**James ‘Al’ Johnson Memorial Speech and Debate Tournament**

**October 19th-21st 2018**

Dear Colleague:

The Colorado College cordially invites you to attend the James ‘Al’ Johnson Forensic Invitational to take place at the CC campus on October 19-21st. A five prelim round tournament with Open and Novice divisions of NPDA debate, and two IE swing tournaments with open and divisions of eleven AFA individual events will be offered this year.

The attached invitation contains complete information about the tournament. If there is a question you don't find answered, please do not hesitate to contact me. I expect this year's tournament to draw outstanding competition that will be complemented by an excellent tab room staff. I hope that you will join us in the shadow of beautiful Pike's Peak for a superb fall tournament.

Warm personal regards,

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**James "Al" Johnson Memorial Speech and Debate Tournament**

**Thursday, Oct. 18th Registration on CC Campus**

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| Time | Location |
| 7:00-8:30 PM | Worner Campus Center |

**Friday, Oct. 19th NPDA**

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| Time | Location |
| 8:00 AM | Topic Announce: Round One |
| 8:20-9:30 AM | Round One: NPDA Debate |
| 9:30 AM | Topic Announce: Round Two |
| 9:50-11:00 AM | Round Two: NPDA Debate |
| 11:00 AM | Topic Announce: Round Three |
| 11:20AM-12:15 PM | Round Three: NPDA Debate |
| **12:15-1:00 PM** | **LUNCH BREAK –provided** |
| 1:00 PM | Topic Announce: Round Four |
| 1:20-2:30 PM | Round Four: NPDA Debate |
| 2:30 PM | Topic Announce: Round Five |
| 2:50-4:00 PM | Round Five: NPDA Debate |
| 4:00 PM | Elim 1 Topic Announce |
| 4:20-5:30 PM | Elim 1: NPDA Debate |
| 5:30 PM | Elim 2 Topic Announce |
| 5:50-7:00 PM | Elim 2: NPDA Debate |
| 7:00 PM | Elim 3 Topic Announce |
| 7:20-8:30 PM | Elim 3: NPDA Debate |

**Saturday, Oct. 20th NPDA/IE/IPDA**

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| Time | Location |
| 8:00 AM | Elim 4 Topic Announce |
| 8:20-9:30 AM | Elim 4: NPDA Debate |
| 8:30-9:30 AM | IE and IPDA Registration |
| 9:30 AM | Extemp Draw |
| 9:45-11:00 AM | Pattern A, Round 1 (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)  &  IPDA Round 1 |
| 11:00AM-12:15 PM | Pattern B, Round 1 (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)  &  IPDA Round 2 |
| **12:15-1:15 PM** | **LUNCH BREAK –provided** |
| 1:15-2:30 PM | Pattern B, Round 2  &  IPDA Round 3 |
| 2:30 PM | Extemp Draw |
| 2:45-4:00 PM | Pattern A, Round 2  &  IPDA Round 4 |
| 4:00-5:15 PM | Pattern B Finals  &  Debate Elim 1 |
| 5:15 PM | Extemp Draw |
| 5:30-6:45 PM | Pattern A Finals  &  Debate Elim 2 |
| 8:15 PM | **Awards**  &  Debate Elims (as needed) |

**Sunday, Oct. 21st IE ONLY**

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| Time | Location |
| 8:00 AM | Extemp Draw |
| 8:30-9:45 AM | Pattern A, Round 1 |
| 9:45-11:15 AM | Pattern B, Round 1 |
| 11:15 AM-12:30 PM | Pattern B, Round 2 |
| 12:30-1:45 PM | Lunch |
| 1:30 PM | Extemp Draw |
| 1:45-3:15 PM | Pattern A, Round 2 |
| 3:15-4:45 PM | Pattern B Finals |
| 4:45 PM | Extemp Draw |
| 5:15-6:30 PM | Pattern A Finals |
| 7:30 or ASAP | Awards |

**Eligibility & Entries:**

Any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two year or four year college is eligible to participate. Eligibility standards for AFA and NPDA nationals will be enforced, and the tournament director reserves the right to ask a coach to prove that a student is eligible. A contestant may enter up to three individual events per conflict pattern.

