**Clash of the Climates Speech & Debate Tournament**

Dear Forensics Colleagues:

You are invited to join us for the Clash of the Climates Speech & Debate Tournament, to be held in-person on our campus in Seward, NE. The Debate portion will begin **Friday, January 24th, 2025,** with Speech held on **Saturday, January 25th, 2025.** To manifest good weather so the tournament doesn’t get cancelled, you are encouraged to dress for tropical weather, wear themed outfits, or incorporate the tropics into business dress (i.e., floral shirts, sunglasses, pineapple ties, sunhats, etc.).

Registration is open and accessible on Speechwire.com. We hope schools looking for an excellent day of competition will join us early in the semester! We look forward to hosting you. Please indicate your attendance as early as possible.

We will offer 4 prelim rounds and necessary out rounds of Parliamentary Debate, and 2 rounds and 1 final round of Speech events as entries allow. Students may do both speech and debate, with restrictions outlined below.

We hope to see you and your squad here in-person. If there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Sincerely,

Malia Frerking, Director of Forensics

Concordia University, Nebraska

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🍍 **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

**Tournament Rules**

* AFA/NFA regulations will govern their respective events, unless specified elsewhere.
* Parliamentary debate will follow the NPDA rules, with some exceptions. Flex time, coach prep, and warm rooms will not be used. Internet access is allowed. Topics will be announced in-room, and prep time is 15 minutes.

**ADA Accommodations –** If anyone has concerns about accessibility or mobility, please contact Malia Frerking. She will seek accommodation as needed.

**Internet Access –** Access is provided through the guest Wi-Fi network (CUNE Guest).

🍍 **TOURNAMENT ENTRIES**

**Entry Deadlines**

Entries are due **by 5:00 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, January 21st**. All entries will be submitted using Speechwire. Please submit your entries early whenever possible.

**Fees**

Fees will be assessed at noon on Wednesday, January 22nd.

The following entry fees will be assessed for the tournament:

* $25 per debate team. Uncovered teams at $20 each.
* $8 per speech entry. Uncovered entries at $15 each.
  + Entries dropped after 5:00 p.m. CDT on January 21st will incur a $10 fee

**We would rather have your judges than your money**. Judge drops made after 5:00 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, January 21st will be charged a $75 fee. Schools are responsible for paying judge fees.

**Meals**

The most affordable meals will be off campus: Runza, Jimmy Johns, Subway, Dairy Queen, and Dominoes are all nearby. If you prefer to eat on campus, meal tickets can be purchased on Speechwire for our cafeteria at $12.25 per person.

**Checks**

Checks should be made out to **Concordia University, Nebraska**. On the memo line, put “Speech Team”. Checks should be mailed to the school as follows:

Malia Frerking

800 N. Columbia Avenue

Weller 202

Seward, NE 68434

🍍 **PARKING**

Teams may park in any visitor parking area on campus. A map of campus is available on Speechwire. We suggest parking in the Thom/Jesse lot or behind Dunklau.

🍍 **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:**

Events with 8+ competitors will have a final. Students are limited to 6 IE slots (limit to two duos), and no more than 3 per pattern. Debate competitors may not enter more than 1 event in Pattern B.

**Pattern A**: After Dinner Speaking, Extemporaneous, Informative, Poetry, Prose.

**Pattern B**: Communication Analysis, Dramatic Interp., Duo Interp., Impromptu,

Persuasive, POI

🍍 **PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE:**

**Guidelines –** There will be no usage of flex time, coach prep, or warm rooms. Internet access is allowed. Preparation time is 15 minutes, and topics will be announced in-room.

**Speech Entries –** Students participating in Debate may enter in no more than 1 speech event in Pattern B. They are subject to normal rules for Pattern A. **Students should go to speech events first,** where they will receive priority.

🍍 **JUDGES:**

**Coverage –** One speech judge covers up to 6 entries. One debate judge covers 2 teams. Judges are committed for all preliminary rounds. Additional payment can be offered for providing judges beyond your requirements.

**Code of Ethics** **–** Judges making comments on ballots that are racist, sexist, or otherwise discriminatory will be removed from the judging pool immediately. Any schools that have judges removed from the pool will be charged uncovered entry fees.

**Flexibility –** We may ask you to judge events in which your participants are not involved (e.g., an IE judge for Parli). If you DO NOT wish for us to use one or more of your judges in this fashion, please indicate this to the tournament. Otherwise, we will assume that your judges are willing to serve the tournament in whatever way is needed. This flexibility is greatly appreciated and helps make the most efficient use of the judges you provide!

🍍 **TIEBREAKING:**

**Prelims:** Ranks this round, Speaker pts this round

**Finals:** 1s this round, Ranks this round, JP (AFA-NIET elim. style), Reciprocals this round, Speaker pts this round

🍍 **AWARDS:**

**Individual Events –** Awards will be presented to all IE Finalists. Additionally, the top three Individual Events Sweepstakes speakers in this portion of the swing will receive awards. To be eligible, individuals must participate in three Individual Events.

**Parliamentary Debate –** Awards will be presented to (at minimum) the top two debate teams and top five speakers in the tournament.

**School Awards –** Three overall school sweepstakes awards will be presented. Speech and Debate school awards won’t be combined, unless there are enough schools participating in both.

**Clash of the Climates Schedule**

*We will adjust this schedule if entry sizes warrant different numbers of rounds. Changes will be provided to attending schools.*

**Pattern A**: After Dinner Speaking, Extemporaneous, Informative, Poetry, Prose

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**FRIDAY, January 24th, 2025**

**3:30 REGISTRATION – Dunklau Lobby**

4:00 Parliamentary Round 1

5:15 Parliamentary Round 2

7:00 Parliamentary Round 3

**SATURDAY, January 25th, 2025**

**7:15 REGISTRATION – Dunklau Lobby**

8:00 Parliamentary Round 4

9:00 Extemp Draw

9:15 Round 1: Pattern A

10:30 Round 1: Pattern B

10:30 Parliamentary Quarterfinals\*

**LUNCH**

12:30 Round 2: Pattern B

12:30 Parliamentary Semifinals\*

1:45 Extemp Draw

2:00 Round 2: Pattern A

3:15 IE Finals B

4:15 Extemp Draw Finals

4:30 IE Finals A

5:45 Parli Finals

**ASAP Awards – Dunklau Lecture Hall 109**

\* as needed

🍍 **LODGING INFORMATION:**

**Seward Hotel Options:**

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites East Hill Inn & Suites

2575 Progressive Rd 131 E. Main St.

(402) 646-1004 402-643-3679

Offers 25 motel-style rooms

**Lincoln Hotel Options:**

**Motel 6** **AmericInn Lodge & Suites**

6501 N. 28th St. 6555 N. 27th St.

402-438-4700 402-435-1600

**Countryside Inn and Suites**  **Hampton Inn & Suites**

6750 Wildcat Dr 7343 Husker Cir.

402-742-7575 402-435-4600

**Country Inn & Suites by Radisson**  **Quality Inn & Suites**

5353 N 27th St 7333 Husker Cir.

(402) 403-1601 402-435-8100

**If hotels in Lincoln are full or expensive, York, NE is the same distance from Seward and will also have hotel options.**