

**51<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Trapper Rendezvous  
Forensics Tournament**



Dear Colleague:

The Northwest College Forensics Program and the Charlotte Patrick Speech and Debate Society extends to you a cordial invitation to attend the 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL TRAPPER RENDEZVOUS FORENSICS TOURNAMENT to be held virtually February 19-20, 2021. This is a different date than in the past, and we hope that this new date will allow more of you to attend.

This year the Trapper Rendezvous will be a virtual tournament. The tournament will be administered using [forensicstournament.net](https://forensicstournament.net), which is integrated with “8x8” video competition software. Coaches will need to include an email and phone number for each coach, student, and accompanying judge when they register so that students and judges can receive links to their rounds. Please bring your judges, we would rather have them than your money. Also, note that you must cover your entry for the entire tournament. Please examine information available at <https://forensicstournament.net/online> in order to familiarize yourself with the special requirements of virtual tournaments.

The 2020 Rendezvous will feature: 6 preliminary and 2-4 elimination rounds (depending on entries) in three divisions of parliamentary debate and one division of IPDA. PLEASE NOTE: *Students will not be able to enter both IPDA and Parliamentary Debate.* Should the need arise we reserve the right to collapse divisions in parliamentary debate. In addition, the Rendezvous will feature two preliminary rounds and two elimination rounds in one open division for all eleven individual events. Please note that all individual events will follow NST rules and format.

This year we also offer an open division of British Parliamentary Debate, with five preliminary rounds and an appropriate number of elimination rounds.

This invitation includes a copy of the regulations, a schedule of events, and contact information. The tournament entry should be received no later than 6:00pm **Tuesday, February 16, 2021.** Entries will be facilitated by the [Forensicstournament.net](https://forensicstournament.net) website.

We look forward to hosting you and your squad.

Cordially,

Jeannie Hunt and Robert Becker  
Forensics Coaches  
Department of Communication  
Charlotte Patrick Speech and Debate Society  
Northwest College

## **Tournament Regulations: General**

ELIGIBILITY: Any regularly enrolled full-time college student in good academic standing is eligible to attend this tournament. NWC students are eligible to participate and advance in all events. NWC is ineligible for sweepstakes.

AWARDS: Awards will be given for all finalists in all categories of competition. Two third place awards will be presented in all divisions of debate. Top speakers in Parliamentary and Worlds debate will be recognized and receive an award. Awards will also be given for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Overall Sweepstakes.

JUDGES: In order to cover the expense of hired judges, we will charge a \$40.00 judging fee for each debate team not covered by a judge or for every ten individual events slots not covered. One judge covers ten total i.e. slots, two NPDA teams, 2 IPDA teams, or 4 Worlds teams. All judges are expected to remain available for judging through the individual events finals.

We would rather have your judges than your money, so please cover your entry. Also, your entries need to be covered for the entire tournament. If you have judges who will be joining and leaving the tournament, that is fine as long as your commitment is covered for the entire tournament.

Practices and Standards: NWC subscribes to and will abide by the NPDA rules and bylaws, the IPDA Constitution and bylaws, and the AFA Code of Standards.

## **Tournament Regulations: Individual Events**

CONFLICT POLICY: Students may enter up to three (3) individual events in conflict patterns A and B, but must accept any hardships created by multiple entries. **EXTEMPERS CHOOSING DOUBLE ENTRY WILL BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PERFORMING WITHIN THE ALLOTTED SCHEDULED ROUND TIME WHETHER THEIR OTHER ENTRY ALLOWS THEM THEIR 30 MINUTES OF PREP TIME OR NOT.**

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS: All individual events programs, speeches, and materials used by participants should be composed of materials not used in competition prior to September 1, 2020. Specific events will follow general AFA-NST guidelines and will be available at the tournament.

## **Tournament Regulations: Debate**

Open Parliamentary Debate: Open to anyone eligible to attend the meet

Junior Parliamentary Debate: Open to students in their first or second year of college debate.

Novice Parliamentary Debate: In accordance with the NPDA bylaws, a novice team must consist of two debaters with fewer than two semesters of high school or college experience. Neither student should have advanced to elimination rounds more than three times.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE: There will be six preliminary rounds and appropriate elimination rounds in debate divisions. The format will include flex time 7(2)-8(2)-8(1)-8-4(1)-5. Prep time will be 20 minutes. Topics will be taken from the current political and social issues of the day. Topics may be policy, value or metaphor. If a topic is a metaphor, it will occur in an odd-numbered round, and the following round also will contain a metaphor. Topic announcements will be in the "Topic Announcement Room" in 8x8.

Worlds Style Debate: Open to anyone eligible to attend the meet. The division will follow the WUDC format, with 15 minutes of preparation time and 7-minute speeches. Topics will be derived from the current political and social issues of the day. Topic announcement will be in the “Topic Announcement Room” in 8x8.

IPDA: Open to anyone eligible to attend the meet. Topics will be derived from the current political and social issues of the day. We will use the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with 30 minutes of preparation time. Debaters will be presented with five resolutions; each debater will be allowed to strike two resolutions, thus leaving one resolution to be debate. Topic Strikes will be done in the virtual competition room.

Fees:

Fees will be limited to \$10.00 per student.

Hired Judges..... \$40.00 per NPDA/Worlds team, 10 IE slots, or IPDAers

\*Fees will be assessed as of 12:00 noon Thursday, February 18, 2021.

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**TRAPPER RENDEZVOUS**  
**OFFICIAL SCHEDULE**

Friday, February 19

7:30-7:45	Team Check-in; use the “Topic Announcement” virtual room
8:00-9:30	Round 1 Parliamentary Debate, IPDA
8:00-10:00	Round 1 Worlds
9:30-11:00	Rounds 2 Parliamentary Debate, IPDA
10:00-12:00	Round 2 Worlds
11:00-12:30	Round 3 Parliamentary Debate, IPDA
12:30-12:45	IE-only team check-in; use the “Topic Announcement” virtual room
1:00	Extemporaneous Speaking Draw—RD 1
1:00-2:15	Round 1A Duet, Persuasive, Poetry, ADS, Program Oral
1:30	Round 1 Exemp
2:15-4:00	Round 3 Worlds
	Round 4 Parliamentary Debate, IPDA
4:00-5:15	Round 1B Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Drama, CA
5:15	Extemp Speaking Draw—RD 2
5:15-6:15	Round 2A Duet, Persuasive, Poetry, ADS Program Oral
5:45	Round 2 Extemp
7:00-8:30	Round 5 Parliamentary Debate, IPDA
7:00-8:30	Round 4 Worlds

Saturday, February 20, 2021

7:30-7:45	Team Check-in; use the “Topic Announcement” virtual room
8:00-9:30	Round 2B Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Drama, CA
9:30-11:00	Round 6 Parliamentary Debate, IPDA
	Round 5 Worlds
11:00	Extemporaneous Speaking Draw—Semi-Finals or Finals
11:00-12:15	Semi-Finals All IEs (with sufficient entries) Some finals may run at this time as well.
11:30	Semi-Finals Extemp Speaking
1:00-2:30	Elim 1 1 <sup>st</sup> Elim Parliamentary Debate, IPDA, and Worlds
2:30-4:00	Finals All IEs (Extemp Draw)
3:00	Finals Extemp
4:00-5:30	Elim 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Elim NPDA, IPDA, & Worlds
5:30-7:00	Elim 3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Elim Parliamentary Debate
7:00	Awards