

COME TO THE QUALIFIER!

December 31, 2015

Hi friends:

On behalf of Joe Gantt, District Chair, and myself, the tournament director, we invite you to The American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament District II qualifier on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon.

This is part of the doubleheader happening that weekend: NIET Qualifier on Saturday—followed by the Oregon State IPDA tournament on Sunday.

Although this is a qualifier for the AFA-NIET, anyone can participate. **The top three people in each event will qualify for NIET nationals.** In addition, any student earning an at-large qualification (requiring three “legs”) will also qualify. If the qualifier has nine schools, legs from the qualifier will count towards qualification.

This year's AFA-NIET will be held at The University of Florida, April 2-4, 2016. Full details at: <http://www.afa-niet.org/>

If you have students who have qualified at-large for the NIET, you will need to submit an at-large qualification form for each student by Wednesday, February 17, 2016. ALL QUAL SHEETS SHOULD BE E-MAILED to Brent Northup, Tournament Director, bnorthup@carroll.edu (Contact Brent or Joe if you need help with this.)

Entries are due Monday, Feb. 15 on forensicstournament.net. Drops need to be communicated to Brent (bnorthup@carroll.edu) \ via email by Thursday, Feb 18 at 4 pm. Any drops after that time will incur an \$10 drop fee per slot.

Mark Porrovecchio will be our host.

Hope to see you at Oregon State on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016.

Best wishes,

Brent, tournament director
bnorthup@carroll.edu (406) 459-2371

Joe Gantt, NIET District 2 Chair

DISTRICT II AFA-NIET INFORMATION SHEET

1. **DATE:** District tournament: the District Qualifier will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20 at Oregon State University. Registration in SHEP 209. General Gathering: GILB 124.

2. **Duo:** please remember that the rules around duo allow for cuttings from any genre of literature.

3. **Extemporaneous Speaking:** The extemp format has changed at nationals. We won't be adopting those changes at the qualifier (no CX in finals). No live Internet is allowed in Extemp prep. Files stored on a computer can be accessed during prep in DEAR118.

4. **Dues:** the AFA-NIET registration fee is a \$50 after 12/01/15. The invoice—and a very easy to use online payment form—can be found on the newly updated AFA-NIET website <http://www.americanforensics.org/>. Alternately, you can pay the AFA-NIET fee at the District Qualifier. You must be an AFA-NIET member to participate.

5. **AFA-NIET All American Applications:** please bring these with you to the tournament. We will form a committee for the review of these applications at the District Qualifier. These and other forms can be found on the AFA-NIET website: <http://www.mnsu.edu/cmst/niet/niet.html>.

6. **Leg Information:** please bring your leg information to the tournament.

7. **Enrollment Information:** If you already have students who are qualified, please bring their enrollment verification from your registrar. If you have any questions about what is required, you can visit the AFA-NIET website. If you still have questions, contact Brent (bnorthup@carroll.edu) and we will walk you through the process.

8. EVENTS & PATTERNS:

Pattern A Events: Informative, Prose and Impromptu

Pattern B Events: Extemp, POI, Persuasion, Duo

Pattern C Events: Dramatic, Poetry, After Dinner, Communication Analysis

Tab Room and Extemp draw room location announced later.

9. ENTRIES & FEES:

School Fee is \$30. There is a \$50 AFA-NIET school participation fee (if not paid already). Cash is preferred, but checks can be made out to Brent Northup.

Entry Fee is \$10 per slot. Duo counts as one slot, each judge covers 6 slots.

Uncovered Entry Fees is an additional \$10 per slot.

10. **LIMITS:** A school may not enter more than five students in any one event. Each student can enter two events per pattern, six events maximum.

11. **JUDGES:** It is a Saturday, so hired judging is not easy to come by. Reach out to anyone you can. Entries are Due on Forensicstournament.net no later Monday, Feb. 15, 2015.

12. **Drops** after Thursday, February 18 will result in an \$10 drop fee. Please make checks payable to Brent Northup, Tournament Director, District 2 AFA-NIET (sorry, but no other form of payment will be accepted without prior approval). Cash is always fine.

13. Student verification form must be submitted to compete, certifying the student is enrolled at your college. Form enclosed.

14. Registrartion and then have general gathering in GILB 124. Registration will be in SHEP 209.

FOOD

Many on nearby Monroe Avenue.

PARKING

There is ample free parking on our campus on Saturdays and a host of food options on nearby Monroe Ave. The best parking for attendees is the lot behind Graf and the lot between Wngr and Gilb (please see the interactive map at <http://oregonstate.edu/campusmap/>).

LODGING

Schools should arrange their own lodging.

Please call the hotels directly or check prices online to find the best deals. We have not made arrangements with any of the hotels in the area.

