

Castle Classic Varsity @ Greeley Central

On behalf of the Greeley Central High School Forensics team, I would like to invite you and your team to the 2014 GCHS 'Castle Classic' Varsity Invitational Tournament on November 15. This year we are pleased to announce that this tournament has been accepted as an official NIETOC bid tournament (National Individual Events TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPTIONS).



Tournament Style:

- Waved (Orange wave, Black wave oscillating)
- 3 rounds + finals where numbers warrant (16 or more entries)
- **Orange Wave Events:** CX, PF, Drama, Humor, NX and Congressional Debate.
- **Black Wave Events:** LD, Duo, OO, FX, Poetry, Creative Storytelling and Congressional Debate.
- Double entry is encouraged but only across waves.
 - o *Debaters who double in Extemp may lose full prep in Extemp if debate rounds run late.*

Congress Details:

- We will have a revolving congress session.
- Students will attend the congress session in one wave, then take an extended personal privilege and go to the next wave.
- We will make every effort to maintain the same judge for all 3 'mini-rounds', but if that is not possible, there will be a different judge each round and results will be averaged to determine awards... the student must be in all three 'mini-rounds' to be eligible for an award & the last PO standing gets the gavel.
- Legislation should be emailed to me and will be posted on speechmeets.
- **LEGISLATION DEADLINE = 12:00 PM Friday, November 7.**
- If schools do not submit legislation, GCHS will provide legislation – this enhances and legitimizes the congress so students have time to actually research and prepare ahead of time instead of playing games.
- There will not be any 'walk-on' legislation the day of the tournament.

Entries & Fees:

- Registration on speechmeets.com
- Entries will be accepted until 60 rooms are filled. We strongly encourage early entries so we can plan for judges accordingly.
- Fees of \$8.00 per single entry, \$16.00 per team (CX, Duo and PF) and \$5.00 per student congress entry are *based on pre-registration – Due by 11/7.*
- If you want to enter more than 5 in each event, please email me and I will see if we can accommodate you.
- **Please make the checks payable to: Greeley Central Forensics.**
 - o **Mail to:**

**Greeley Central High School
c/o Sarah French-Hahn
1515 14th Ave
Greeley, CO 80634**

Judges:

- PLEASE HELP US WITH JUDGES. I will contact the judges if you provide me with phone numbers, or email. If you want us to run on time, we must have the judges.
- ***We will also ask that ALL coaches judge 2 rounds during the day.*** No matter the circumstance, every team is required to donate two rounds of judging by *any* coach – head or assistant will do.
- *Coaches not wishing to judge or who do not provide a judge for the 2 donated rounds will be asked to pay a \$30 judge fee.*

Facebook for judges:

- **We have a facebook page for Northern Colorado judges. Please tell your judges to search for ‘Rocky Mountain North Forensics ~ Judges’ and ‘like’ the page.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114179395299605/>
- I post details on that facebook page about upcoming judging opportunities. We already have 135 judges signed up on the page!

NIETOC Information:

This is an official bid tournament. Students advancing to bid rounds of this tournament will earn one official bid for the 2015 NIETOC hosted at Lincoln Southwest HS on May 8-10, 2015.

If you are unaware of NIETOC, please feel free to ask me about this as it is the BEST tournament experience I have had in 18 years of coaching.

NIETOC Events: Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Original Oratory, and Duet Acting; supplemental events of Prose and Poetry and Expository. Champions in Main Events and Supplemental Events will receive scholarships.

How to earn a bid:

- Less than 20 contestants = First place
- *20-34 Entries – 1st, 2nd or 3rd place
- *35-50 Entries – Finals Round bid
- *51-70 Entries - Semifinals Round bid
- *71+ Entries – Quarterfinals Round Bid

<http://www.nietoc.com/how-to-qualify.asp>



Schedule of Events:

7:00-7:30 Registration, *West entrance* off the large parking lot

Schools arriving after 7:30 may be dropped from or take a loss/4 in round one... if you are running late, grab a cell phone and call my cell phone so we can schedule the tournament and assign judges before you arrive!!!

7:30 Round 1 NX Extemp Draw – if you are late, your extempers will lose the opportunity for full prep time.

7:30 Round 1 CX – note the early start for the first round of CX!!! We will start with our without you.

