



***The Hatfields and McCoys  
Invitational Swing Tournament  
January 23 – 24, 2016***

Dear Colleagues:

June 9, 2015

The forensics teams of the University of Kentucky and Marshall University, the Kentucky Nu Chapter and the West Virginia Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta cordially invite you to attend the inaugural Hatfields and McCoys Comprehensive Invitational Swing Tournament to be held on the campus of Marshall University in Huntington, WV, on January 23 – 24, 2016.

The tournament will feature all ten NFA individual events, AFA program oral interpretation, broadcasting, improv duo, NFA Lincoln Douglas debate, and IPDA public debate. We will offer 2 preliminary rounds of competition in all individual events. All debate events will offer four rounds of competition with the appropriate number of elimination rounds. Novice divisions and semifinal rounds will be offered if warranted by the number of entries in each event. In events where no novice round is warranted the top novice will be recognized.

Students will be allowed to cross enter between debate and IE with some limitations.

Awards will be presented to all elimination round participants as well as the top speakers in debate and the top competitors entered in quadrathon. Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top five teams in individual events, debate, and combined. The top Pi Kappa Delta Chapter and top Sweepstakes will be recognized for the top teams at both halves of the Swing. We will also offer the same hospitality you've come to expect at a tournament hosted by both schools at a nominal fee.

The deadline will be 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 19. You may enter at Forensics Tournament.net located here: <http://www.forensicstournament.net/Hatfields&McCoys/16>

You will discover the rest of the details about the Hatfields and McCoys Swing included in the following pages. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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## ***Tentative Schedule***

### **Saturday, January 23**

7:30 Registration, Breakfast  
 8:00 Extemp, Broadcasting Prep, IPDA Draw  
 8:15 IE Round 1A, LD Round 1  
 8:30 IPDA Round 1  
 9:30 IPDA Draw, IE Round 1B, LD Round 2  
 10:00 IPDA Round 2  
 10:45 Extemp, Broadcasting Prep, IPDA Draw  
 11:00 IE Round 2A, LD Round 3  
 11:15 IPDA Round 3  
 12:15 Lunch  
 12:45 IPDA Draw, IE Round 2B, LD Round 4  
 1:15 IPDA Round 4  
 2:00 Extemp, Broadcasting Prep, IPDA Draw  
 2:15 IE Final A, LD QF  
 2:30 IPDA QF  
 3:30 IPDA Draw, IE Final B, LD SF  
 4:00 IPDA SF  
 5:00 IPDA Draw, LD Final  
 6:30 Awards

### **Sunday, January 24**

7:30 Registration, Breakfast  
 8:00 Extemp, Broadcasting Prep, IPDA Draw  
 8:15 IE Round 1A, LD Round 1  
 8:30 IPDA Round 1  
 9:30 IPDA Draw, IE Round 1B, LD Round 2  
 10:00 IPDA Round 2  
 10:45 Extemp, Broadcasting Prep, IPDA Draw  
 11:00 IE Round 2A, LD Round 3  
 11:15 IPDA Round 3  
 12:15 Lunch  
 12:45 IPDA Draw, IE Round 2B, LD Round 4  
 1:15 IPDA Round 4  
 2:00 Extemp, Broadcasting Prep, IPDA Draw  
 2:15 IE Final A, LD QF  
 2:30 IPDA QF  
 3:30 IPDA Draw, IE Final B, LD SF  
 4:00 IPDA SF  
 5:00 IPDA Draw, LD Final  
 6:30 Awards

<i><b>Flight A</b></i>	<i><b>Flight B</b></i>	<i><b>Debate</b></i>
<b>After Dinner</b> <b>Broadcasting</b> <b>Duo</b> <b>Extemp</b> <b>Persuasion</b> <b>POI</b> <b>Poetry</b>	<b>DI</b> <b>Impromptu</b> <b>Improv Duo</b> <b>Informative</b> <b>Prose</b> <b>Rhetorical Criticism</b>	<b>NFA LD</b> <b>IPDA</b>

## ***Entries***

### **Limits on Entries:**

Competitors will be allowed to enter three individual events in each flight. In addition, they may compete in NFA LD and one additional individual event per flight but must compete in their individual event first. Competitors entered in IPDA may enter one additional individual event per

flight but must debate first. Competitors may not enter Extemp and/or, Broadcasting and/or, IPDA as the prep times run concurrently.

Students who are entered in multiple events are responsible for making it to all of their events on time. They should also endeavor to sign in to all of their rounds before they begin. Students may enter two duos so long as they have different partners, but can only enter one improv duo. There are no limits on the number of entries from each school. However, sections may be balanced to accommodate judging obligations from large entry schools.

## *Registration and Deadline*

Entries for the Hatfields' and McCoys' Swing are due by 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 19. You may enter at Forensics Tournament.net located here:

<http://www.forensicstournament.net/Hatfields&McCoys/16>

You must enter both halves of the swing separately. There will be an option to repeat the entry for both halves as long as they are identical.

## *Individual Events*

### **Rules and Descriptions:**

NFA event rules will be used for all ten NFA individual events at this tournament. The current rules can be located [here](#). Additionally, Program Oral Interpretation will follow AFA guidelines which are located [here](#).

All materials used in competition shall not have been used by the student in intercollegiate forensic competition prior to September 1st, 2015. The same cutting or speech may not be used in two different events.

