

The National Comprehensive Tournament
Sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta

The National Comprehensive Tournament is intended, first and foremost, as an educational opportunity for students throughout the collegiate forensic community. While this tournament includes a variety of events, it is intended to showcase the breadth of intercollegiate forensics. In particular, the tournament celebrates the role of honoraries in promoting a balance of education and competition within an environment of comprehensive participation.

We are thrilled to invite you to the National Comprehensive Tournament, sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta, to be held March 14-17, 2018. Tennessee State University will be hosting us, with competition being held Wednesday through Saturday on its gorgeous campus. All schools and students participating in this year's NCT will need to be members of Pi Kappa Delta in good standing prior to registering for the tournament.

Included in the tournament's offerings are reader's theatre, student congress, all 11 AFA-NIET events, editorial impromptu, interviewing, and multiple debate formats including Worlds, NFA-LD, NPDA, Public Forum, and IPDA, as well as an on-line event. The tournament also offers elimination rounds in most every event, along with multiple sweepstakes categories, debate speaker awards in all divisions, and pentathlon awards for excellence in a breadth of individual events. Tournament director Dan West will be assisted by Brian Swafford (Northwest Missouri State University) as assistant tournament director and individual event coordinator and Jessica Furgerson (Western Kentucky University) as debate coordinator. Local arrangements will be headed up by Sean Allen from the Tennessee State University. These individuals will be joined by a number of other host and tournament staff members, insuring a professionally and efficiently run event!

We hope you will join us when we gather in Nashville this March. This is a rare opportunity to be part of a comprehensive national tournament that provides competitive and educational opportunities for all your team members.

Please note the following important changes to our tournament registration and operations system as you make your plans to join in Nashville

- The full invitation with all event rules will be posted on TabRoom.com
- All chapter dues must be paid prior to entering the tournament.
- All students must have paid PKD memberships prior to entering the tournament.
- All schools must provide judges to cover 50% of their entries.
- Students who do not advance past Friday elimination rounds will be able to compete in one supplemental event on Saturday (you will enter these events through the regular registration process).
- NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 2018.
- Schedules will be distributed electronically through TabRoom.com.
- Judges will complete ballots electronically through TabRoom.com.

Sincerely,

Dan West
Tournament Director

Dr. Tomeka Robinson
President, Pi Kappa Delta

Prof. Sean Allen
Local Host

General Notes

Entry Fees

Debate Team (each team)	\$ 60.00
Lincoln Douglas/IPDA Entries	\$ 30.00
Individual Entries (per slot)	\$ 10.00
Supplemental Entries (per slot)	\$ 5.00
Reader's Theatre (per entry)	\$ 60.00
Student Congress (per entry)	\$ 10.00
Uncovered Debate/Reader's Theatre Entries (per entry)	\$120.00
Uncovered Individual Event/Student Congress Entries (per entry)	\$ 15.00
Uncovered Lincoln-Douglas/IPDA Entries (per entry)	\$ 60.00
Late Drop Fees (per drop, in addition to the above fees)	
After February 28 th	\$ 10.00
After March 6 th	\$ 15.00
After March 12 th	\$ 20.00
After March 13 th	\$ 30.00
At Registration	\$ 40.00
Dropped judge at registration (per judge)	\$120.00

Eligibility

All participating schools must be Pi Kappa Delta chapters in good standing BEFORE registration. Additionally, all competing students must be Pi Kappa Delta members in good standing BEFORE entering the tournament. Membership information and instructions can be found by visiting our website at www.pikappadelta.com. (Good standing means having fees paid through the current academic year.)

Deadlines and Entry Process

All tournaments entries must be entered via TabRoom.com by **February 15, 2018**.

If there are any issues, please contact Dan West at:

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262-PKD-NATS (262-753-6287) voice or text

All drops should be made by 5:00 pm Central Standard Time on February 28th to avoid drop fees. Drops can be made online. **Changes after February 28th can be made online but incur associated fees. ALL DROPS must be completed online through TabRoom.com.** Checks should be made payable to Pi Kappa Delta.