NIET DISTRICT 2 QUALIFIER SCHEDULE
Oregon State University
Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:30 a.m. Registration

9 a.m. Round I Pattern C (CA, DI, POE, ADS)

10:30 a.m. Round II Pattern C

11:45 a.m. Extemp Draw (location to be announced)

12:15 p.m. Round 1 Pattern B (EXT, POI, DUO, PERS)

1:45 p.m. Round 1 Pattern A (INF, IMP, PRO)

2:45 p.m. Extemp Draw

3:15 p.m. Round 2 Pattern B (EXT, POI, DUO, PERS)

4:45 p.m. Round 2 Pattern A (INF, IMP, PRO)

6-8 p.m. All finals (flighted, if necessary).

7:30 p.m. Student meeting led by student rep

8 p.m. Awards

Please Note: Mark Porrovecchio received several complaints at previous events about conduct on the OSU campus. Students and faculty are reminded that buildings being used for the tournament, particularly Gilbert Hall, are still being used by OSU faculty, students, and staff throughout the weekend. So be respectful and keep unnecessary noise to a minimum, use elevators only in cases of emergency, and clean up common areas used by your team. Additionally, please remember: OSU is a NO SMOKING campus. Refrain from smoking on campus, in the parking lots, etc. The tournament is held in close proximity to Monroe Street, so please smoke there and remember to clean up after yourself. Further complaints will threaten the ability of OSU to host tournaments in subsequent years. Thanks for understanding.

Legs:

Each of the tournaments must have had at least nine schools competing in individual events.

The three tournament placements (LEGS) used for qualification may not exceed a cumulative total of eight (8), based on the following formula:

# of entries in the event	# of legs earned	Places that earn legs
1	0	0
2-4	1	1 st
5-8	2	1 st , 2 nd
9-12	3	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
13-16	4	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th
17-20	5	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th
20+	6	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th

**STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM
AMERICAN FORENSIC ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TOURNAMENT**

Code: _____ **School:** _____
(for NIET tournament director use only)

SEND FORM TO YOUR DISTRICT CHAIR. DO NOT SEND TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ENTERED INTO THE TOURNAMENT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FORM IS RECEIVED AND VERIFIED BY YOUR DISTRICT CHAIR.

My signature below attests to the fact:

- I have informed my students of the AFA Code of Ethics and the rules of the AFA-NIET;
- The students understand entry in the AFA-NIET tournament signifies they will abide by the rules and codes of the AFA and the AFA-NIET;
- **The minimum of six hours of required academic work must be taken at the institution the student is representing at the NIET;**
- that in the event of cancellation on or before the stated deadlines as contained in the tournament invitation, my school or I will be liable for any and all of the following: 1) drop fees; 2) hired judge charge to cover canceled slots; 3) entry fees as determined in the invitation, and 4) any other fees that may be incurred as indicated in the invitation.
- **To the best of my knowledge, all students listed meet the minimum grade point average of 2.0.**

Signature _____ **School:** _____

(Director of Forensics)

CONFIRMATION OF SCHOOL REGISTRATION

TO THE REGISTRAR/RECORDS OFFICER:

Listed below are students from my institution who are attending the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament. **A minimum of six hours of required academic work must be taken at the institution the student is representing at the NIET.** Please note if a student was a mid-year graduate. The official seal of the institution should be affixed below the last name on the list of students.

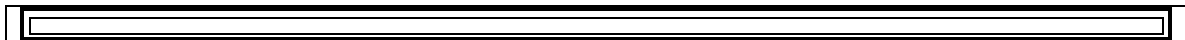
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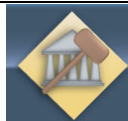
Signed: _____ **Title:** _____

Institution: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

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NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TOURNAMENT

AMERICAN FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

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At Large Reporting Form

FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF YOUR DISTRICT CHAIR BY MARCH 7, 2013

STUDENT: _____ (fill out one form for each student)

SCHOOL: _____

COACH: _____ Office Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

	Event	Rank	Tournament	Date	# of Schools	# of entries
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GROUP A EVENTS: Informative/Prose/Impromptu

1 st event in "A"						
2 nd event in "A"						

GROUP B EVENTS: Extemporaneous/Dramatic Duo/Persuasion/Program Oral Interpretation

1 st event in "B"						
2 nd event in "B"						

GROUP C EVENTS: Poetry/Communication Analysis/After Dinner Speaking/Interpretation of Drama

1 st event in "C"						
2 nd event in "C"						

Send completed form to your District Chair
DO NOT SEND FORM TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

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I certify the above information is correct and meets requirements for AFA-NIET At-Large
Qualification

COACH'S SIGNATURE: _____