FORENSICSTOURNAMENT.NET IS THE PREFERRED METHOD OF REGISTRATION. Please email your entries so that it arrives no later than TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH by 5:00 p.m. MDT. If you need to fax or phone in your entry, please contact us beforehand and verify that your entry will be received.

**Double Entry:**

IE/IPDA – Saturday, October 20th: Students may choose between: AFA Individual Events or IPDA debate. IE students may enter up to three events per pattern. No cross-entry between competitive disciplines will be permitted.

**Parliamentary Debate (NPDA):**

An Open and Inexperienced division of Parliamentary Debate will be offered. Any eligible student may enter Open division. The Novice division is reserved only for those who meet NPDA By-Law VI D 1 a-c. NPDA sweepstakes points will be given to the top three teams from a school regardless of division. Eight preliminary rounds of NPDA will be followed by an appropriate number of elimination rounds as indicated by the NPDA by-laws. Students may conditionally enter the second half of the IE swing and participate if eliminated from the parli tournament before the 2nd break round.

We will administer the NPDA debate competition in accordance with procedures at the NPDA national tournament, with exception of breaking brackets in the event that it is necessary for tournament function. The topic for each NPDA round will be announced at the time of the scheduled start for each NPDA round. Teams should be in their scheduled room and ready to compete exactly fifteen minutes after the topic has been announced. We will determine the appropriate amount of "walking time" to add onto the preparation time before round one so we can adjust it for weather conditions and tournament size. Teams who are not ready to debate at the end of the allotted prep time will be subject to forfeiture. TIME LIMITS ARE: PM - 7 min, all other constructive speeches - 8 min, Opposition Rebuttal - 4 min, and Government rebuttal - 5 min.

Decision disclosure at the end of the round is at the discretion of the judge, but we request oral critiques are abbreviated until such time as the ballot is returned to the judge's table. We will post results of each debate round as they become available from the tab room. We typically offer judge strikes, and will adjust the number of strikes to be appropriate for the judging pool and entry size. If you require more information about strikes, please contact Jeannie Hunt.

**IPDA Debate:**

Divisions: We plan to offer a single, open division.

This “real world: form of debate emphasizes short speaking times, no plan text required, and includes the use of randomly assigned “lay judges”. We ask that competitors and critics defer to this link for additional rules and regulations: http://www.ipdadebate.info.

Following the return of the ballot, critics may disclose as much or as little information as they see fit so long as it does not interfere with the tournament schedule. Delays caused by coaches/judges may, at the tournament director’s discretion, result in penalties to that school’s teams including removal from the tournament.

NOTE TO JUDGES: All rounds must have one winner and one loser. Topic Draw and Prep Topic draw will be conducted at a central location and will begin once all debaters are present. Debaters who are not present at the scheduled draw time may forfeit their ability to participate in topic strikes. Debaters assigned to the negative will be given first strike. Each debater will have 30 minutes of prep time. There will not be pre-assigned prep rooms; debaters and coaches are asked to respect other tournament events that may be running concurrently with IPDA.

**Elimination Rounds:**

NPDA-

At the end of the eight preliminary rounds, the top teams in each division of NPDA debate will proceed to elimination rounds. Teams advance first on their win loss record, next on adjusted speaker points, and finally on judge variance. Pairings in the elimination rounds will be on the basis of strength versus weakness. BRACKETS WILL BE BROKEN in elimination rounds, and two teams from the same school will not be scheduled to meet if the bracket dictates.

IPDA-

The number of elimination rounds will be determined by the size of the field. Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by total speaker points, followed by opposition record, then adjusted speaker points, and finally by ZScore. In elimination rounds, brackets will NOT be broken.

