

Gonzaga University
Conway Classic
Speech and Debate Tournament
January 9-10, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

The Gonzaga University Debate Program cordially invites your team to attend the 66th Conway Classic hosted on our beautiful campus in Spokane, Washington. The Classic is named in honor of Sister Margaret Mary Conway, former Director of Debate at Gonzaga University. Sister Conway is the major reason why Gonzaga has remained a perennial competitor in collegiate policy debate and her commitment and dedication to forensics in the state of Washington served as a model for our entire community. It seemed only fitting that this tournament be named in her honor.

The Conway will be held Friday January 9th – Saturday January 10th. Our tournament will offer 6 preliminary rounds in Open, Junior, and Novice divisions in CX/Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum and 3 rounds in Open and JV Student Congress. We also offer 3 preliminary rounds in an Open division of 9 individual events: humorous interpretation, extemporaneous speaking; oratory, interpretive reading; expository; impromptu; duo, ed comm, and dramatic interpretation.

We are pleased to announce that we will once again serve as a Tournament of Champions (TOC) Bid Qualifying Tournament in Policy debate at the Semifinals. All teams advancing to the semifinals in our Open division will earn a bid towards TOC qualification.

We will also present the top speaker in the Open Policy division with the Jessica Hockensmith Scholarship. This award is a full scholarship to attend the Gonzaga Debate Institute in the Summer of 2015. If the recipient is a graduating Senior the award will be donated to the school they represent.

We will be handling all entries through the Tabroom website so please visit <http://www.tabroom.com/> to enter.

We look forward to seeing you for what promises to be an exceptional tournament. We hope that you have a happy holiday season and that your travels bring you safely to Spokane in January.

Sincerely,

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Director, Gonzaga Debate

Andrew Myers

Assistant Director, Gonzaga Debate

Entry

Online entry will be through Tabroom.com. You will need to set up your schools account if you do not already have one. https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=2998.

Judges, coaches and competitors will have access to the GU network. It is highly advised that if your students/judges are not familiar with tabroom and all of its online features (pairings, results, ballot pickup and turn in, etc) you give them a heads up and perhaps some training on how to access all these features.

Fees and Payment

\$30 School Entry Fee

\$40 per Policy Team

\$30 per Public Forum Team

\$25 per LD Entry

\$25 per Congress Entry

\$15 per IE slot

\$60 uncovered judging fee per each uncovered LD and Public Forum entry

\$100 uncovered judging fee per each uncovered policy entry

\$10 uncovered judging fee per each uncovered IE slot

Please make all checks payable to Gonzaga Debate.

You can deliver the payment at registration or mail in advance to:

Gonzaga Debate

AD Box 20

Gonzaga University

Spokane, Washington

99258

Hotel Information

We have arranged with [Red Lion River Inn](#) to extend special rate of \$88 per night for teams attending our tournament. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-RED-LION (1-800-733-5466) Be sure and request the "Gonzaga university Conway Classic rate." You can also book rooms online by following this link:

<https://reservations.redlion.com/ibe/details.aspx?hotelID=13747&langID=1&group=Gonz0108&hgID=280&dt1=5486&nights=2&rooms=1&adults=1&child1=0>

Spokane's Red Lion River Inn provides complimentary shuttle service to/from the Spokane International Airport. There is a courtesy phone near baggage claim that rings directly to the hotel. Other hotels in the area, close to campus, include:

Courtyard by Marriott 509-456-7000
Holiday Inn Express 509-328-8505

Schedule

Friday, January 9th

8am	IE Round 1	
9:30am	Debate Round 1	Congress Round 1
11:30am	Debate Round 2	Congress Round 1 Continues
1:30pm	IE Round 2	
3pm	Debate Round 3	Congress Round 2
5pm	Debate Round 4	Congress Round 2 Continues
7pm	IE Round 3	
8:30pm	Debate Round 5	Super Congress Round Session 1

Saturday, January 10th

8:00am	Debate Round 6	Super Congress Round Session 2
10:00am	IE Finals	
11:00am	Open CX Double Octa Finals	
12:30	Awards Ceremony (IE, Congress Results and Debate Speaker Awards)	
1:30pm	Open CX Octas and first elimination rounds for all other divisions/formats	

4pm	Open CX Quarters and elims of all other divisions/formats
6:30pm	Open CX Quarters and elims of all other divisions/formats
8:45pm	Open CX Finals

Deadlines

All entries must be received by January 2nd. Once we are full we will no longer accept entries but you can waitlist student. You are encouraged to enter early.

We will accept drops without payment until January 7th. All drops the day of the tournament will be charged the entry fee.

Judging

- Each judge you bring covers 2 CX teams, or four Lincoln Douglas or Public Forum entries, and six individual event slots.
- We have a limited pool of hired judging available. If you need judging from the tournament contact us at Frappier@gem.gonzaga.edu. First come first served.
- Please be sure all conflicts and restrictions (such as schools that the critic cannot see.) Please also indicate the times that the judge will be available, and match it to the schedule to make sure they know when rounds will begin.
- Debate judges are committed one round past the round their team was eliminated in. For example, if you clear no teams in debate, you are still obligated for the first elimination round. If your team loses in the quarters, your judges are still obligated for the semis, etc.
- Judges will all need accounts on tabroom in order to access their online ballots. We'll have old fashioned ballots for those who need them, but our hope is that most judges will take advantage of online balloting.