Schools canceling entries after March 13th will be obligated for full fees!

Judges

PLEASE NOTE: All schools must cover a minimum of 50% of their entries with judges.

All schools are expected to provide qualified judges to cover their entries. A school must provide one judge for every nine individual event/student congress entries. A school must provide one judge for every two debate teams/reader's theatre entries (IPDA and NFA LD entries count as a full entry for purposes of judge obligations due to the lack of flighting in these events). Debate judges are expected to be made available through all rounds on Friday. Individual event judges are expected to be available to judge all semifinal rounds if they have no students who advance to semifinals, and all final rounds if they have students advance to semifinal rounds. A single judge may **not** cover both individual events and Worlds debate.

Schools who enter students in supplemental events obligate their judges through the end of the tournament.

Judges must possess a baccalaureate degree or experience commensurate to one in forensic training. Undergraduate students may not judge at this tournament unless permission is received by the tournament director.

A limited number of hired judges will be available at **\$15.00** per uncovered individual event/student congress entry, **\$120.00** per uncovered debate/reader's theatre entry, and **\$60.00** per LD/IPDA entry. Requests for hired judges should be made by contacting the tournament director as soon as possible, and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Schools relying heavily on hired judges will be allowed to enter students only insofar as hired judges are available. **Dropped judges will result in uncovered judging fees for uncovered entries AND drop fees as outlined elsewhere in this invitation.**

Awards

The top 30% in each event will receive awards. All students advancing to elimination rounds in debate, individual events, and reader's theatre will receive awards in the order in which they place. Student congress entries will receive awards according to their cumulative ranking from critics in that event.

Sweepstakes awards will be given to the top 10 schools in debate and the top 10 schools in individual events. Overall sweepstakes awards will be given for the top 10 schools that participate in both debate and individual events. Awards will also be presented to the top three two-year schools.

Pentathlon awards will be given to the top 10 students who compete in at least five events. Entries must be in at least one event from each of the three genres of competition—limited preparation, public speaking, and oral interpretation.

Debate speaker awards will be given to an appropriate number of debaters in each division, as determined by the size of the respective division. Speaker places will be determined by (1) adjusted points, (2) total points, (3) double adjusted points, (4) ranks, and (5) z-scores.

Special Note for Teams Leaving Prior to Awards—Teams will need to pay postage prior to leaving, and complete an address label for the shipping of awards. Teams not paying postage and completing address labels are not guaranteed to receive awards. Similarly, Pi Kappa Delta is **not** responsible for any breakage or other problems with awards once they are sent.

Sweepstakes

Individual Events Sweepstakes

Preliminary round points will be awarded to the top three competitors from each school in each event:

Rank of 1	3 points
Rank of 2	2 points
Rank of 3	1 point

Elimination round points will be awarded for each student a school advances:

First place	6 points
Second place	5 points
Third place	4 points
Fourth place	3 points
Fifth place	2 points
Sixth place	1 point

Quarter and Semifinals 1 point (for all students in semifinals)

Reader's Theatre entries will count as individual event entries. Casts will earn sweepstakes points as follows:

5 points per "1" rank

7 points per elimination round "1" rank

*Supplemental events will not earn preliminary points, but will be awarded points for semifinal and final rounds.

Debate Sweepstakes

The top three teams for each school per format will receive points:

5 points per preliminary round victory

7 points per elimination round victory through the first three elimination rounds

Schools earn elimination round points for each team that advances. NFA LD and IPDA entries count as half a debate team.

Student Congress entries will count as debate entries. Sweepstakes points will be calculated for student congress as follows, per chamber and per round:

First place	6 points
Second place	5 points
Third place	4 points
Fourth place	3 points
Fifth place	2 points
Sixth place	1 point

Overall Sweepstakes

Sweepstakes will be determined by adding individual events and debate sweepstakes totals. A school must have both debate and individual events competing in the tournament in order to be eligible for overall sweepstakes awards.