**Individual Events - General:**

The individual events offered are subject to the rules of the AFA National Individual Events Tournament.

Complete event descriptions are available on request. Two conflict patterns A & B will be offered in open division. Semi-finals where entries warrant, and finals will follow two preliminary rounds with the top twelve being advanced semifinals and the top six to finals. If fewer than 42 students enter a division of an event, that event will go directly to finals. In the occurrence of a very small number of participants in an event, that event may go to three rounds and no finals.

Please watch for announcements concerning when finals for various events will take place as these will be adapted by the IE tab room for judge and room availability during the time allotted in the schedule for semifinals and finals. No speaker will be ranked lower than 4th in the preliminary rounds, but speakers will be ranked 1st through last in elimination rounds.

**Awards:**

Awards will be given for finalists and higher in individual events, Octofinalists and higher in NPDA debate and all competitors who advance to elimination rounds in IPDA debate. The top three speakers will be awarded in each division of NPDA and IPDA debate.

Overall sweepstakes awards will be offered to the top two schools at each tournament. The top three schools competing in the IE/NPDA/IPDA will receive sweepstakes trophies.

Points are determined in individual events by 1st Place - 20 points, 2nd Place - 10 points, 3rd Place - 5 points, all other finalists - 2 points, and semifinalists failing to advance - 1 point. Five points for each preliminary round won in NPDA.

Ties will be broken by the most number of first places in individual events, secondly by the school qualifying the most number of persons to elimination rounds of IEs or Debate, and finally by the flip of the coin. The top three teams in each division of debate per school or the top three persons in each individual event per school will count toward team sweepstakes.

**Fees:**

Individual Events: $10 (one judge covers 6 slots)

Judging Fee Per Uncovered Individual Events: $25

NPDA: $75 (one judge covers 2 teams)

Judging Fee Per Uncovered NPDA Team: $75

IPDA: $20 (one judge covers four debaters)

Judging Fee Per Uncovered IPDA: $25

Drops at Registration: $25

Dropped judges: $100 each.

Fees are: $75 for each NPDA debate team, $10 for each individual event ($20 for Duo). Schools cannot be guaranteed that they will be able to enter students in excess of the judges they provide, but to the extent that judges can be hired, a fee of $75 will be charged for each uncovered NPDA debate team, $25 for uncovered IPDA Teams, and $25 will be charged for each uncovered event in individual events per tournament. One judge covers 2 NPDA Debate Teams and 6 IE Entries. Please note that IE judging commitments are determined as a whole and not per conflict pattern.

**Meals:**

Lunch will be provided every day by Rastall Dining Hall and local vendors with the cost of $10 per student/judge/coach, which will be added to the total cost of each school’s attendance. Coffee and lite breakfast fare will be available each morning along with snacks and refreshments during the day for all participants at no cost.

Fees will be assessed as of 5 pm, Wednesday, October 17th, and schools will be expected to pay fees as indicated by their entry at that time regardless of subsequent deletions.

Drops after Wednesday will result in a $20 fee.

**Judging Obligations:**

Judges should expect to judge at least up to their commitment and may be asked to judge one round beyond their commitment in order to ensure the best possible critics. All judges are expected to be available for the first elimination round of debate and one round beyond that in which their team is eliminated. Judges in individual events should expect to judge in both conflict patterns even if they have students entered in only one conflict pattern.

If your team can provide judges in excess of your commitment, we WOULD REALLY LIKE to either hire them for additional rounds or give a discount to the registration fees of the team. Consult Sarah if you are interested in this option.

**Tournament Facilitation:**

The tournament director reserves the right to make any decisions necessary to facilitate the timely and accurate completion of the tournament.

**Lodging:**

Tournament Hotel: There is not a designated tournament hotel. The following are options that you might want to consider for your team.

**Holiday Inn Express Central** **Clarion Hotel & Conference Center**

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