



THUNDERING WORD

THE 7TH ANNUAL CHIEF JUSTICE
AND PI KAPPA DELTA
SOUTHEAST PROVINCE
COMPREHENSIVE SPEECH AND
DEBATE TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 1,
2015

Dear Colleagues:

June 8, 2015

The Department of Communication Studies of Marshall University and the WV Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta are pleased to invite you to attend the 7th Annual Chief Justice Invitational & Pi Kappa Delta Southeast Province Comprehensive Tournament to be held on Saturday, October 31 – Sunday, November 1, 2015. The tournament will be held on the beautiful campus of Marshall University in Huntington, WV. We will offer three rounds plus finals in all NFA Individual Events, AFA POI, and two experimental events: Broadcasting and Improv Duo, six rounds in Lincoln – Douglas Debate, four rounds in IPDA, Parliamentary Debate and Public Forum Debate with the appropriate number of elimination rounds. Students may cross enter IE and Debate with some minor limitations. Students in debate may enter only one debate and IE in pattern A, LDers may also only enter one IE in Pattern C, otherwise students may enter up to 3 events per pattern. Contestants may not enter both Extemp and Broadcasting. **DEBATERS MUST GO TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS FIRST.** We will offer varsity and novice competition in all IE and Debate events if the number of entries permit, if not we will recognize the top non-advancing novice in each event.

Last year's tournament was the largest edition of the Chief Justice. Western Kentucky, Simpson College and George Mason University finished as the top three places in Combined Sweepstakes, with Simpson College winning Debate Sweepstakes and Wayne State University winning the Limited Entry Sweepstakes. We have a rich history in forensic competition at Marshall and we sincerely hope that you will add our tournament to your forensics calendar.

For the third consecutive year we are pleased to host the Pi Kappa Delta Southeast Province Tournament and we will recognize the top contestants who are members of Pi Kappa Delta in each event with awards of excellence.

This year we are being sponsored by The Holiday Inn & Suites – Civic Arena. This premium hotel is located in downtown Huntington adjacent to Pullman Plaza which has several restaurants and shops. The hotel is located just eight blocks from campus, 800 Third Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701 - (304) 523-8880. They are holding a block of thirty rooms for \$80.00 per night plus tax. They offer high speed internet, an indoor pool, and a health and fitness center. Reservations must be

made at least two weeks prior to the tournament and you must mention Marshall Speech and Debate in order to receive the discount. The rooms will be released on October 16, 2015.

This invitation should provide all the information you will need to attend our tournament. However, if you have any questions, please contact Tournament Director, Danny Ray at 304-654-0587 or ray102@marshall.edu. Registration is at: <http://www.forensicstournament.net/ChiefJustice/15/home/> Registration will close by 5:00 PM, Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

A copy of this invitation can also be found on <http://www.marshall.edu/commstu/>
Sincerely,

Danny Ray
Director of Forensics

SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 31

7:30 – 8:00 am	Breakfast & Registration, Smith Hall Atrium
8:00 am	IPDA Topic Draw
8:10 am	Parliamentary Debate Topic Announce
8:30 -9:30 am	Debate Round 1
9:30 am	IPDA Topic Draw
9:40 am	Parliamentary Debate Topic Announce
10:00 – 11:15 am	IE Round 1A (ADS, DI, ID, & PRO), Debate Round 2
11:15 – 11:45 am	Extemp Draw & Broadcasting Prep
11:45 – 1:00 pm	IE Round 1B (BRD, EXT, INF, POI, & RC)
12:45 – 1:45 pm	Lunch – Smith Hall Atrium
1:30 – 2:45 pm	IE Round 1C (DUO, IMP, PER & POE) LD Round 3
2:45 pm	IPDA Topic Draw
2:55 pm	Parliamentary Debate Topic Announce
3:15 – 4:30 pm	IE Round 2A (ADS, DI, ID, & PRO), Debate Round 3, LD Round 4
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Extemp Draw & Broadcasting Prep
5:00 – 6:15 pm	IE Round 2B (BRD, EXT, INF, POI, & RC)
6:15– 7:30 pm	IE Round 2C (DUO, IMP, PER & POE), LD Round 5
7:30 pm	IPDA Topic Draw
7:40 pm	Parliamentary Debate Topic Announce
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Debate Round 4, LD Round 6

Sunday, November 1

7:30 – 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	IPDA Topic Draw
8:10 am	Parliamentary Debate Topic Announce
8:30 – 9:45 am	IE Round 3A, (ADS, DI, ID, & PRO), Debate QF Round
9:45 am	Extemp Draw & Broadcasting Prep
10:15 – 11:30	IE Round 3B (BRD, EXT, INF, POI, & RC)
11:30 – 12:45 pm	IE Round 3C (DUO, IMP, PER & POE)
12:15 – 1:15 pm	Lunch – Smith Hall Atrium
1:00 pm	IPDA Topic Draw
1:10 pm	Parliamentary Debate Topic Announce
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Debate SF Round
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Extemp Draw & Broadcasting Prep
3:00 – 4:30 pm	IE Finals
4:30 pm	IPDA Topic Draw
4:40 pm	Parliamentary Debate Topic Announce
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Debate Finals
6:15 pm	Awards (ASAP) Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center

The elimination rounds in all events will be consolidated as much as possible.