Statement on Discrimination

The tournament will adhere to Pi Kappa Delta's statement on discrimination. Because we believe that no person with a known disability will be intentionally excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination at our events and tournaments. Because we believe that forensic education should be an inclusive space for people of all abilities, we pledge to do everything in our power for those who may need special accommodations. Please contact our tournament host, Timothy Bill, as well as our tournament director, Scott Jensen, with any questions, requests or concerns.

Cross Entering/Double Entering

Every effort has been made to include a wide variety of events within a schedule that is humane and limited to four days of competition. Because of this need to balance a full slate of events within a limited schedule, limitations have been placed on the degree to which a student can cross enter between individual events and debate. We apologize for this inconvenience. Limits are as follows:

1. Students entered in Worlds debate may not enter flight A individual events.
2. Students entered in any debate format may not enter reader's theatre or student congress.
3. Students may not enter more than one debate format.
4. Students may not enter more than two individual events per flight. Students may enter two duos, but any two students may enter only one duo together.
5. Students may not enter both debate and reader's theatre or student congress. Students may enter both reader's theatre and student congress.

General Debate Notes

Divisions and Entries

1. The following formats and divisions will be offered: NFA-LD (open and novice), NPDA (open, junior, and novice), PUBLIC FORUM (open and novice), and IPDA (open, junior, and novice), Worlds (open).
2. Students may enter only one division and format of debate.
3. Any student may enter an open division. Students with less than two semesters of high school or college team debate may enter novice divisions. Students with less than four semesters of any collegiate debate may enter the junior division.
4. A school may enter any number of entries subject to meeting judging requirements.

Rules

1. NFA-LD entries will use the 2017-18 topic and will adhere to NFA-LD rules. Both divisions will use a 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 format with 4 minutes preparation.
2. NPDA divisions will use NPDA national tournament guidelines with topics announced in a general session. All divisions will use a 7-8-8-8-4-5 format with 20 minutes pre-round preparation after the topic has been announced. **No materials should be brought into the debating chambers that were written prior to the preparation for that given round.**
3. The Public Forum division will utilize the national public forum topic to be released in January. Rules and the topic for public forum debate will be posted on the Pi Kappa Delta website and TabRoom.com
4. IPDA divisions will use a 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with 30 minutes of pre-round preparation.
5. IPDA rules can be found at <http://www.ipdadebate.org/event.html>.
6. The World's Parliamentary Debate format will adhere to the following rules:
 - a. Time limits will be 7-7-7-7-7-7-7 with 20 minutes to prepare.
 - b. Topics will be centrally announced and will vary by round. Topics will **not** be the same resolutions used for NPDA debates. All topics will focus on issues appearing in the news during the month leading up to the tournament.
 - c. During prep time debaters may consult any written materials. Debaters may **not** use electronic sources of information retrieval. Debaters may confer with their debate partner during prep time, but debaters may not confer with coaches or other teams.
 - d. The only materials allowed for use by the debaters during the actual debate are those notes the debaters themselves have written during prep time.
 - e. Debaters may request a point of information (either verbally or by rising) at any time after the first minute and before the last minute of any speech. The debater holding the floor may accept or refuse points of information. If accepted, the debater making the request has 15 seconds to make a statement or ask a question. During the point of information the speaking time of the floor debate continues.

