

Year 9: Approaching a Decade!

We are already on Year 9! And a special thank you to the several schools that have joined us annually for nearly the past decade! We enjoy hosting, and we hope you enjoy attending!

We will offer three rounds of preliminary competition of all standard <u>WFCA events</u>, and if sufficient entries warrant, we will also offer Novice Prose and Poetry competitions (historically, we have enough entries to offer robust varsity and novice competitions in both categories, including last season).

The top three finishers in all events will receive individual trophies, and we will be awarding medals to all other finalists. We will award trophies to the top three teams in three divisions. We will determine divisions based on entries the week of the tournament.

We are running a WFCA tournament, but we invite both WFCA and WISDAA schools to attend!

ENTRIES: Teams may enter as many entries as they would like with up to the top 25 counting toward the team score (maximum 4 entries per category counting toward the team score). Double entries are allowed in all categories, except Radio and Extemp entries may not enter in both categories due to scheduling constraints (but students may enter in one draw and one non-draw category, Extemp and Farrago, for example). Triple-entries are not allowed. Note: Novice Prose/Poetry are only open to students competing in their first year in high school forensics; not their first year in the category.

RULES: <u>WFCA rules</u> will apply in all events. To accommodate the category differences between WFCA and WISDAA, Public Address competitors may enter as Oratory entries. We will advise judges not to penalize speeches in Oratory that resemble WISDAA Public Address speeches. But please note, no chairs in Group Interpretation or the Solo Acting categories are allowed. We will also be observing the 10-minute time limit for Group Interpretation and Play Acting. Additionally, only ONE student is allowed to compete in an Informative Speech that demonstrates. We will not disqualify students in the speech categories who use notes, regardless if using more than one note card. However, the use of notes is subject to critique. If you have any questions about rule differences or how the tournament can accommodate your entries, please reach out to discuss. We are happy to make a plan to make it work.

JUDGES: Please provide one qualified judge for every five entries or fraction thereof. If you are short on judges, you may hire one of our independent extra judges at a rate of \$125/judge. You must provide the number of judges you indicate on your original entry as of February 16 at 10:00 A.M. and any additional judges to accommodate any late adds. We will be using electronic balloting, which requires your judges to come equipped with a laptop/tablet that has Internet access and a Speechwire account. If this is an issue for your judges, please contact us ahead of time so that we may accommodate.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 13 at 5:00 P.M. via <u>Speechwire.com</u>. Coaches should manage drops on Speechwire through 10:00 A.M. on Friday, February 16. Entry fees will apply to any drops after this deadline.

CONFIRMATION: We will send you a confirmation e-mail the week of the tournament. Each team will need to confirm their entries with us via text by 7:15 A.M. on Saturday morning so we can accommodate any last-minute changes while keeping the tournament on time! We will only allow day-of adds if competition space and schedule availability allow.

FEES: \$10 per individual entry and \$15 for each group entry (Duo, Group Interp, and Play Acting) as of your team's registration on Speechwire through 10:00 A.M. on Friday, February 16. Please make checks payable to Oshkosh North Forensics. Registration fees will still apply to any entries dropped after 10:00 A.M. on Friday.

FOOD: We will provide a complimentary breakfast and lunch to judges and coaches. Students will be able to purchase breakfast and lunch items. We will have more specific menu information closer to the tournament.

ACCESSIBILITY: Please let us know if any students or judges require special accessibility needs, and we will be happy to accommodate.

QUESTIONS?: Contact Mike Wagner at (920) 203-8055 (cell) or <u>oshkoshnorthforensics@gmail.com</u> (note, I likely will not be able to respond to you until after 5:00 P.M. on most days, except the week of the tournament).

Schedule	-	Saturday, February 17
Prior to 7:15Text-in confirmation		
7:30-8:15	Regis	tration
8:15	Radio/	Extemp Draw
8:45	Round	1, All Events
10:00	Round	I 2, All Events
11:15	Round	l 3, All events
1:15	Power	Rounds
2:45	Award	s

We look forward to hosting your team and providing a professional and enjoyable day of forensics!

Regards,

Mike Wagner Tournament Director Barby Ames Forensics Coach Laury Krause Assistant Forensics Coach