Debate Rules

- CX times are 8-3-5 with 8 minutes prep
- Lincoln Douglas and PF will use the NFL January/February topics
- Congress will use the Spring 2015 WSFA legislation available on our tournament site at tabroom.com
- Washington State case areas and argument restrictions do NOT apply since this is a 2nd semester tournament.

- Novice eligibility for debate divisions will be determined as follows: To be eligible for the novice division each debater on the team should be in their first year of debate. If you have to try to make an argument to justify a student being in novice they should likely be in JV.
 - Rounds one and two will be pre-set in all debate events. Rounds three through round six will be power matched accordingly.
 - We do not break brackets in elimination debates. If two teams from the same school are seeded in such a way that they meet in the elimination rounds no debate will occur. One team will advance to the next out round based on coach decision. Coaches should come to the tabroom and let us know who to advance. If you don't we will simply advance the higher seed.
- Other questions about debate please email Frappier@gem.gonzaga.edu

Individual Events

- We will offer an open division of humorous interpretation, extemporaneous speaking, oratory, interpretive reading, expository, impromptu, duo, ed comm, and dramatic interpretation.
- We have eliminated conflict patterns in individual events. All 9 events will occur simultaneously
- Students will be limited to entering a maximum of 4 individual events.
- For Individual Event [rules and guidelines please click here](#)
- All other questions regarding individual event procedure or rules should be sent to Kara Smith. ksmith@cdaschools.org

Student Congress

- We will offer an Open and JV division of Congress. If numbers dictate we will collapse into a single Open bracket.
- Congress will run simultaneously with debate so students may not cross enter in those events.
- Rules will incorporate the newly adopted NFL Congress rulings. There will be NO student choice.
- Best PO will be chosen by the parliamentarian and the top three speakers in each division will be determined by adult scorers.
- Legislation: The official legislation adopted by the WSFA will be the legislation used for the tournament. A copy of the legislation is available on tabroom.com at our tournament site
- Please have your students in Congress bring their own copies of the legislation. NO COPIES WILL BE PROVIDED.
- We will follow the docket setting method suggested by the WSFA committee. Each school represented in each house will draw numbers to determine the order for a legislation draft. They will

then take turns picking bills to be debated. This will determine the docket for the session. For further clarification, please refer to the first page of the packet.

- Separate Legislation for Super Congress is included in the WSFA packet and will ONLY be used for Super Congress.
- Scoring: The NFL has discontinued the use of the base system, HOWEVER if chambers are small and speakers make more than five speeches, the base system may be resurrected in order to ensure that quality over quantity prevails. Speaker precedence will not be reset between the sessions. Points awarded to POs for presiding count as speeches. Each speech will be awarded up to 6 points by the judge in the round. The parliamentarian will score the PO. After each session, judges will rank the top eight speakers, including the PO. The cumulative total of these ranks in preliminary rounds will determine the students who will advance to Super Congress. The parliamentarian's one-time ranking of the chamber at the end of preliminary rounds will be used to break any ties that result both in determining who breaks to Super Congress and in final awards. If the number of entries results in more than one chamber of Congress for a division of competition, Session III will be a Super Congress. After Session II, the top 7 to 10 members of each chamber (based on total judge rankings from session I and II) will advance to the Final Session. The legislation identified by the State as Super Congress Legislation will be the only legislation discussed during this round. Awards will be based on the cumulative rankings of judges during the final round. Parliamentarian ranking will be used to break ties. The top three competitors will receive Judge's Choice Awards. There will also be a top PO award as determined by the Parliamentarian. If there is only one chamber of Congress for a division of competition, Session III will be a regular session, and final scores for 1st place, 2nd, and 3rd, will be determined by the accumulation of judges' rankings for all three preliminary rounds. Outstanding PO will be determined by the parliamentarian. There will be no Student Choice Award.
- Additionally, the recent updates to the WSFA rules governing student congress allow the use of computers in Congressional Debate. Students will be allowed to use computers in round for flowing, note taking, the reading of speeches and looking up pre-prepared evidence. Internet use will not be allowed, and scorers will be seated in a way to catch violators of this rule. The use of computers is at the risk of the individual competitor. Power strips will not be provided for competitors and students may not rearrange the seating chart in order to allow access to power. Students are not allowed to use computers that are currently in the classroom. Competitors who unplug objects in a classroom will be disqualified from the tournament.

Sweepstakes Tabulation

We will be awarding trophies to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place schools in the overall sweepstakes. These sweepstakes are for debate and individual events only. Please see Student Congress section for explanation of SC sweepstakes awards.

Points for Sweepstakes will be awarded as follows:

Place	I.E.'s	Debate/Congress
First	15	25
Second	10	20
Semis/IE 3rd	5	15
Quarters/Finalist	2	5