

2016 Puget Sound Logger Invitational Debate Tournament  
University of Puget Sound  
Tacoma, WA  
October 29-30, 2016

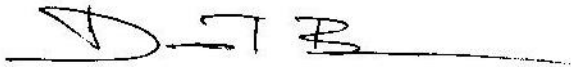
Greetings,

The University of Puget Sound forensics squad is pleased to invite you to the 2016 Puget Sound Invitational Debate Tournament. This year's tournament will take place from October 29-30, 2016. We invite you to attend this tournament and enjoy the "warmth" of the Northwest.

Competition will be held in NPDA/NPTE debate: 6 preliminary rounds in novice, intermediate, and open

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D B', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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### **Tournament Registration:**

Registration will be available at [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). Please note the change, we will not be using forensicstournament.net this year. If you have any difficulties with the site please email me.

- **Entry Deadline:** Monday, October 24, 8:00 PM Pacific Time.
- **Drop Deadline:** Wednesday, October 26, 5:00 PM Pacific Time. After this deadline, fees will be calculated and all drops will be charged full entry fees.
- Email: [dbuescher@pugetsound.edu](mailto:dbuescher@pugetsound.edu)
- If necessary you may email in changes to your registration. Please email changes as soon as you know them.

### **Divisions and Entries**

We will offer three division of debate in NPDA/NPTE--novice, intermediate, and open. We reserve the right to collapse intermediate division if entries are less than five schools with less than 15 total teams. If we collapse intermediate division those registered for intermediate will move to their appropriate division (not necessarily open). All restrictions of division entries are based on the most experienced member of the debate team. All students must be enrolled in their college or university and in good academic standing. We will use the NPDA rules on eligibility and divisions with additional restrictions listed below:

#### *Novice:*

- The student should have no more than one year of high school debate experience unless the experience was in open or senior competition (including policy, parliamentary, Public Debate/Ted Turner, L-D, etc.).
- The student should be in the first two semesters of collegiate debate.
- Once the student has advanced to elimination rounds more than 3 times, the student should be advanced to the intermediate or open division.

#### *Intermediate/Junior:*

- The student should be in the first four semesters of intercollegiate debate.
- The students should have less than 3 years of competitive debate in high school.
- The student should not have advanced to elimination rounds more than 3 times in intermediate/junior or open division.
- Once the student has advanced to more than three elimination rounds, the student should be advanced to open.
- Any student qualifying to compete in the TOC in public forum, LD, or C-X while in high school must enter Open division.
- Any student advancing to an elimination round at either NPDA or NPTE national tournaments must enter Open division.

#### *Open Division:*

- All enrolled students with less than 10 semesters of collegiate debate who still maintain NPTE/NPDA eligibility may enter open division. A semester counts as competition in more than two tournaments.

## **Tournament Information**

### **NPDA/NPTE**

The tournament will follow the NPDA rules of competition respective to time limits (please see note on divisions below). We will employ the following time limits with motions centrally announced:

Preparation:	20 minutes
PMC:	7 minutes
C-X/Prep:	2 minutes
LOC:	8 minutes
C-X/Prep:	2 minute
MG:	8 minutes
C-X/Prep:	1 minute
MO:	8 minutes
LOR:	4 minutes
C-X/Prep:	1 minute
PMR:	5 minutes

In addition we will do the following:

- employ a five (5) category mutual preference judging (mpj) in all divisions of the invitational debate tournament. The preference system will focus on mutuality as the primary focus;
- offer presets for rounds 1 and 2 with all subsequent rounds power paired;
- At minimum, clear all teams with a winning record (4-2). Breaks and seeds will be determined by Win-loss record, High-low speaker points, Total speaker points, Double high-low speaker points, random number;
- announce topic areas for the tournament as close to October 12, 2015 as possible—allowing time for the committee to appropriately vet topics of a current focus. Announcement will occur on "net-benefits;"
- centrally announce all resolutions and supplement with electronic announcement;
- break brackets for elimination rounds.
- Determine elimination round sides by a coin flip.

Puget Sound teams will participate and are eligible for elimination rounds and speaker awards. While we do not expect to have to limit entries, we reserve the right to cap entries at 6 teams per school/per division.

### Fees and Judging

All fees will be handled at registration times; you do NOT need to send your school fee in advance. Fees will be set by Wednesday October 26 at 1:00 P.M. Please make checks payable to University of Puget Sound.

1 judge covers two (2) NPDA/NPTE teams

- \$70.00 per invitational team
- \$140.00 per uncovered debate team (in addition to the entry fee)
- \$50.00 missed ballot fee to be billed to institution or deducted from hired judge payment

Judges for hire will be limited and we cannot guarantee you will be able to hire judging. Please bring your own judges. A judge must be provided to cover at least your first two teams. We will make every effort to hire extra judging for the tournament, but we reserve the right to refuse uncovered teams. Please alert us to the availability of hired judges. Judging obligations extend through the second elimination debate or one round beyond that in which your team is eliminated. The success of the tournament requires judges to meet their professional obligations of judging. Judges should make every effort to make complete yet prompt decisions and turn in ballots prior to any oral critiques. Please understand we want your judges and not your money. If a judge fails to make a decision or gives a double win/loss, the tournament director will flip a coin and assign a winner and a loser or ranks as necessary.

### Hotel

Given pricing on local hotels we have not arranged a specific block. Last year nobody used the block we arranged. Below is a list of potential options. If you need assistance with hotels please let me know.

All within area code 253  
Central:  
La Quinta 383-0146  
Hotel Murano 572-3200  
Silver Cloud 272-1300  
Extended Stay 926-6316

Comfort Inn 926-2301  
Courtyard Marriott: 591-9100  
  
South:  
Comfort Inn 538-7998  
Holiday Inn Express 539-2020  
Days Inn Tacoma 475-5900

### Maps and Directions

Directions to campus and the campus map are available at <http://www.pugetsound.edu/about/visiting-puget-sound/directions/>. Parking is free although it is recommended to park on Saturday near Thompson or the lot on N. 18<sup>th</sup> and Warner. These lots can be found on the campus map at: <http://www.pugetsound.edu/about/campus--the-northwest/campus-map/>. On Sunday park near Wyatt Hall/Thompson (building 52).

**Registration:**

Registration will take place Saturday morning on campus at 8:00 a.m. If you are unable to register at that time, make arrangements via e-mail.

***Tentative Tournament Schedule***

All Judge Preference sheets are due by 7:00 P.M Friday to count for Round 1 and 2. Any preference sheets received after 7:00 P.M. will impact Round 3 and later.

<b>NPDA/NPTE Schedule</b>
<b>Saturday 10/29</b>
8:30 Coffee and Bagels
9:00 Announce Round 1, PMC 9:20
10:45 Announce Round 2, PMC 11:05
12:30-1:30 Lunch (on your own)
1:45 Announce Round 3, PMC 2:05
3:45 Announce Round 4, PMC 4:05
5:30 Announce Round 5, PMC 5:50
<b>Sunday 10/30</b>
9:00 Announce Round 6, PMC 9:20
11:00 Elim 1, elims continue thereafter until complete

Tournament Results will be posted on-line at [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com).