- f. Judges should reveal decisions and provide feedback to students at the conclusion of the round. To facilitate faster turnaround time between rounds the ballot should be returned to the ballot table as soon as possible; it is suggested one of the two critics return the ballot while the remaining critic discusses the round with the debaters.
- g. Three person debate teams are not permitted.
- h. Up to ten minutes will be allowed for critics to come to a consensus on the winner and rankings for the debate. After ten minutes the chair will make final adjudication decisions.
- i. In other areas relevant to the debate Worlds rules will be followed. The website, <http://flynn.debating.net/Sydrules.htm> can be consulted for additional details.
7. Topic announcement and draw for NPDA will be ONLINE and THROUGH TABROOM.COM. IPDA debate will start as scheduled. Debaters entered in IE rounds preceding debate rounds will be allowed to sign in as triple-entered and leave their IE round early. IPDA rounds involving debaters not present at the time of draw will be moved to the bottom on the draw. When all other rounds' topics have been drawn the student present will be allowed to select the topic for debate. Tournament-related extenuating circumstances beyond the students' control will be the one reason for circumventing this policy. We urge programs to make arrangements for students who are not present at draw, such as team phone-trees, or prepping via speakerphone or skype.
8. A 15 minute forfeiture rule will be enforced for non-draw debate events, barring delays out of the control of debaters. A 2 minute forfeiture rule will be enforced for NPDA and IPDA debate rounds.
9. Elimination round pairings will be seeded within brackets that will not be broken. Seedings will be determined by (1) number of wins, (2) adjusted speaker points, (3) total speaker points, (4) double adjusted speaker points, and (5) z scores.
10. A reason for decision must be written on each ballot. "Oral Critique" will not suffice as appropriate written feedback. In order to keep the tournament on time, please do not give oral critiques before ballots have been turned in.
11. We will not limit internet access for debate preparation. However, we will neither provide nor guarantee access or power.
12. No Internet access should occur as part of any actual debate in any format. Flowing and electronic file management are allowed. There are no guarantees of power sources for preparation or in—round debating.

Matching

1. Every team/entry will have six preliminary rounds with an equal number of debates on each side of the resolution. All divisions will break to appropriate elimination rounds as allowed by associate standards/constitutions. No division will break beyond octafinals.
2. The first two rounds of each division will be randomly paired. Power matching will take place at the earliest round at which entries warrant such scheduling, with every effort being made to begin such power matching in round three.
3. All judges will be randomly assigned.

General Individual Events Notes

Divisions and Entries

1. Open divisions will be offered in each individual event.
2. Each school may enter any number of students in each event, subject to covering judging obligations.

Rules

1. Students may not use the same presentation or material in more than one event.
2. All speeches and interpretation selections/programs must be made available to the tournament director upon request.

3. Students may not use material they have entered in competition prior to September 1, 2017.
4. Except where noted, AFA-NIET rules will be enforced for each event.
5. Internet access *is* allowed during extemp prep, where available. ***There will be no AC access for anyone using electronic file management or the Internet during extemp draw.***

Matching

1. Three rounds will be held in each event.
2. A student must compete in all rounds of an event to receive a final rating in that event.
3. Events are organized into the following conflict patterns:
 - A: impromptu speaking, informative speaking, interviewing, prose interpretation
 - B: extemporaneous speaking, duo interpretation, persuasive speaking, program oral interpretation
 - C: after-dinner speaking, communication analysis, dramatic interpretation, editorial impromptu speaking, poetry interpretation
 On-Line: Spanish Speaking Interp
 Supplemental: Slam Poetry, Public Narrative and Extemp Commentary
4. Students will be randomly assigned in each panel of each event.
5. All judges will be randomly assigned.
6. Judges are asked to not reveal ranks or ratings to students.

ONLINE EVENT: Spanish Speaking Interp.

The changing demographic of students enrolling in college, and the increase of diversity in America has placed us in a unique advantage to celebrate the history and the beauty of the Spanish language. Thus, the Pi Kappa Delta National Council is proud to announce its new ONLINE event: Spanish Speaking Interp. A student will perform ANY selection of interpretation in Spanish. The length of this event is a MAXIMUM of 10 minutes with introduction. Contestants will be judged on their performance of literature in Spanish. The aim of this event is to be able to allow competitors to compete in the language that they prefer, and to celebrate the student's ability to speak in Spanish. As such, translated literature is ACCEPTABLE. Use of a manuscript is required. All Submissions of video should be received by March 1 2018 (see information on TabRoom.com). Judging shall be compromised of qualified judges assigned by the tournament director. Videos should include the competitors name and event they are performing.