January, 2025

Dear forensics colleagues,

We are excited to invite you and your students to the Valentine Tournament on the campus of Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho on **Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday, February 14-16, 2025**. We will offer all traditional **11 NST events** in open division, and on Friday evening, we will offer **Readers Theatre**. If entries warrant, we will offer **novice** divisions in extemp, impromptu, informative, persuasive and prose. We will offer novice and open divisions of **IPDA**.

The tournament is falling over Valentine’s Day weekend, so there will be some topics in impromptu and debate highlighting the theme.

All the campus academic buildings in use are less than a five-minute walk from each other and the tournament headquarters in the Brandt Center Lobby. **Please let us know if you have competitors, coaches, or critics who need ADA accommodation.** There is plenty of food near campus within about a ten-minute walk from campus (mostly fast food but also pizza and a couple of local restaurants). Campus food services, Fresh Ideas, will be open Sat./Sun. 11am-1pm & 5pm - 6:30pm at $15.15 for lunch or dinner.

This tournament adheres to the AFA-NST Code of Ethics, the Northwest Forensics Conference Code of Ethics & Equity, and the IPDA Constitution. Northwest Nazarene coaches will be equity officials at this tournament. We plan to use electronic ballots on SpeechWire for this in-person tournament.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can provide any more information to you. We look forward to seeing you in Idaho this February!

Sincerely,

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**Entry Deadline:** Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5:00pm Mountain Time

**Drop Deadline:** Wednesday, February 12 at 5:00 pm Mountain Time

Fees are calculated based on entries at this time; any changes after this point must be emailed to [mbadamson@nnu.edu](mailto:mbadamson@nnu.edu) and will be charged full entry fees and entry change fees.

**Note:** To manage your team entries and drops, please use <http://www.speechwire.com>.

**DIVISIONS:** We will offer novice and open divisions for IPDA and for extemp, prose, persuasion, impromptu and informative as entries warrant (more than 12 in IPDA and more than 10 in IE). Please use the following guidelines to determine the appropriate divisions for your students:

**Novice** – Students in the novice division must be undergraduate students in their first two semesters of collegiate forensics, and as per NFC rules, have fewer than three trophies per category (interp, platform, debate, limited prep) and have not completed a bachelor’s degree.

**Open** – Students in the open division must be undergraduate students with eight or fewer semesters of intercollegiate forensics experience who have not completed a bachelor’s degree.

**ENTRIES:** Students may *triple-enter* within either IE pattern of competition. Students are responsible for getting to all rounds on time. Students may compete in two duos with two different partners. Student in extemp should do that event prior to doing their other event(s).

**RESTRICTIONS:** If we run into issues with entries, divisions or availability of rooms and judges, we reserve the right to impose the following restrictions as needed. If there are less than 12 entries in IPDA, we will collapse novice into open accordingly. If there are less than 9 entries in an IE, we will collapse that division.

**Placement** – Students competing in novice that have surpassed the restrictions for this division will be reassigned to the open division at the discretion of the tournament director and tab room staff.

**INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE (IPDA)**

Procedures will follow standard IPDA/NFC guidelines. We will use 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time limits and 30 minutes of preparation. Debaters will be presented with five resolutions and each side will have two strikes. Topics will be drawn from a variety of current events and include policy, value, fact and metaphor resolutions.

\*\*This tournament strongly encourages topic disclosure by the affirmative.

Guidelines are at: <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

ALL Students are responsible for making it to their rounds on time – **competitors MUST arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the end of the current round to be given a chance to compete.** AFA-NST descriptions and rules apply to individual events. For information please see: <http://www.afa-nst.org/>

**Pattern A:** CA, Duo, Impromptu, Informative, Prose

**Pattern B:** ADS, DI, Extemp, Persuasion, POI, Poetry

All impromptu speakers in the same room will choose between the same pair of quotations.

Extemp questions will be drawn from the previous 60 days of news (not fake news).

**AWARDS**: Awards will be given to all IE finalists and IPDA elimination round participants. Sweepstakes awards will be given to the top three teams.

**SWEEPSTAKES**

**IPDA** 1st 2nd Semis Quarters

IPDA: 10pts 8pts 4pts 2pts

**IE** 1st 2nd 3rd Finalist

IE’s: 10pts 8pts 6pts 4pts

**RT** 1st 2nd 3rd Finalist

IE’s: 12pts 10pts 8pts 6pts

**JUDGING REQUIREMENTS:** We ask schools to provide qualified judges for the tournament to cover the majority of their entries. We prefer judges to have a college degree. Absolutely no undergraduate students who are still competing may judge. Restrictions may be imposed for schools that do not provide a reasonable number of judges to cover their entry. One judge will cover eight IE slots, and four IPDA debaters.

**FEES:**

School fee $50

IPDA Entries $35 Uncovered IPDA debater $75

IE Slots $10 each Uncovered IE slot $20

RT Entries $35

**HOTELS:** Hotel options· No block has been placed but all the following hotels give an NNU discount when you mention you are attending an event here.