### **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. Students will present their broadcasts seated at a table with the judge facing away from the contestants during the speech. Students may time themselves as no time signals will be given by the judge. Maximum time limit for the speech is 5 minutes. Postings of source materials will be staggered.

**Improv 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.

***Debate*****Lincoln-Douglas Debate:**

NFA Lincoln-Douglas Debate rules will be used for this tournament. The current rules can be found [here](#). Speaking times will follow the standard 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 time format with 4 minutes of preparation time for each speaker. Due to the scheduling constraints of the tournament, a ten minute forfeiture rule will be strictly enforced. The tournament will utilize the 2015-2016 NFA Lincoln-Douglas debate resolution, which is traditionally announced around July 1st each year.

**IPDA:**

All divisions of public debate will follow IPDA rules and guidelines. Rules for IPDA public debate can be found [here](#). Speaking times will follow the standard 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format with 30 minutes of preparation time before each round. Due to the scheduling constraints of the tournament, a ten minute forfeiture rule will be strictly enforced for the beginning time of the round. If a competitor is more than ten minutes late for the draw time, their opponent will be allowed to choose the resolution for the debate without them and the preparation time will begin immediately. Resolutions will follow the traditional IPDA strike system and vary between value, policy, and fact.

## Judges

**Judges:**

Each judge will be allowed to cover six individual event entries or two debate entries. Judges may not cover both debate and individual events. All judges are required to be eligible for all preliminary and elimination rounds.

## Entry and Judging Fees

**Entry Fees:**

Hospitality	\$5.00	(per person, per tournament)
Individual Event Entries	\$8.00	(per entry, per tournament)
Quadrathon entries	\$8.00	(per entry, per tournament)
Debate Entries:	\$30.00	(per entry, per tournament)

**Uncovered Entry Fees:**

Uncovered Individual Event Entries	\$12.00	(per entry, per tournament)
Uncovered Debate Entries	\$50.00	(per entry, per tournament)

**Drop Fees:**

Drops on Wednesday, January 20	\$5.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops on Thursday, January 21	\$10.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops on Friday, January 22 (before noon)	\$15.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops on Friday, January 22 (after noon)	\$20.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops on Saturday, January 23	\$25.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops at registration	\$50.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Drops on Sunday, January 24	\$100.00	(per drop, per tournament)
Dropped Judges	\$50.00	(per judge, per tournament)

## *Payment Options*

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

## *Awards*

### **Individual Awards:**

Awards will be presented to all finalists in individual events and debate. Additionally, we will recognize the top five debate speakers in each division. We will also recognize the top novice in each event that does not have its own novice division. A novice is defined as any competitor in their first year of collegiate forensics competition.

### **Quadrathon:**

The top five competitors entered in quadrathon will also be recognized at the awards ceremony. In order to be eligible for quadrathon, competitors must be entered in at least four individual events regardless of genre. Two duos count as two events.

### **Sweepstakes:**

The top three teams in debate, individual events, and in combined sweepstakes will be recognized at each half of the swing. To be eligible for the combined sweepstakes awards, a team must be entered in both individual events and debate. We will also present an award to the top Pi Kappa Delta chapter and the top team entered in both halves of the swing.

## *Jabulation*

Sweepstakes awards will be determined using the following point system:

### Individual Events:

Prelims:	1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points, 2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points, 3 <sup>rd</sup> = 1 point.
Finals:	1 <sup>st</sup> = 12 points, 2 <sup>nd</sup> = 10 points, 3 <sup>rd</sup> = 8 points, 4 <sup>th</sup> = 7 points, 5 <sup>th</sup> = 5 points, 6 <sup>th</sup> = 3 points, 7 <sup>th</sup> or SF = 2 points.

### Debate Events:

Prelims:	Win = 3 points
Elims:	1 <sup>st</sup> = 12 points, 2 <sup>nd</sup> = 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 fee of \$5.00 per person per tournament.

## *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.

### **University of Kentucky and Marshall Competitors:**

Marshall University will serve as the tournament host on Saturday and the University of Kentucky will serve as the host on Sunday. Competitors from the host schools will only compete in a limited capacity in the tournaments they are hosting. They will be fully represented in the half that they are not hosting.

## *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 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue, near the corner of Hal Greer Blvd. It is recommended that you park in the lot across 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue from Smith Hall, however, parking is available on any University lot and at the meters along 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue.

## *Directions*

If arriving via I-64; take Hal Greer Blvd. turning right onto 5<sup>th</sup> avenue. Turn left onto 20<sup>th</sup> street. Turn left onto 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue and Smith Hall will be 3 ½ blocks on your left. The parking lot is on the right of the avenue. If arriving from the east, Rt. 60 becomes 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue.

### *Lodging*

The tournament hotel will be the Super 8 Huntington – 3090 16th Street Road, Huntington, WV 25701 – (304) 525-1410. It is 2.2 miles SE of campus and offers a complimentary continental breakfast, free high speed internet, indoor swimming pool & spa and a complimentary rate of \$72.00 + tax for a queen double. There are 43 rooms currently in the block and they will be released on January 8, 2016. You must mention Marshall Speech and Debate in order to receive the complimentary rate.

### *Conclusion*

If you have any questions regarding the inaugural Hatfields' and McCoys' Swing tournament please feel free to contact either of the tournament directors, Danny Ray or Timothy Bill; contact information located above. Thank you for your interest in the tournament and we look forward to hosting you in January.