
NATIONAL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER: February 1, 2010

Dear Members:

THIS EDITION OF THE NFA NEWSLETTER CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:

- Information related to the 2010 National Championship tournament at Ohio University.
- The NFA Entry Sheet and Registration forms to the 2010 Tournament at Ohio University are attached to this e-mail. They will also be available on-line at the NFA Website (nationalforensics.org).

Anyone wishing to reach me between now and March 4th, please contact via e-mail or my cell phone (507-382-3632)

I shall be at my regular phone number beginning March 4th.

Yours truly,

Larry Schnoor, President, NFA

Office Phone: 507-387-3010

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. The tournament QUALIFICATION deadline is **Sunday, March 28, 2010**. No tournaments held *after* this date will qualify for NFA.
2. The tournament REGISTRATION deadline is **Monday, March 29, 2010**. All entries must follow the instructions contained on the official NFA Entry forms which is attached to this e-mail and available on the NFA website.
3. FEES will be calculated on **March 31**. No adjustments will occur to base fees after **March 29** except to increase the fees if changes are made. In other words, you are charged for your entry as it stands when entries are due plus any applicable drop fees etc.
4. DROPS after the deadline: These penalties will be added to your base fee as of **March 29**.
 - March 30-April 1, 2010 \$5.00 per slot
 - April 2-4, 2010 \$10.00 per slot
 - April 5-7, 2010 \$15.00 per slot
 - April 8-11, 2010 \$25.00 per slot
 - April 12-14, 2010 \$30.00 per slot
 - April 15, 2010 (Registration) \$50.00 per slot
 - LATE Registration \$150.00 per school
 - FAX FEE for copy of tournament invitation \$35.00

NOTE

Any dropped judge (IE AND/OR L/D) after the Thursday prior to the tournament (**APRIL 8th**) will be assessed a penalty fee of \$300.00/judge. Dropped judges after **APRIL 8th** will also be penalized \$10.00 per assigned round and school fees adjusted to reflect one less judge. Appeals should be addressed to the Tournament Director(s). All appeals will be reviewed by the Tournament Director(s) and Executive Committee.

5. NO SHOWS at the tournament will be penalized **\$75.00** per scheduled/assigned slot.
6. Judges who do not pick up ballots for assigned rounds will be assessed a **\$25.00** fee payable immediately.
7. NO STUDENT FROM A SCHOOL WILL ADVANCE TO QUARTERFINAL ROUNDS UNTIL ALL OF THAT SCHOOL'S PENALTY FEES, INCLUDING NO-SHOW FEES, ARE PAID.
8. You will receive an entry verification from the National Tournament Director(s) as soon as your entry is processed. If you do not receive an entry verification within a week of the date you sent the entry to the Director, please check with the Tournament Director on the status of your entry.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY:

12:00 – 1:30 REGISTRATION
1:30 – 2:00 Opening Meeting
2:00 – 3:15 Coach Meeting
Student Meeting
3:30 Extemp Draw
4:00 – 6:00 Round 1-Group A
6:00 -- 7:30 Round 1-Group B
7:30 – 8:30 Lincoln Douglas Rd. 1
8:30 – 9:30 Lincoln Douglas Rd. 2

FRIDAY:

12:00 – 1:00 Round Three, Lincoln Douglas (LD)
2:00 – 3:00 Round Four, LD
2:45 Extemp Draw
3:00-4:30 Round 2-Group A
4:30-6:00 Round 2-Group B
6:30-8:00 Round 1-Group C
8:00-9:30 Round 1-Group D

SATURDAY:

8:00 a.m. Round Five, LD
9:00 a.m. Extemp Draw
9:30-11:00 Round 3-Group A
11:00-12:30 Round 3-Group B
12:30 Round Six, LD
1:45 –3:15 Round 2-Group C
3:15 – 4:45 Round 2-Group D
4:45 Extemp Draw
5:15-6:45 Round 4-Group A
6:45-8:15 Round 4-Group B

SUNDAY:

8:15 – 9:30 Double Octo Finals, LD
9:30-11:00 Round 3-Group C
11:00-12:30 Round 3 Group D
12:30-2:00 Round 4-Group C
2:00-3:30 Round 4-Group D
3:30 Octo Finals, LD
4:45 Extemp Draw
5:15 Quarterfinals Groups A & B

MONDAY:

8:00 a.m. Quarterfinals Groups C & B, LD
10:00 a.m. Extemp Draw
10:30 a.m. Semi Finals, Groups A & B
12:15 p.m. Semi Finals, Groups C & D & LD
2:15 p.m. Extemp Draw
2:45 p.m. Finals, Groups A & B
4:30 p.m. Finals, Groups C & D, & LD
7:15 p.m. Awards

NFA: EVENT PATTERNS

GROUP A:	Prose	Extemporaneous	
GROUP B:	ADS	Informative	Rhetorical Criticism
GROUP C:	Persuasion	Poetry	DI
GROUP D:	Duo	Impromptu	

DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

PERSUASION: A speech to convince, to move to action, or to inspire on a significant issue, delivered from memory. Maximum time is 10 minutes.

