



December 1, 2020

Dear colleagues and friends,

We would like to cordially invite you to the 2021 Western Washington University Viking Invitational on January 22-24. As COVID restrictions continue, this year's event will be virtual. Competition will take place on Yaatly.com and Classrooms.cloud (PNW Debate). As the third and final Northwest Forensics Conference designated tournament, we will feature the year-end NFC awards ceremony. We look forward to you joining us virtually for a great weekend of competition and community!

The tournament will offer: all 11 AFA-NIET individual events, PNW Debate, BP Debate, IPDA Debate, NPDA Debate, and NFA-LD Debate. There will be 2 prelims in all IEs, and 5 prelims in all debate events.

There are two other notes related to the pandemic:

1. Please reach out if your program faces exigencies related to payment of fees or other budget issues. We will do our very best to support you through fee reductions or waivers.
2. Please encourage all directors, assistants, coaches, competitors, and judges to record a short 20-40 second "shout-out" video by **Wednesday 1/20**. We will air submissions during NFC awards to celebrate community. Submissions can be recorded/uploaded at: <https://www.tribute.co/nfc-wwu/>

Sincerely,

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# 2021 WWU Tournament Invitation Details

## Virtual Hosting Information

The tournament will be hosted online via Yaatly.com with entries and balloting handled through Speechwire.com, with the exception of PNW debate. Programs are responsible for having all participants and judges register a Yaatly account and link them to your program group. Guides for registering accounts, linking them to an organization, and other frequently asked questions can be located at [info.yaatly.com](http://info.yaatly.com).

Tournament information and resources will be posted at [www.westerndebateunion.org/vikingclassic](http://www.westerndebateunion.org/vikingclassic).

## Equity, Ethics, and Recording

Participation in the Viking Classic as a competitor, judge, coach, observer (or in any other capacity) is contingent upon having read and agreeing to uphold the Northwest Forensics Conference code of ethics, available here: <http://northwestforensicsconference.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/NFC-Code-of-Ethics-passed-Sept.-2017.pdf>. Program directors are required to verify understanding and agreement with the code of ethics for all members of their program.

Online competition raises unique issues about privacy and consent. Audio or video recording of events is not permitted unless affirmative universal consent has been obtained by all participants and judges.

## Registration Deadlines and Details:

Entries should be entered to the tournament website at [www.Speechwire.com](http://www.Speechwire.com). PNW Debate will also require registration on [www.Tabroom.com](http://www.Tabroom.com).

The deadline for entries is Tuesday, January 19 at 5 pm PST. If there are changes to your roster that are required after the deadline, please contact [Traviscram@gmail.com](mailto:Traviscram@gmail.com). The deadline for drops is Wednesday, January 20 at 9pm PST. All fees will be assessed at that time.

## Judging Policy:

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. 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 10 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:**

The tournament will offer all eleven AFA-NIET events with standard rules governing 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:* Extemporaneous, Persuasive, Program Oral Interp, After Dinner Speech, Dramatic Interp, Prose.

*Pattern B:* Dramatic Duo, Informative, Impromptu, Poetry, Communication Analysis.

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.

## **Debate Events:**

### **PNW Debate:**

We will offer up to two divisions of Pacific Northwest Debate if entries allow. Debates will follow the standard 6-2-4 constructive/cross-examination/rebuttal format with a 5 minute block of prep time per team during the round. Quoted evidence for debates is limited to the PNW debate Spring 21 article packet. Debates will be governed by the event guidelines and philosophy ([www.westerndebateunion.org/pnwdebate](http://www.westerndebateunion.org/pnwdebate)). PNW debates will be managed through Tabroom.com and Classrooms.cloud.

### **IPDA Debate:**

We will offer three divisions in individual 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.

### **BP Debate:**

We will offer two divisions of British Parliamentary debate if entries allow (junior 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.

### **NPDA Debate:**

We will offer up to 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. Topics will be centrally announced prior to 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).

### **NFA-LD:**

We will offer two divisions (junior/open) of NFA-LD debate if entries permit. LD debates will use the 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 time limits and standard NFA rules, accessible here:

<https://sites.google.com/site/nationalforensicsassociation/about-nfa/governing-documents>

The 2020-2021 NFA-LD topic is: The United States federal government should implement immigration reform that removes substantial statutory restrictions on legal immigration into the United States.

## Sweepstakes Calculations

Sweepstakes awards will be calculated using the following points scheme:

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd/SF	4th/QF	Finalist/OF
BP:	15pts	12pts	9pts	7pts	6pts
NPDA:	15pts	12pts	9pts	7pts	6pts
PNW:	15pts	12pts	9pts	7pts	6pts
IPDA:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts	2pts
IE's:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts	2pts
LD:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts	2pts

## 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). **The COVID pandemic has created budget difficulties for many programs. Please contact Travis Cram ([traviscram@gmail.com](mailto:traviscram@gmail.com)) for concerns about fees and to arrange fee reductions or waivers if necessary.**

School fee	\$50 Per school
Team Debate	X \$70 per team
IPDA Debate	X \$35
IE Slots	X \$10
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

## WWU 2021 –Schedule

*All times are in PST.*

### Friday Jan 22:

8:00	Round 0
8:30	Extemp Draw
8:45	Round 1, Pattern A
10:30	Extemp Draw
10:45	Round 2, Pattern A
12:15	Lunch Break
1:00	Round 1, Pattern B
2:45	Round 2, Pattern B
4:30	Extemp Draw
4:45	Pattern A Finals.
6:30	Pattern B Finals.
TBD	IE Awards.

### Saturday Jan 23

8:00	Round 0
8:30	Debate Round 1
10:15	Debate Round 2
12:00	Lunch Break
1:00	Debate Round 3
3:00	Debate Round 4
5:00	Debate Round 5

### Sunday Jan 24

8:00	Round 0
8:30	Debate Elim Round 1
10:30	Debate Elim Round 2
1:00	Debate and NFC Awards
TBD	Debate Elims as needed

Pattern A: Extemporaneous, Persuasive, Program Oral Interp, After Dinner Speech, Dramatic Interp, Prose.

Pattern B: Dramatic Duo, Informative, Impromptu, Poetry, Communication Analysis.