

Section 1: General Rules

AUTHORITY: The Phi Rho Pi National Tournament operates under the rules adopted by the National Convention and the National Executive Board and Tournament Committee.

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.

2024 National Tournament Specifics: The tournament will be held Monday, April 1 through Saturday April 6 at the Golden Nugget – Reno Nv. Rates are \$107 Sun-Thurs & \$117.50 Fri-Sat plus applicable taxes for single-quad occupancy.

TRAINING: Phi Rho Pi does not tolerate any behaviors which constitute sexual harassment. In order to protect the safety of all participants, everyone who attends the National Tournament should undergo Title IX/sexual harassment training as mandated by their home institution. All participants, judges, students, staff, and coaches must engage in Title IX training between September 1, 2023 and March 30, 2024. Record keeping shall fall to the Vice-President for Association.

The preferred option for training is that program's make use of appropriate offices on a school's home campus. This is the preferred option because: 1) on-site training creates the opportunity for building collective awareness and dialogue within member programs, 2) on-site training helps build relationships with resources accessible to students throughout the academic year and outside of forensics, 3) on-site training provides the opportunity for a more robust, interactive educational experience than online training can accomplish, and 4) on-site training helps member programs become aware of any unique considerations relevant to their home institution. Once complete, the form used by the home institution should be submitted to Vice-President for Association at registration. These forms will be maintained by PRP for verification purposes. Forms are due at Registration.

PRP wants all participants to arrive trained and certified by their home institution. Participants who do not complete the training will not be allowed to attend any PRP activity. If you have questions, please reach out to the Tournament Director.

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.

\$50.00 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, March 31, 2024. However, the following nuisance fees apply for all registration changes: .

- * \$10.00 from 1 week to 72 hrs. Prior to registration
(March 24, 5:00 p.m. until March 28, 5:00 p.m.)
- * \$20.00 from 72 to 48 hrs. Prior to registration

- (March 28, 5:01 p.m. until March 29, 5:00 p.m.)**
* \$40.00 from 48 to 24 hrs. Prior to registration
- (March 29, 5:01 p.m. until March 30, 5:00 p.m.)**
* \$60.00 from 24 hours prior to registration or at Sunday registration
- (March 30, 7:01 p.m. until March 31, 7:00 p.m.)**
* \$100.00 after the close of registration Sunday
(March 31, 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 \$60.00 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 \$60.00 each.

Optional Phi Rho Pi t-shirts will be able to be purchased for a fee of \$12.00.

Each school's competition room(s) must check be available to the tournament no later than Tuesday, April 2nd at 8 am through Friday, April 5th at 3pm.

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.]
If paying by credit card, there will be a surcharge for card processing (this amount is set by the processing company and is subject to change).

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: The following entry deadlines **MUST** be met by colleges entering the National Tournament. All submissions should be through forensicstournament.net

HOUSING FORMS DEADLINE: Sunday, March 3, 2024

ATTENDEE INFORMATION DEADLINE: Sunday, March 10, 2024

TOURNAMENT ENTRY DEADLINE: Sunday, March 17, 2024.

Entry should be completed electronically. Instructions and entry are found at the ForensicsTournament Website – <https://forensicstournament.net>

Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations will be honored in all events and communicated to the student's judge prior to each round. All reasonable accommodations must be registered with the tournament director prior to the beginning of the tournament.

Vice President for Tournament Information:

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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 Vice President for Tournament 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 Monday, April 1**. Late arrivals, not expecting to reach the registration site in time to confirm entries, **MUST CALL** the Vice President for Tournament prior to the close of registration. 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 March 24, 2024 should be made through Rolland Petrello through confirmed email at rpetrello@vcccd.edu or at his cell phone number of 805.427.4732.

(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 (limited), 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 12 entered shall automatically be placed in this division.

(2) Wheeler Division:

Definition: The Wheeler Schools division will comprise those schools that enter between 12.5 and 27 slots.

(3) Wyman Division:

Definition: The Wyman Schools division will consist of all the schools that enter 27.5 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

Parliamentary Debate and Duo Interpretation: (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

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 and IPDA: (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

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 and IPDA 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 seven (7) 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 eight (8) shall be advanced. This process shall be continued with the additions of cumulates of 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 and IPDA 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 and IPDA 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 top speakers in the debate events. In addition, awards will be given to the top 5 speakers in the event.

LYNCH-GROSSMAN AWARD: The Lynch-Grossman plaques shall be awarded to the individual in International Public 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. One student from each region shall receive this award.

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 used by the tournament.