EXTEMPORANEOUS: For each round, contestants will select one of three topics on current national and international events. The contestant will have 30 minutes to prepare a five to seven minute speech on the topic selected. Notes are permissible but should be at a minimum. Maximum time is 7 minutes.

IMPROMPTU: Contestants will receive short excerpts dealing with items of general interest, political, economic and social issues. The contestants will have a total of seven minutes to divide between preparation and speaking. Students should speak for at least three minutes. All contestants in the same section shall speak on the same topic. Maximum time is 7 minutes.

RHETORICAL CRITICISM: Contestants will deliver an original critical analysis of any significant rhetorical artifact. The speaker should limit the quotation of, paraphrasing of, or summary of, the analyzed artifact to a minimum. Any legitimate critical methodology is permissible as long as it serves to open up the artifact for the audience. The speech must be delivered from memory. Maximum is 10 minutes.

INFORMATIVE: The contestant will deliver an original factual speech on a realistic subject to fulfill a general information need of the audience. Visual aids that supplement/reinforce the message are permitted. The speech must be delivered from memory. Maximum is 10 minutes.

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING: Each contestant will present an original speech whose purpose is to make a serious point through the use of humor. The speech should reflect the development of a humorous comedic effort, not a stand up comedy routine. The speech must be memorized. Maximum is 10 minutes.

PROSE: The contestant will present a program of prose literature. Original introductory comments and transitional remarks are permitted. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections. Plays are not permitted. Manuscripts are required. Maximum time is 10 minutes.

POETRY: The contestant will present a program of poetic literature. Original introductory comments and transitional remarks are permitted. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections. Manuscripts are required. Maximum is 10 minutes.

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION (DI): The contestant will perform dramatic literature, humorous or serious, that represents one or more characters from material of literary merit. This material may be drawn from stage, screen, or radio. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections. Manuscripts are required. Maximum 10 minutes.

DRAMATIC DUO: A cutting from a play, humorous or serious, involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. This is not an acting event. Thus, costumes, props, etc. are not permitted. Presentation must be from manuscript and focus should be off stage. Maximum time is 10 minutes.

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Information Form: 2010

Please submit with entry or at registration

SCHOOL:	
DIRECTOR: (contact person for the team while at the NFA tournament)	
PHONE: (cell phone # for the contact person while at the NFA tournament)	

NFA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF NOMINEE:	
SCHOOL OF NOMINEE:	
YEARS OF COMPETITION:	

JUSTIFICATION FOR NOMINATION AND/OR INDUCTION INTO THE HALL OF FAME: (this should provide the Awards Committee with information not only of the person's forensic background and participation, but also include material as to what this person has contributed to forensics since their graduation from college etc. The NFA website has the explanation of the criteria to be used in making this determination. If additional space is needed, use additional sheet.

CRITERIA AND APPLICATION INFORMATION:

FORENSIC COMPETITIVE EXCELLENCE:	
FORENSIC COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP:	
FORENSIC AMBASSADORSHIP:	

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION:	
SCHOOL ATTENDED:	

CURRENT ADDRESS:	
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THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO PROF. KAREN MORRIS, Department of Communication and Journalism, Hibbard Hall, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 54702 by March 15, 2010

NFA HOST INFORMATION: OHIO UNIVERSITY

Driving to Athens, Ohio

Please **DO NOT** trust your GPS when traveling in Southeast Ohio...unless you want to explore the ridges and back roads of the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. To make your journey pleasant, please follow these directions.

From Columbus, the Columbus Airport and points Northwest and West:

As you leave the airport, get onto I-270 South (it may be marked "Wheeling," because that direction takes you toward the I-70 interchange). You will travel approximately 10 miles on I-270. As you approach the I-70 interchange, I-270 splits into two sets of lanes. It does not matter which set you take, but the left set has less merging traffic, so is usually a bit faster. If you take the right set, stay to the left, so that you don't get forced onto I-70.

Immediately after the I-70 interchange, the two sets of lanes re-merge. Once that has settled out, change lanes toward the right, so that you will be positioned to take US-33 East, Exit 46 B (the **second** off-ramp at the I-270/US-33 interchange). You will travel on US-33E for approximately 67 miles from I-270 to get to Athens.

Fourteen miles from I-270 you will reach the exit for Business US-33 through the city of Lancaster. Business US-33 encounters numerous traffic lights, but provides access to motels, gasoline filling stations, and restaurants. The Lancaster bypass is now open, and unless you need those services, we do advise that you use the bypass, staying on US-33 instead of taking the Business Route exit as you approach Lancaster. Continue on US-33 East past Logan and through Nelsonville.

