

Belonging and Inclusion Advocate

In alignment with the **NSDA values of Belonging and Inclusion**, our priority is to ensure that every coach, student, and judge feels **safe, respected, and welcomed**. Our approach is informed by the NSDA's Belonging & Inclusion Station (BIS) philosophy, which emphasizes communication, education, and restorative support rather than punitive measures.

Shared Community Expectations

In the spirit of maintaining a positive and respectful tournament culture, we also want to reaffirm principles reflected in the GSL Conduct Policy. The GSL emphasizes ethical and rational communication, deep respect for freedom of expression, and the importance of professional, respectful argumentation.

Behaviors that belittle, demean, or dehumanize others undermine the educational mission of forensics and detract from the experience for all participants. While debate is inherently competitive and adversarial, it should always remain rooted in mutual respect for opponents, peers, colleagues, judges, hosts, and audience members.

All attendees are understood to be agreeing to uphold these shared standards of conduct.

The *Foley Tournament* appreciates the work of our *Division Six Belonging and Inclusion Advocate, Ms. Natasha Carpenter* who authored our statement on Belonging and Inclusion, and we are most honored that she will be with us at the tournament. Ms. Carpenter may be reached at Email: NatashaC@spokaneschools.org.