

## **General Rules** (Section 1 from the National Tournament Brochure)

**AUTHORITY:** The Phi Rho Pi National Tournament operates under the rules adopted by the National Convention and the National Executive Board and Tournament Committee. Phi Rho Pi recognizes and endorses state and federal laws concerning sexual harassment.

**TIME AND PLACE:** The National Tournament shall be held annually in conjunction with the National Convention at the time and place chosen by the Executive Board.

**2013 National Tournament Specifics:** The tournament will be held Monday, April 15 through Saturday April 20 at the Marriott Hotel Warner Center; Woodland Hills CA. Rates are \$99.00 plus tax.

**ASSESSMENTS AND FEES:** The following fees apply to all colleges entering students into competition. All Chapter assessments and membership fees shall be paid prior to, or at the time of, registration for the National Tournament. Charter fees \$50.00 for school, \$10.00 for each new student member. National Tournament registration fees are itemized below: One Host College is exempted from these fees but will pay facilities fees.

\$40.00 for each Student entered into competition at the tournament. This fee covers all events of competition for that Student. A judging fee of \$125.00 per student for whom a qualified judge is not provided for as stipulated in Document A. Section 2: Competition Rules, Judging Requirements.

**NUISANCE FEES: ADD/DROPS:** Late adds and drops are allowed up through registration on Sunday, April 8, 2012. However, the following nuisance fees apply for all registration changes:

- \* \$10.00 from 1 week to 72 hrs. prior to registration  
**(April 8, 5:00 p.m. until April 12, 5:00 p.m.)**
- \* \$20.00 from 72 to 48 hrs. prior to registration

**(April 12, 5:01 p.m. until April 13, 5:00 p.m.)**

\* \$40.00 from 48 to 24 hrs. prior to registration  
**(April 13, 5:01 p.m. until April 14, 5:00 p.m.)**

\* \$60.00 from 24 hours prior to registration or at Sunday registration  
**(April 14, 7:01 p.m. until April 15, 7:00 p.m.)**

\* \$100.00 after the close of registration Monday  
**(April 15, 7:01 p.m.)**

**\* NO Shows will be treated as Drops and will have to pay the \$100.00 nuisance fees. This does not apply to students who are forced to withdraw from the tournament due to severe sickness or family emergency.**

*(No awards or ballots will be given to colleges until the nuisance fee is paid.)*

Facilities Fee: There will be a \$40.00 fee for facility use for each student, coach or judge. (This fee covers Opening Banquet, facilities use fees, etc.)

Additional tickets for guests at the opening banquet will be available for \$40.00 each.

All fees must be paid by the time of final registration. Checks are made payable to: Phi Rho Pi National Tournament. [Colleges are advised to pay at registration and not to mail checks.]

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:** The following entry deadlines **MUST** be met by colleges entering the National Tournament.

**HOUSING FORMS DEADLINE: Sunday, March 24, 2013**

**ATTENDEE INFORMATION DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2013**

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, April 8, 2013.**

Entry should be completed electronically. Instructions and entry are found at the Joy of Tournaments Website.

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**CHANGES IN FINAL REGISTRATION:** Substitutions, additions, or deletions may be completed any time prior to the deadline without any penalty. Changes made after those times are subject to Nuisance fees (see Nuisance Fee rule in this document).

**NOTE:** After regular registration is close, any college which has any changes, additions, or deletions should notify the Director as soon as such a change becomes necessary.

**CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION:** Confirmation of National Tournament entries **must be completed** at the National Tournament Site **before 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 16**. Late arrivals, not expecting to reach the registration site in time to confirm entries, **MUST CALL** the tournament director at the tournament hotel, prior to the close of confirmations. If such a call is not received, it will be assumed that the college is canceling its registration and all entries may be withdrawn.

ALL CHANGES IN ENTRY AFTER April 8, 2013 should be made through Duane Fish at his cell phone number of 307 254-0297 or through confirmed email. **(REMEMBER: DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS.)**

**NATIONAL TOURNAMENT AWARDS:** The following awards shall be presented:

**SYLVIA D. MARINER PERPETUAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD:** The winner of this award is determined by the college accumulating the greatest number of sweepstakes points at the current tournament and all previous National Tournaments since the inception of the award (1970-1971). When the college wins the award, its total is reduced to zero and it goes to the end of the list for the succeeding year.

A list of the colleges and their respective points and placement can be found at the end of this document.

**SWEEPSTAKES:** There will be three Sweepstakes categories: Limited Entries School Category, Intermediate Entries School Category, and Open Schools Category. The Phi Rho Pi National Tournament shall have three types of Sweepstakes awards:

#### **OVERALL SWEEPSTAKES DEBATE SWEEPSTAKES INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SWEEPSTAKES**

These three types of Sweepstakes shall be awarded in the Hindman Division (small), Wheeler Division (intermediate), and Wyman Division (open) (1) Hindman Division: Definition: The Hindman Schools division shall be determined by counting the slots entered by each school in the tournament. All schools with at least one slot and up to 15 entered shall automatically be placed in this division.

(2) Wheeler Division: Definition: The Wheeler Schools division will comprise those schools that enter between 15.5 and 30 slots.

