers warrant (More than 20 entries)
- **Orange Wave = Synchronous Events:** LD PF, Congressional Debate, Combined Extemp, and Creative Storytelling. These will be live via NSDA Campus.
- **Black Wave = Asynchronous Events:** Drama, Humor, DUO, Poetry, POI, Informative Speaking, OO. For these events, students will submit a video recording of their performance - a code for students to hold up for the camera before they begin will be released a week prior to the tournament to ensure async-students are still working on their craft and not simply creating one video for the entire season. *Please note, we will use CHSAA (Colorado) rules for Poetry and Creative Storytelling.*

DOUBLING:

- **Your student may enter as many asynchronous events as they want IF YOU PROVIDE JUDGES.**
- Synchronous entries are only able to enter 1 synchronous event but may double in asynchronous events.
- Doubling (or triple or quad...) IS allowed for all asynchronous events.
- Doubling IS NOT allowed for more than 1 synchronous event
- Doubling IS allowed for a combination of 1 synchronous event and 1 or more asynchronous events.

Asynchronous & Synchronous:

- All non-draw speaking events and all interp events will be ASYNCHRONOUS and students will have to upload links to performances.
- I will provide a code for competitors to hold up on a piece of paper at the start of their recording to ensure students are engaging in a new performance for this tournament. This code will be released a week prior to the tournament.
- LD, PF, Congress, Extemp, Creative Storytelling - these will be live

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JUDGING: In this new online competition world, we would ask for grace, patience, and a willingness to get your hands dirty and judge when called upon. For every 4 debate entries, 1 judge will be required. For every 6 interp/speaking entries, 1 judge will be required. No judges = the tournament cannot happen. **Please have judges set up with tabroom accounts well before the day of the tournament.**

Poetry NOTE: We will use CHSAA Poetry rules (10 minutes, memorized - just like DI, HI, Duo)

PF NOTE: We will be using the 3-minute summary & prep time national changes.

CX Note: I am very sorry to all the Policy debaters that we will not be offering CX this year. I hope to bring it back for 2021.

Creative Storytelling: We will use the CHSAA rules for this event - draw 3 topics (character, setting, conflict) and students have 15 minutes in the draw room to prep and memorize a 3-5 minute story. This is a live event, similar to extemp. Reach out to Frenchie if you have questions.

SCHEDULE: Beyond the starting time of the tournament, we will attempt to run a flex schedule. As soon as judges are available, we will launch events. In a perfect world, we will run all events at the same time.

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

Congress Details:

- THE JUDGE DETERMINES AWARDS, NOT A CHAMBER VOTE.
- Email properly formatted legislation to Frenchie sfrench@greeleyschools.org so it can be posted on tabroom. Please do not submit legislation that your students have debated at a previous tournament, let's keep it fresh.
- LEGISLATION DEADLINE = 12:00 PM Friday, November 13.
- 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.

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Entries & Fees:

- Registration on tabroom.com
- Fees of \$8.00 per asynchronous single entry, \$9.00 per synchronous entry, \$16.00 per asynchronous DUO team, \$18 per synchronous PF team, and \$6.00 per student congress entry are based on pre-registration – Due by 11/1
- 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

c/o Sarah French

1515 14th Ave

Greeley, CO 80631

- 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..

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 online (obviously). PLEASE have judges create a judge tabroom account prior to the tournament 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 \$50 judge fee.

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.

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NIETOC Information:

- This is an official bid tournament. Students advancing to bid rounds of this tournament will earn one official bid for the 2020 NIETO tournament that will take place in May of 2021. Visit www.nietoc.com for more information.
- 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 = 1st place
 - *20-34 contestants = 1st, 2nd or 3rd place
 - *35-50 contestants = Finals Round bid
 - *51-70 contestants = Semifinals Round bid (we will hold a hidden semifinal round if we reach these numbers.
- 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

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

7:45 Judge Meeting

8:00 am - launch as many events as we have judges for

Finals 6:30 pm (or sooner)

Awards hopefully by 8:20 pm or sooner depending on how the flex schedule works

NOTE, ALL TIMES ARE MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME MST - DENVER TIME ZONE

Please let me know if you have any questions or have requests or a need for accommodations regarding entries or explanations of the events.

Cheers,

Sarah French & the Wildcat Forensics Speech & Debate team

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