7:45 Judge Meeting in room 105

Orange Wave Events

Orange Round 1 - 7:30 & 8:00

Orange Round 2 - 11:00

Orange Round 3 - 3:00

Black Wave Events

Black Round 1 - 9:30

Black Round 2 - 1:30

Black Round 3 - 4:30

Finals (if necessary) 6:15

***Lunch app. 12:30 – 1:30** --pay close attention to the postings as these times are not set in stone... we will push the tournament faster if we can.*

Awards 8:00

Extemp draw: This will take place **30 minutes prior** to scheduled start of the round. Please note that this includes **starting round 1 draw promptly at 7:30 in room 323** (*north-east end of the 3rd floor*). If you are running late, please call my cell phone and register your team. Extempers arriving late to ANY of the rounds (regardless of the reason) will forfeit their fully allotted prep time. **LATE COMPETITORS WILL NOT GET FULL PREP TIME – REGARDLESS OF THE REASON.**

Creative Storytelling Draw: These will take place in room 305 and will take place 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the round.

Awards: Medals and ribbons will be awarded to places 1-6. Superior and Excellent competitors will receive ribbons.

Judging: ALL Coaches will be asked to judge at least two rounds. Coaches not wishing to judge will be assessed a \$30 judging fee. We ask that if you bring judges that they do not hang out in the commons with the other teams as this can cause other competitors to freak out. Having to track down missing judges also slows everybody down. Judges will be asked not to discuss rounds with students until the conclusion of the tournament to help ensure the appearance of fairness and integrity, and to ensure that the tournament runs ON TIME. We will have a cozy, food-filled room in which judges can congregate. NO ORAL CRITIQUES please; this slows tournaments to a crawl.

Debate Topics & the use of laptops:

CX debaters will use the NFL 2014-2015 topic. **Rebuttals will be 5 minutes.** The use of laptops will be allowed for flowing and file retrieval, but the use of WiFi will NOT be allowed. Cheating will result in an IMMEDIATE DQ from the tournament and if the offending team won the ballot, it will be overturned; consider this your one and only warning. Additionally: your battery, your problem.

LD debaters will use the NFL Nov/Dec topic

PF debaters will use the NFL November topic. For PF, sides will be determined in tab... NO COIN FLIP. Make sure your debaters are prepared to debate both sides.

Lunch: Lunch will be served for coaches and judges. A concession stand will serve coffee, soup, pizza, burritos, snacks and other goodies. There are no restaurants within walking distance of Greeley Central. If you leave campus and miss a round, you will be awarded a 4/loss.

Smoking: Smoking is not allowed anywhere on campus. Because a residential area surrounds Greeley Central, students are asked not to smoke across the street either.

Tab Room: We will be in the library (on the second floor of the Castle). As always, coaches are welcome in the tab room, and a ballot room adjoining the tab room will be available for your perusal all day. We will ask coaches to help in tab and/or judge, please make sure you are available and don't sneak off for a nap.

Ballots: We are not in lock-down mode, so you may read, cheer, frame, curse at, burn or otherwise enjoy the ballots at any point in the day. Ballots will be color coded by event to enhance organization. We will even provide student labor to stuff, sort and staple your ballots for you. Please do not give ballots to your students until the conclusion of the awards ceremony. If you are a coach who tells your students how they are doing throughout the day, please be mindful that some coaches do not inform their students about round results until after awards. Please tell your students to not tell others how they are doing.

Entries: Please limit entries to a maximum of **5** per debate event (if you bring a debate judge – 4 if not) and a max of **5** for all other events, unlimited for Student Congress. If you wish to have additional entries, email me and we will see if that request can be accommodated... it usually can.

Day of the tournament:

- **If you are running late the day of the tournament, PLEASE call Sarah's cell phone (970) 405-3198** so we can pull your drops and get things going. If you are late and have not contacted Sarah, you will be dropped from the first round... your students will receive losses in the debates and will receive 4s in all other events but will be able to enter the competition the following round.
- **Getting through Greeley :** Greeley is the sister city of NYC and the layout is the same; it is set up as a number grid... Streets run east and west & Avenues run north and south... if you are lost, call Sarah or follow the signs to the hospital, as we are across the street to the east of the hospital.