[Everhome Suites – Nampa](https://www.choicehotels.com/idaho/nampa/everhome-suites-hotels/id104/rates?ratePlanCode=LNOR)  
16183 Idaho Center Boulevard, Nampa, ID, 83687  
[986.266.3410](tel:+19862663410)

[Best Western Peppertree Nampa Civic Center Inn](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.13061.html?groupId=A43VG3R2) (Full on Friday night but availability on Sat/Sun. Only 5 min. from campus and includes breakfast) For questions or help booking, you can call Khara Nixon directly with Peppertree Hotel Group Cell:  253-653-2078  
205 3rd Street South  
[208.936.2222](tel:+12089362222)

[Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott](https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/boinp-fairfield-inn-and-suites-boise-nampa/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2)  
16150 N Merchant Way, Nampa, ID 83687  
[208.467.5888](tel:+12084675888)

[Hampton Inn & Suites](https://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/idaho/hampton-inn-and-suites-boise-nampa-at-the-idaho-center-NAMIDHX/index.html)  
5750 East Franklin Rd., Nampa, ID  
[208.442.0036](tel:+12084420036)

[Holiday Inn Express](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/nampa/boina/hoteldetail?qAAR=IP7SN&qAdlt=1&qBrs=6c.hi.ex.rs.ic.cp.in.sb.cw.cv.ul.vn.ki.sp.nd.ct&qChld=0&qCpid=100288161&qFRA=1&qGRM=0&qIta=99502056&qPSt=0&qRRSrt=rt&qRef=df&qRms=1&qRpn=1&qRpp=20&qRtP=IP7S)  
4104 E. Flamingo Ave  
[208.466.4045](tel:+12084664045)

[Holiday Inn](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/nampa/boimb/hoteldetail?qDest=Nampa,%20ID,%20United%20States&qCiD=13&qCoD=14&qCiMy=12019&qCoMy=12019&qAdlt=1&qChld=0&qRms=1&qWch=0&qSmP=1&setPMCookies=true&qRtP=6CBARC&qAkamaiCC=US&srb_u=1&qRad=30&qRdU=mi&presen)  
16245 N Merchant Way Nampa, ID 83687  
[208.468.0944](tel:+12084680944)

Other options for hotels are in Meridian, ID. There are several in west Meridian right off I-84 and Eagle road that are about 20 minutes away from campus.

**DIRECTIONS:** Readers Theatre will be in the Leah Peterson Learning Commons on Friday night, which is #14 on the attached campus map (or, view the map at this [link](https://nnu.edu/campus-map/)). Then the tournament headquarters and hang out spot will be in the Brandt Center Lobby on Saturday and Sunday which is #20 on the campus map. The physical address is 623 S. University Blvd., Nampa, ID 83686.  
  
**Driving/Parking Directions**  
If you are traveling West on I-84:  
Take Exit 38 (Garrity Blvd.), Turn Left on Garrity, Turn Left on 16th Ave.  Continue South on 16th as it takes several curves and changes street names several times. You will see NNU campus on your right. Turn into the Brandt Center parking lot.

If you are traveling East on I-84:  
Take Exit 35 (Nampa Blvd.), Turn Right onto Nampa Blvd/ID-55 S, Turn Left onto E 3rd St. S/I-84 Blvd. E, Continue to follow E 3rd Street South, Turn Right onto 16th Ave., Continue South on 16th as it takes several curves and changes street names several times. You will see NNU campus on your right. Turn into the Brandt Center parking lot.

**Campus parking**: You are welcome to park in any undesignated spot on campus. No passes needed.

**Schedule for the Valentine Tournament**

**Friday, February 14, 2025**

5:30 pm RT Check in and competition, NNU Leah Peterson Learning Commons

5:45 RT Rd. 1

7:00 RT Rd. 2

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**

7:30 am Registration begins– Brandt Center Lobby (also student gathering place)

8:30 Rd 1 A – CA, Duo, Impromptu, Informative, Prose

9:45 Rd 2 A

11:00 IPDA 1 – Flight A draws 11:00, Flight B draws 11:30

12:30 pm Lunch Break

1:15 Extemp Draw – Thomas Science Bldg., Jackson Brothers Lecture Hall, rm 138

1:45 Rd 1 B – ADS, DI, Extemp, Per, Poetry, POI

3:00 IPDA 2 – Flight A draws 3:00, Flight B draws 3:30

4:30 Extemp draw– Thomas Science Bldg., Jackson Brothers Lecture Hall, rm 138

5:00 Rd 2 B

6:15 IPDA 3 – Flight A draws 6:15, Flight B draws 6:45

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

8:00 am IPDA 4 – Flight A draws 8:00, Flight B draws 8:30

9:30 IE Finals A

11:00 IPDA 5 – Flight A draws 11:00, Flight B draws 11:30

12:30 pm Lunch break

1:15 Extemp Draw – Thomas Science Bldg., Jackson Brothers Lecture Hall, rm 138

1:30 IE Finals B

3:00 IPDA Quarters (we plan to flight but will work to single flight if we can)

4:30 Awards – Brandt Center, Swayne Auditorium

5:00 IPDA Semis

6:15 IPDA Finals

The Brandt Center Lobby and wings will function as both IPDA announce and prep, and a team hang out area. The cafeteria will be open inside the Conrad Commons.

Lots of restaurants within 15 minutes of campus including some favorites like Chick-fil-A, Cracker Barrel, and in Meridian (about 25 minutes from campus) is In-and-Out Burger. More information will be sent out on local places to visit.