



October 2019

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the UWF Forensics Program, you are cordially invited to attend this year's Marks Invitational tournament, which will feature the 11 AFA/NFA Individual Events with three preliminary rounds of IE competition. This tournament will take place on Friday, November 1st and Saturday, November 2nd. Please register online at www.speechwire.com.

We eagerly look forward to seeing you on our beautiful Pensacola campus. Our tournament will offer a comfortable two-day schedule with three flights of individual events. Entries are due on Monday, October 28th at 5 p.m. and we will accept changes to your entry without fee until Wednesday October 30th at 5 p.m.

If you live north of [30° 25' N/87° 13' W] then we can assure you that the weather will be a pleasant change for you during your visit. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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2019 Marks Invitational Schedule

Flight A Events:

EXTEMP
RHET. CRIT / CA
DUO INTERP
POETRY

Flight B Events:

INFORMATIVE
PROSE
ADS

Flight C Events:

IMPROMPTU
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Friday: November 1, 2019

- Registration and ballot pick up in Building 36 main atrium

TIME	INDIVIDUAL EVENTS
10:30 – 11:30	Registration
11:30 – 12:00	Extemp Prep, Building 36
12:00 – 1:15	Flight A, Rd 1
1:15 – 2:30	Flight B, Rd 1
2:30 – 3:45	Flight C, Round 1
3:45 – 4:15	Extemp Prep,
4:15 – 5:30	Flight A, Rd 2
5:30 – 6:45	Flight B, Round 2
6:45 – 8:00	Flight B, Round 3

Saturday: November 2, 2019

- Ballot pick up in Building 36, main atrium

TIME	INDIVIDUAL EVENTS
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8:00 – 8:30	Extemp Prep, Building 36
8:30 – 9:45	Flight A, Round 3
9:45 – 11:00	Flight C, Round 2
11:00 – 12:15	Flight C, Round 3
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch Break – Pizza Provided
1:00 – 2:30	Flight A & B Finals
2:30 – 4:00	Flight C Finals
5:00 or ASAP	AWARDS

TOURNAMENT NOTES

- We will yet again be offering our now famous judge hospitality room for judges and pizza for competitor lunch on Saturday. Friday's registration is open from 10:00-11:30. We recommend coming to campus in enough time to register and get students an early lunch. The University Commons is open for business on Friday. It offers a Chic-fil-A, Twisted Taco, and WhichWich. Our Nautilus Market also offers a full service buffet cafeteria for around \$11 per person.
- The tournament will adhere to NFA (AFA POI) rules for IE competition.
- Events will divide to a novice section if there are at least eleven varsity and eleven novice entries.
- **EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING:** Students may use Internet during Extemp Prep. We will provide a guest pass, but cannot make guarantees regarding Internet speeds and access. Competitors should never leave laptops or other valuables unattended in the Extemp room, as there will be no one there to watch them. UWF takes no responsibility for securing personal belongings during the tournament.
- **IMPROMPTU:** Students will construct and deliver clearly articulated arguments in response to the given prompt, using well-supported claims and a clear structure. Impromptu prompts will be drawn from ideas that can be comprehended and interpreted quickly such as; quotations, single-frame cartoons, song lyrics, rhetorical situations, etc. Impromptu Speaking prescribes a limit of seven minutes with time divided adequately between preparation and presentation

JUDGING

Schools are expected to provide one judge per six IE slots.

ENTRY RULES

- Only undergraduate students may compete in the Marks Invitational.
- Students will be limited to TRIPLE ENTRY in each flight.
- There will be no limitations on the size of school entries.
- A duo must have two novice partners to qualify as a novice pairing.
- Events will divide to a Varsity only and Novice Only Final Round if there are at least: eleven varsity and eleven novice entries. If you would prefer that your

student not compete in a novice only round, please let the ballot table know at registration.

ENTRY COSTS

- School Fee \$25
- IE entries \$8/slot
- Uncovered IE entries: \$18/slot

ADD/DROP FEES

- Drop Fees after Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019 by 12pm CST \$10/slot
- Drop Fees after Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019 by 6 pm CST \$20/slot
- Drop Fees at Registration \$50/slot
- Drop Judge at Registration \$50/judge

PENTATHLON and SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

Points are based on both preliminary and elimination rounds (prelim points are halved). A school's top three entries in each event earn preliminary round sweepstakes points while all elimination round contestants earn points for their school. The formula for awarding points is as follows:

- IE Prelims: Three points for 1st, two points for 2nd and one point for 3rd. (the top three entries will count toward team sweeps)
- IE Out-rounds: 12-10-8-7-5-3 for 1st through 6th
- IE Pentathlon: Entries will be scored in a similar way with a student's top five events counting toward the award. Only a student's top duo will count towards pentathlon. A student qualifies for pentathlon if she/he is entered in five events.

DIRECTIONS

- Campus maps may be obtained at: <http://nautical.uwf.edu/campusmap>
- Parking instructions will be forwarded 48 hours before the tournament
- On both days, we will run the tournament out of Building 36.