(3) Wyman Division: Definition: The Wyman Schools division will consist of all the schools who enter 30.5 slots or more. Awards: Sweepstakes Awards will be given to the top SIX (6) schools competing in each Division. The top TWO (2) schools will receive gold awards, the next TWO (2) schools will receive silver awards, and the next TWO (2) schools will receive bronze awards.

Distribution of Sweepstakes points shall be as follows:

Interpreters Theatre: (three slots for each entry)

Each Gold Award recipient earns: 30 points

Each Silver Award recipient earns: 22.5 points

Each Bronze Award recipient earns: 15 points

Team Debate and Parliamentary Debate: (two slots for each entry)

Each Gold Award recipient earns: 20 points

Each Silver Award recipient earns: 15 points

Each Bronze Award recipient earns: 10 points

Duo Interpretation, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and NFA-LD: (one and a half slot for each entry)

Each Gold Award recipient earns: 15 points

Each Silver Award recipient earns: 11 points

Each Bronze Award recipient earns: 7.5 points

Individual Events: (one slot for each entry)

Each Gold Award recipient earns: 10 points

Each Silver Award recipient earns: 7.5 points

Each Bronze Award recipient earns: 5 points

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NOTE: No more than 50% of the entry in any event may be awarded sweepstakes points.

EVENT PLAQUES:

BRONZE AWARD plaques shall be awarded to the Team Debate, Parliamentary Debate, Interpreters Theatre teams, and to individuals in Lincoln-Douglas and NFA-LD Debate who are in the first elimination round, but do not advance into the second elimination round. In individual

events and Duo Interpretation, Bronze Awards shall be awarded to those individuals and teams (in Duo Interpretation) who are advanced from the preliminary rounds into the semi-final round, but do not advance into the final round. All entrants who attain a preliminary round cumulative ranking of six (6) or better, are guaranteed advancement into the semi-final (Bronze Award) round. If this does not represent 20% of the original field, (those who actually competed in Round 1), all cumulates of seven (7) shall be advanced. This process shall be continued with the additions of cumulates of eight (8), nine (9) and higher until the semi-final field is equal to at least 20% of the original field. For determining who breaks into the Final Rounds, the same type of formula will be used, except it is all entries that represent at least 10% of the original field.

SILVER AWARD plaques shall be awarded to the Team Debate, Parliamentary Debate, Interpreters Theatre teams, and individuals in Lincoln-Douglas and NFA-LD Debate who advance into the second elimination round, but who do not win. In the individual events and Duo Interpretation, Silver Awards shall be awarded to those individuals and teams (in Duo Interpretation) who do not qualify for the Gold Awards.

GOLD AWARD plaques shall be awarded to the Team Debates, Parliamentary Debate teams, Interpreters Theatre teams, and individuals in Lincoln-Douglas and NFA-LD Debate who win the final elimination rounds. In the individual event, and Duo Interpretation, Gold Awards shall be awarded to those individuals and teams (in Duo Interpretation) whose total cumulative scores place them in the top 50% (plus ties) of the field competing in the final round.

BOVERO-TABOR AWARD: The Bovero-Tabor Award shall be presented to the speaker who accumulates the largest number of sweepstakes points during the tournament (counting the four sweepstakes events in which the student received his/her highest awards). In computing sweepstakes points for the Bovero-Tabor Award, all Gold, Silver or Bronze Awards shall receive 10, 7.5, or 5 points respectively, regardless of the event in which they are won.

**OTHER INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS:** Appropriate plaques will be presented to those individuals accumulating the second and third largest number of sweepstakes points in the tabulation of the Bovero-Tabor Award.

**HUFFER-GOLDMAN AWARD:** The Huffer-Goldman Award will be presented to the Interpreters Theatre team judged by their competitors as representing the finest qualities of intercollegiate forensics.

**BELL-SCROGGINS AWARD:** The Bell-Scroggins plaques shall be awarded to the policy debate team judged by their competitors as representing the finest qualities of intercollegiate forensics.

**LYNCH-GROSSMAN AWARD:** The Lynch-Grossman plaques shall be awarded to the individual in Lincoln-Douglas Debate judged by their competitors as representing the finest qualities of intercollegiate forensics.

**BOSSARD-TWOHY AWARD:** The Bossard-Twohy plaques shall be awarded to the parliamentary debate team judged by their competitors as representing the finest qualities of intercollegiate forensics.

**FISH-NELSON AWARD:** The Fish-Nelson plaques shall be awarded to the individual in NFA-LD judged by their competitors as representing the finest qualities of intercollegiate forensics.

**COLLIE-TAYLOR FELLOWSHIP AWARD:** The Collie-Taylor Fellowship plaque shall be awarded to the coach or coaches who best exemplify the finest qualities of a Phi Rho Pi educator.

**WARREN-DAHLIN FELLOWSHIP AWARD:** The Warren-Dahlin Fellowship plaque shall be awarded to the students or students who best exemplify the spirit of competition.

**OTHER AWARDS:** Other awards may be provided under the auspices of the host college or the National Chapter.

**DESIGNATION OF NO-SMOKING AREAS:** Absolutely no smoking is allowed in any of the common areas of the hotel.