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**45th Annual Smelt Classic Invitational**

*TENTATIVE Short Invite*

December 2nd and 3rd, 2017

Dear Colleague,

Lower Columbia College cordially invites you and your students to attend the 45th Annual Smelt Classic Invitational forensics tournament held on our campus in Longview, Washington. The tournament will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3, 2017**. We made the decision to shift from our usual dates in early November to facilitate a more balanced tournament schedule within our region. The following document provides a summary of basic tournament information. Our full detailed invitation will be emailed and posted online in the near future. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Alex Brehm (abrehm@lowercolumbia.edu, 360-442-2670).

**REGISTRATION**

Please enter online via ForensicsTournament.net

**Entry Deadline: 11:00pm Monday, November 27th**

**Drop Deadline: 11:00pm Wednesday, November 29th**

**EVENTS:**

Debate: IPDA, NPDA (Seattle U BP tournament is happening concurrently, so we will not offer BP)

IE Pattern A: Impromptu, Informative, Communication Analysis, Poetry, Duo

IE Pattern B: Extemporaneous, Persuasive, After Dinner Speaking, Drama, Prose, P.O.I.

**DIVISIONS**:

We will offer **Novice, Junior, and Open** divisions at the time of registration with the understanding that we will likely collapse divisions in smaller categories. In cases where divisions need to be collapsed, top competitors from lower divisions (ex. Novice) will be acknowledged during our awards ceremonies.

**COLLAPSING EVENTS:** We reserve the right to collapse any event to adjust for entry size, room availability or judge availability.

**JUDGES**: Please make every effort to cover your entries. One judge covers 4 debaters (4 IPDA debaters or 2 NPDA Teams) and 6 IE entries. We will assume that your judges will be available at the point in the tournament where your students start competition and will be committed at least one round beyond the point where your students are eliminated**.**

**FEES**: School = $40.00, NPDA Teams = $60.00, IPDA entry: $30.00 IE entry = $8.00.

**UNCOVERED ENTRY FEES:** IEs = $12.00, NPDA = $100.00 per team, IPDA = $50.00

Fees will be set Thursday, November 30th.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

2017 Smelt Classic

**Saturday, December 2nd**

**Registration 9 am to 9:45 am**

7:00 am: Registration begins – Rose Center for the Arts (RCA)

8:30 am: Round 1A (IMP, INF, CA, POE, DUO)

10:00 am: Round 2A

11:30 am: Lunch break

12:00 pm: Round 1B (EXT, PER, ADS, DI, PRO, POI)

1:30 pm: Round 2B

3:00 pm: IPDA/NPDA 1

4:45 pm: Pattern A IE Finals

6:15 pm: Pattern B IE Finals

8:00 pm: IE Awards

**Sunday, December 3rd**

8:00 am: IPDA/NPDA Round 2

9:45 am: IPDA/NPDA Round 3

11:30am: IPDA/NPDA Round 4

1:00pm: Lunch break

1:30pm: IPDA/NPDA Round 5

3:30pm: Debate Speaker Awards

3:45pm: IPDA/NPDA Elim 1\* (planning for two flights but we will single flight if able)

5:30pm: IPDA/NPDA Elim 2

6:45pm: IPDA/NPDA Elim 3

7:30pm: Debate Awards

\*Debate elimination schedule is highly tentative and likely to change. This timeline represents a “worst case scenario” in which we double-flight, break to quarterfinals, and do not close out any rounds. Our goal is of course to move things along and begin the debate awards ceremony as early as possible.