**District III AFA-NST National Qualifying Tournament Saturday, March 02, 2024**

**Tyler Junior College, Canyon, TX**

Our D-3 Chair Macey Hammons has asked me (Craig Brown- K-State) to serve as the tournament director for the spring D-3 AFA-NST qualifying tournament. It will be held as a F2F tournament on Saturday, March 02, 2024 on the campus of Tyler Junior College, in Tyler, TX. Our host will be M’Liss Hindman. Thank you for having us back on campus.

My contact information is: craigb@ksu.edu and 785-313-2377.

This invite is focusing only on the D3 tournament. The other pieces of information you’ll want (like Title IX training, student verification, etc) will be addressed by Macey in another email.

**D3 Entry Deadlines**

Your initial D3 Tournament entry needs to be done using ***Speechwire.com***. The deadline is **Tuesday, 5:00 pm, February 27, 2024**. No additional entries can be accepted after this deadline.

You may drop or replace entries without penalty until **Wednesday, March 28, 5:00 pm**.

**Entry Fees:** $10.00 per slot.

**Judging Fees:** $10 per uncovered slot. Each judge covers five slots per pattern. If you are traveling additional people who can be hired to judge, please let me know in advance so arrangements can be made to hire them.

**AFA-NST Subscription Dues**

If you have not paid your dues yet, they are $50. Please notify our treasurer Randy Cox (UT mrcox@austin.utexas.edu or 512-619-4705) if you have already paid your dues to the national organization. The district prefers that you pay your AFA dues directly to the district. If you are competing at the D3 Tournament your dues must be paid before you can compete. You can pay at registration.

If you are not competing at the D3 Tournament, the deadline for payment (to the district or to the AFA directly) is March 4

If you are paying before the D3 Tournament, send the payment to ***Randy Cox***. The best mailing address for that is his home address is:

***2314 Kristen Lane, Cedar Park, TX 78613***

If you are paying by check, please make it payable to AFA District III. This applies to both the tournament fees and the AFA Dues.

**Drops/Changes After February 28, 5:00 pm:** Any drops or changes need to be communicated to me ASAP- preferably by text or a phone call to 785-313-2377.

**Wednesday February 28 1, 5:00 pm until 8:30 am, Thursday, February 29:** $10 per drop, plus the original entry fee.

**Thursday, February 29, 8:30 am through March 2 registration:** $50 per drop, including those made at registration.

**Dropping a judge after February 28, 5:00 pm** will incur a $150 fee, in addition to any additional fees for event coverage on the entry.

**ANYTHING HAPPENING ON FRIDAY:** I will be driving to Tyler pretty much all day Friday. If you have a drop or some other sort of urgent news/questions I need to address- CALL or TEXT ME! If you email, it may not get to me until that evening.

***785-313-2377***

**Entry Rules Unique to the D3 Tournament**

* Schools are limited to no more than five (5) entries per event.
* Students are limited to no more than two events (2) per AFA-NST event pattern. Even though we will be using a two-pattern format for the D3 Tournament, students need to use the AFA three pattern format (A: Inf, Pro, Imp B: Duo, Per, POI, Ext C: ADS Poe CA DI) to control cross-entry. Scheduling accommodations will be made as much as possible for students with multiple events in the same pattern during the actual tournament.
* Students may not enter an event if they are already qualified at-large in that event. Any student having qualified at large who also entered at the District contest may be disqualified from the District contest and any open qualifying legs disallowed, rendering them ineligible for the national contest.
* Clarification- If you have qualified Duo at-large with one partner, you may enter another Duo with a different partner.
* All events will use the AFA-NST rules/descriptions, which are attached in a separate file.

**Tentative AFA-NST D3 Tournament Schedule**

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

7:15 Registration

7:45 Extemp Draw

8:00 Round 1-A

9:30 Round 1-B

10:45 Extemp Draw

11:00 Round 2-A

12:30 Round 2-B

1:45 Lunch Break and Student Meeting- The students will use this as a working

lunch for the initial part of the student meeting.

2:30 Coach verification for all prelims.

2:45 Extemp Draw

3:00 A Finals

3:15 Extemp Finals

4:30 B Finals

6:00 Coaches meeting and continuation of student meeting if needed.

ASAP Awards

**Campus map and specific locations:** Map and location specifics will be announced at a later date.

Hotel Information: We do not have an official host hotel that I know off.

Host contact info: I or Macey will get this to you as soon as possible. I do have M’Liss Hindman’s email- mhin@tjc.edu

**E-Ballots**

My operating assumption right now is that we will be using E-Ballots through SpeechWire. So make sure your judges and students have SpeechWire accounts. Make sure your judges know how to do E-Ballots through SpeechWire. And make sure your judges bring their “screens” with them so they can actually judge.

**One-Leggers**

Make sure you’ve sent Macey all the documentation concerning your students regarding if they are sitting on a leg while competing at the D3 tournament. Macey needs to have the at-large information (# of schools, # of entries, placement). This will enable me to verify their leg status and assist in being able to accurately know who may additionally qualify for nationals based on what happens at the D3 tournament.

Make Macey’s life a lot easier and get her all your at-large qual info sooner rather than later. Get that paperwork in now. You can always update it each week. This makes the D3 Chair’s life so much easier.

**Extemp and Impromptu Prompts**

Normally this is the sort of thing I love to do- but because I’ll lose Friday to travel, I’m asking for some help.

1. If you have an extempers competing, you will be asked to submit a ***minimum of nine good questions***. Three should be in the domestic/social/political area; three should deal with economic concerns; and three should deal with international issues. If you want to submit more- fine. If you like extemp and want to submit questions even though you have no competitors- excellent!
2. If you have impromptuers competing, you will be asked to submit a ***minimum of six quotations***. Same deal applies if you want to give me more.
3. You will send those questions/quotations to the Extemp Question Chair and the Impromptu Chair.
4. ***I need an Extemp Question Chair:*** Can someone volunteer to collect the questions and have them ready for draw Saturday morning for each round of extemp? As soon as you volunteer, I’ll share your email with the district.
5. ***And I need an Impromptu Chair***: Same deal as with extemp.
6. Deadline for questions and quotations: Emailed to the chairs no later than 5 pm, Wednesday February 28. That will give them time to do their thing.

**Checklist**

* Entries in on SpeechWire no later than 5 pm, Tuesday, February 27, 2024
* Extemp questions have been sent by 5 pm, Wednesday, February 28, 2024
* Impromptu quotations have been sent by 5 pm, Wednesday, February 28, 2024
* You’ve taken care of your D3 dues- either with Randy or at the D3 tournament
* Your students are signed up on SpeechWire.
* Your judges are signed up on SpeechWire.
* Your judges know how to do E-Ballots using SpeechWire.
* You’ve sent Macey your one-legger info for students competing at the D3 tournament.
* If you have changes/drops/emergencies on Friday, March 01- you CALL or TEXT Craig instead of using email. 785-313-2377

If you know D3 people who might not be on this emailing list- please share this information with them.

Feel free to call/email me if you have questions.

Looking forward to seeing you in Tyler-

Craig Brown, K-State

D3 AFA-NST Qualifying Tournament Chair

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