**District III AFA-NST National Qualifying Tournament Saturday, March 01, 2025**

**Tyler Junior College, Tyler, TX**

Craig Brown, AFA-NST District III (D-3) chair here. This is the invitation and information for the Spring D-3 tournament. Make sure to read all five pages.

It will be held as a F2F tournament on Saturday, March 01, 2025 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. I will be sending out another email/letter regarding the other information you will want (like Title IX training, student verification, etc) as soon as I can.

**D3 Entry Deadlines**

Your initial D3 Tournament entry needs to be done using ***Speechwire.com***. The deadline is **Tuesday, 5:00 pm, February 25, 2025**. 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 02.

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 26, 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 26, 5:00 pm until 8:30 am, Thursday, February 27:** $10 per drop, plus the original entry fee.

**Thursday, February 27, 8:30 am through March 1 registration:** $50 per drop, including those made at registration.

**Dropping a judge after February 26, 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 1, 2024**

7:15 Registration- Jenkins Hall Lobby

7:45 Extemp Draw- Jenkins 1109

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.

**NOTE:** TJC is providing lunch from Bruno’s (lasagna and salad). Let M’Liss know if your team has a vegetarian or vegan.

* Student Meeting will be in Jenkins 1109
* Coaches Meeting will be in Jenkins 1112

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 in Jenkins 1109

**Further Note About the Schedule:** Odds are several events will go straight to finals. If that’s the case, the schedule will be adjusted. I’ll have that info out by Tuesday night, February 25. Regardless, we will start with draw at 7:45 and the first round at 8:00.

**Campus map and specific locations: Pretty much the same as last year.** Tournament headquarters will be Jenkins Hall, 1400 E 5th Street, Tyler, TX 75701. For food delivery- put in notes- Jenkins Hall is the historic building facing 5th street behind the only flagpole on campus.

**Hotel Information**: Nothing official- but two have been recommended:

LaQuinta, University Area, 2552 S Southeast Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75701;

(903) 481-9880 (the other LaQuinta in town is not recommended)

Staybridge Suites, 2759 McDonald Road, Tyler, TX 75702; (903) 566-1100

**Host contact info:** M’Liss Hindman’s email- mhin@tjc.edu

**E-Ballots**

We will be using E-Ballots through SpeechWire. 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 meall the documentation concerning your students regarding if they are sitting on a leg while competing at the D3 tournament. I need 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 my life a lot easier and get me 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. **Extemp Chair and Impromptu Chair**: I’ve reached out for volunteers- as soon as I have them confirmed, I’ll pass along their names/emails.
5. Deadline for questions and quotations: Emailed to the chairs no later than 5 pm, Wednesday February 26. That will give them time to do their thing.

**Checklist**

* Entries in on SpeechWire no later than 5 pm, Tuesday, February 25, 2025
* Email sent to M’Liss if you have vegans or vegetarians regarding lunch on Saturday no later than 5 pm, Tuesday, February 25, 2025
* Extemp questions have been sent by 5 pm, Wednesday, February 26, 2025
* Impromptu quotations have been sent by 5 pm, Wednesday, February 26, 2025
* 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 me your one-legger info for students competing at the D3 tournament.
* If you have changes/drops/emergencies on Friday, February 28- 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 Chair/Tournament Director

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