<i>FLIGHT A</i>	<i>FLIGHT B</i>	<i>FLIGHT C</i>
After Dinner Speaking Dramatic Interpretation Improvisational Duo Prose Interpretation Lincoln Douglas Debate IPDA Public Forum Debate Parliamentary Debate	Broadcasting, Extemporaneous Speaking Informative Speaking Poetry Interpretation Rhetorical Criticism	Duo Interpretation Impromptu Speaking Persuasive Speaking Programmed Oral Interpretation Lincoln Douglas Debate

NOVICE

A novice is defined as anyone who is in their first year of intercollegiate competition. We will offer Varsity and Novice divisions in all events if the number of entries dictates. Actual divisions will be based on the number of entries. If there is no division, the top novices will be recognized.

ENTRIES

Competitors may enter up to three individual events per Group, but are personally responsible for making it to all rounds in a timely manner. There is no limit to the number of entries per school. Students who are entered in multiple events should always sign in to all rooms before the round begins. Additionally, students competing in debate may only enter one debate and individual event in pattern A. Students in LD may only enter one event in Patterns A & C. Students may **NOT** enter both Broadcasting and Extemp.

REGISTRATION & DEADLINE

Entries for the Chief Justice are due by 5:00 pm, Tuesday, October 27, 2015. You may manage your entry at Forensics Tournament. Net located [here](#).

DEBATE

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – will follow the NFA-LD Debate rules located [here](#):
<https://sites.google.com/site/nationalforensicsassociation/competition/lincoln-douglas-debate> and

utilize the 2015 - 2016 NFA-LD debate topic. Speech times for LD will be the standard 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with four minutes of prep time. A ten minute forfeiture rule will be in place for LD. If a debater is not present and prepared to begin the debate twenty minutes after the scheduled start time for the round, judges will be instructed to forfeit the absent debater. A forfeit will result in a loss and zero speaker points for the round. Any debater scheduled to debate an individual that forfeits will receive a win and averaged speaker points for the round. **Disclosure of decisions is not allowed in the round.** Please allow contestants to continue competing in other events.

Parliamentary Debate – will follow the NPDA rules located [here](http://www.parlidebate.org/pdf/npdarules-0608.pdf):
<http://www.parlidebate.org/pdf/npdarules-0608.pdf>

Public Forum Debate – will follow the rules located [here](#):

IPDA – will follow the IPDA rules located [here](#):

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Rules and Descriptions:

Competition will be offered in all 10 NFA events, and will follow the guidelines set forth by the NFA, located [here](#); and POI will follow the rules set forth by the AFA NIET, located [here](#):

Extemporaneous Speaking:

Competitors in extemporaneous speaking will be allowed to use the Internet during their preparation time. Marshall University will provide a guest account for internet access. However, a perfect Wi-Fi connection is not guaranteed. Access to electrical outlets will likely be limited in the preparation room. Also, students should not leave valuables unattended in the preparation room.

Impromptu Speaking:

Prompts for impromptu speaking will follow the guidelines as outlined by the National Forensics Association and may include any of the following: quotations, quotations with context, proverbs, single words, ethical dilemmas, and objects. Examples for all of these prompts can be found [here](#)

Broadcasting – Contestants will be given a packet of source materials and will have 30 minutes to select, organize, and present a simulated radio broadcast. The source materials packet will include international, national, state, and local news. All material used in the broadcast must be provided by the tournament with the exception of any hypothetical station call letters, time, and current weather conditions or forecast and any commercials. Maximum time limit for the speech is 5 minutes. Judges will not face the contestants during the speech. Students will speak in listed order. Postings of source materials will be staggered.

Improvisational Duo – Preparation time for Improvisational Duo is three minutes. Preparation time is separate from performance time. Performance time must be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of six with a 30-second grace period. Contestants going over or under the allotted time and grace period may not be ranked first in that round. The judge should clarify with the students before they begin how time signals will be communicated and must then give hand signals as the contestants are performing to help them stay within the time limit. No make-up, costumes, props, or lighting are permitted, but a table and/or two chairs may be used. Doors and walls are considered props and must not be used. The scene must contain only two characters with equal sharing of dialogue. An introduction by one or both students is **REQUIRED** to set the scene, and a resolution of the conflict must be evident at the end of the scene. Excessive profanity, sexual innuendo, or excessive physicality (i.e. pushing, shoving, and striking) will **NOT** be tolerated. Contestants are to remain outside of the room until it is their time to perform. Once they have finished with their performance they must remain in the room until the round is complete.

HINTS FOR JUDGES

The scene must be a self-contained unit holding together a story itself. Students must resolve the conflict presented in the topic. Criteria for judging include teamwork of the actors, timing, movement, consistent characterization, good speaking skills, pantomime of props, and the comedic or dramatic effect of the scene on the audience.