After Nelsonville, as you approach Athens, **pass the first OH-682 exit** (for "The Plains"). If there is a stop sign at the end of the OH-682 off-ramp, you have taken the exit for The Plains. You can either turn right, go to the fourth traffic light and turn left onto Richland Avenue, or get back on the highway and follow the directions in the next paragraph.

After US-33 E joins US-50 W and OH-32 W in Athens, take Exit 17, for OH-682 N. Turn right at the first traffic light, onto Richland Avenue, to cross the Hocking River and enter the Ohio University campus.

From Northeast Ohio and PA:

If you are driving from the Cleveland or Akron area, take I-77 S through Marietta and into West Virginia.

Stay on I-77 South, approximately 4 miles past WV-2, to US-50 West.

The four-lane bypass for US-50 through Parkersburg, WV, and Belpre, OH, has been completed, using a new bridge over the Ohio River. Stay on US-50 W (which joins OH-7 W and OH-32 W for parts of your travel) from Belpre to Athens. Once you cross the Ohio River, you have about 45 minutes still to go.

Stay on US-50 W all the way up the Hocking River valley to the city of Athens. This will require an **exit from the OH-7 four-lane** less than a mile West of the small sign to turn left for "downtown Coolville."

US-50 has been upgraded, and is now four lanes all the way from Belpre to Athens. After US-33 E joins US-50 W in Athens, take Exit 17, for OH-682 N. Turn right at the first traffic light, onto Richland Avenue, to cross the Hocking River and enter the Ohio University campus.

From Southwest Ohio and Cincinnati:

If you are driving from Southwest Ohio, take OH-32 E to Athens. If you are driving from the Chillicothe area, DO NOT take US-50 E to Athens (unless you wish to travel on 2-lane roads over the ridges). Continue on US-35S to Jackson. In Jackson take the exit for OH-32E.

Just West of Albany, OH, at the Ohio University Airport, OH-32 E and US-50 E join together. Continue East on OH-32 and US-50.

Pass the exit for US-33 E to Pomeroy, OH (that off-ramp exits to the left).

Take Exit 17, for OH-682 N. You will have gone about nine miles from the airport. Turn right at the first traffic light, onto Richland Avenue, to cross the Hocking River and enter the Ohio University campus.

Arriving on Campus

The tournament will be run out of the Baker University Center. On Thursday, Friday and Monday, parking will be somewhat limited. To reach the NFA parking lot, as you cross the Hocking River on Richland Avenue, turn RIGHT onto SOUTH GREEN DRIVE and the turn right into the first parking lot AFTER the Stadium (there will be signs). If you wish to drop your team at the Baker Center, just continue down SOUTH GREEN DRIVE and take the first LEFT onto OXBOW TRAIL (poorly marked). The large 5-story building on your right is the Baker University Center. Buses should drop off at this location. Buses can park in the rear of the Convocation Center (big round building on the corner of Richland and South Green Drive). On Saturday and Sunday, you may park in the NFA lot, the Walter Hall Lot (across the street) or the Peden Stadium lot (on the corner of Richland and South Green Drive). DO NOT park in metered spaces or in any lot marked Faculty/Staff All Times (the top of the parking deck at the Baker Center).

Hotels

Hotels and hotel rates are listed on our tournament website www.ohio.edu/conferences/NFA.cfm. We have negotiated rates with the four hotels listed, but there are additional hotels in and around the Athens area.

On-Campus housing still available for National Tournament! Rooms are still available in standard double suite style rooms (where 2 rooms share 1 bathroom) or in VIP suites in Bromley Hall - located 2 blocks away from the headquarters site, Baker University Center. Bromley Hall is also located right in the mix of restaurants and shops in close proximity to Court Street. On Campus housing is being offered at an affordable per person rate (\$26/person/night), which includes full linen and towel service and is convenient for those not wanting to travel far distances each day for the competition. Make your reservation now by contacting Judy Martin - 740/593-4020.

Please visit the tournament headquarters website for the latest updates about the tournament and on-campus news. Information recently added includes specifics and operating hours for on-campus dining options from standard dining halls located all over campus, to food options with Baker University Center and convenient grab-and-go markets at various locations on campus. There are 4 dining halls located on the different greens of campus and will offer a per person walk in rate of \$8.01 per meal for tournament participants. Please visit the website for more information and specific hours of operation and continue to check back as more dining offers and specials continue to be added.

www.ohio.edu/conferences/NFA.cfm

Dining

The West 82 Food Court and the Front Room Coffeehouse located in the Baker Center will be open (limited hours) during the NFA tournament. The Uptown Business District is located 2 blocks North (out of the 4th floor entrance) of the Baker University Center. You will find Wendy's, Quizno's, Chipotle, Brennen's, Subway and many other fast-food restaurants a short walk from campus.

Internet Access

Ohio University will not be able to provide guest internet access. Schools requiring internet access should make their own arrangements.