Extemp & Broadcasting Prep – The Extemp Prep room will be in Smith Hall. Marshall University is not responsible for any items lost or stolen from the prep areas.

Individual Sweepstakes – any contestant entered in at least four Individual Events is eligible for Individual Sweepstakes.

JUDGES

Each school is required to provide one judge for every six IE slots entered. They are required to provide 1 judge for every two debate entries per debate type. These individuals must be made available for all rounds including elimination rounds.

DROPS

If you must drop an entry after the deadline, **PLEASE** e-mail or phone the drop in early so that we may make appropriate changes. The drop fee becomes more unpleasant with each passing day. Finally, there is no excuse for a student not showing up to a round or being an unreported drop; consequently a stiff nuisance fee is included.

Awards will be presented to the top six finalists in each event. If no novice division is warranted then the top novice in each event will be recognized. All elimination round participants will be awarded in all debating events. Additionally, the top six contestants in Individual Sweepstakes will be rewarded as well as the top novice contestant. The top six speakers in each debate event will be recognized. Combined Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top six schools; top three Individual Events schools, top three debate schools, top three limited entry schools, top three Pi Kappa Delta schools, a quality award will be presented to the coach of the team with the highest average per slot. The top entries from a Pi Kappa Delta member school will receive awards of excellence in each event.

FEES

Entry Fees:

Hospitality fee per person	\$7.00
LD & IPDA Entry	\$30.00
Parliamentary & Public Forum Debate Entry	\$60.00
Individual Event entries	\$8.00
Duo & Improv Duo entries	\$16.00
Individual Sweepstakes	\$8.00

Uncovered Entry Fees:

Uncovered Debate slots	\$50.00
Uncovered Individual Event entries	\$12.00

Drop Fees:

Drops after 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 27	\$5.00
Drops on Wednesday, October 28	\$10.00
Drops on Thursday, October 29	\$15.00
Drops after 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 29	\$25.00
Drops on Friday, October 30	\$30.00
Drops on Saturday, October 26	\$50.00
Drops at Registration	\$100.00
Dropped Judges on Thursday, October 29 or later	\$50.00 plus \$10.00 per round scheduled
No-Show/Unreported Drop	\$50.00

All fees (entries, judges, drops, and no-shows/unreported drops) must be paid before elimination rounds are posted. Failure to do so will result in all entries from that school being declared ineligible to advance to any elimination round or to be eligible to win any sweepstakes award.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

If you are paying by check, please make them out to: MUFC Debate Fund #207935. Of course, cash is always accepted.

AWARDS

Individual Awards:

Awards will be presented to all elimination round participants in individual events and debate. Additionally, we will recognize the top six debate speakers in each division and format. We will also recognize the top novice in each event that does not have its own novice division. Additionally we will award the top six speakers in individual sweepstakes. To be eligible for individual sweepstakes awards competitors must be entered in at least four individual events regardless of genre. Excellent awards will be given to the top individuals who are members of Pi Kappa Delta.

Sweepstakes:

Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three schools in individual events, debate, limited entry, and chapters of Pi Kappa Delta. Additionally, the top six schools in combined sweepstakes will be awarded.

TABULATION

Sweepstakes awards will be determined using the following point system:

Individual Events:

Prelims: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point.

Finals: 1st = 12 points, 2nd = 10 points, 3rd = 8 points, 4th = 7 points, 5th = 5 points,
6th = 3 points, 7th or SF = 2 points.

Debate Events:

Prelims: Win = 3 points

Elims: 1st = 12 points, 2nd = 9 points, Semifinalist = 6 points, Quarterfinalist = 3 points.

HOSPITALITY

To improve your tournament experience, we will be offering breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday for a nominal fee of \$7.00 per person.

HOST PRACTICES

Hired Judges:

All judges provided by the tournament will have prior judging experience and will have attended training sessions prior to the tournament. All ballots will be required to have remarks indicating reasons for a decision. Blank ballots will be returned to the judge for written comments.

Marshall Competitors:

Competitors from the host school will compete on a limited basis.

TOBACCO POLICY

Marshall University is a smoke-free campus. This includes all campus grounds and parking areas. Please refrain from smoking or using other tobacco products while on campus.

PARKING

Registration for both halves of the swing will be in the Atrium of Smith Hall which is located on 3rd avenue, near the corner of Hal Greer Blvd. It is recommended that you park in the lot across 3rd avenue from Smith Hall, however, parking is available on any University lot and at the meters along 3rd avenue.

LODGING

The tournament hotel is: Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Huntington-Civic Arena – 800 Third Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701 - (304) 523-8880.

CONCLUSION

If you have any questions regarding the inaugural Hatfields' and McCoys' Swing tournament please feel free to contact the tournament director, Danny Ray (ray102@marshall.edu) or 304-696-5293. Thank you for your interest in the tournament and we look forward to hosting you in October.