

Region IV Coaches,

It is that time of year again as we all begin our preparation for Phi Rho Pi Nationals! An important part of that process is our Regional tournament! This year our tournament will be taking place on March 22 and 23, 2019 at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, IL! A big “thanks” to Josh, Dana, and the entire PSC team! Please note that this year’s tournament will have NO HOTEL PORTION! All competition will be taking place at PSC’s campus.

Similarly to the past few years, our tournament will be using ForensicsTournament.net for registration and tabbing. As soon as everything is finalized and ready for registration, I will be sure to spread the word.

The following invitation will give you all necessary information you need to begin your planning. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

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Also, please keep in mind the following deadlines for Phi Rho Pi Nationals.

HOUSING FORMS DEADLINE: Sunday, March 17, 2019

ATTENDEE INFORMATION DEADLINE: Sunday, March 24, 2019

TOURNAMENT ENTRY DEADLINE: Sunday, March 31, 2019

Changes in events without penalty may be made up to Sunday, March 31, 2019

Phi Rho Pi Region IV TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
March 22 and 23 at Prairie State College

RULES: Phi Rho Pi national rules will govern student eligibility, school entry limits, individual entries, team sweepstakes, individual sweepstakes, and event rules (www.phirhopi.org). Schools are limited to 6 entries per event.

<u>GROUP A</u>	<u>GROUP B</u>	<u>GROUP C</u>
PROSE	DUO	INFORMATIVE
POETRY	PERSUASION	POI
EXTEMP	IMPROMPTU	DI
IT	STE	PARLI
CA	IPDA	

****A student may enter ONE of the first three events listed above AND the last event(s).**

*****In the case of IT, CA, STE, IPDA, it will be possible for some students to be triple-entered. We will do our best to communicate this to the scheduled judges so they know to wait for double/triple-entered students. Please keep in mind that students triple enter at their own risk.**

JUDGES: WE NEED JUDGES!!! In previous years, our tournaments have had some issues with the size of the judging pool. To help alleviate some of those issues, a motion was made and passed at our Daytona coaches meeting to increase the number of judges that each school brings. As a result, each school must provide a minimum of two judges (regardless of entry size). To follow traditional equations: every judge will cover 6 IE slots and every 2 IPDA or parli teams (1 IPDA and 1 Parli team OR 2 IPDA teams OR 2 Parli teams). Please keep in mind that the more judges you can bring, the more efficiently the tournament can run!

A limited number of hired judges will be available at \$10.00 per uncovered slot.

Please, if you are bringing IPDA or Parli teams, provide us with enough judges to cover your slots!!

Efforts will be made this year to increase the size of our judging pool by getting into contact with local "lay judges" (lawyers, ToastMaster groups, etc), but we also need former competitors/coaches and those with direct knowledge of forensics. If you know of anyone that would like to judge, please have them complete the following Google Form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/a9e7Bn7dqVMmqfAl1>

ENTRY DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 19 AT 5:00 PM

FEES: The following fees will apply:

- \$65.00 Region IV Fee (paid by each school)
- \$7.00 per slot (IE, IT, IPDA, or Parli team)
- \$10.00 per slot not covered

- Drops/Changes from entry deadline thru 12 PM Wednesday – No Charge
- Drops after 12:00 PM Wednesday, March 20: **\$10.00 per slot**
- Drops after 12:00 PM on Thursday, March 21: **\$15.00 per slot**
- Friday drops “from the van:” **\$30 per slot**
- Drops at registration (slots and judges): **\$50.00**

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BREAKING: All students who attain a cumulative rank of “7” or lower will automatically advance to the medal rounds in that event. If this does not represent 20% of the field *and at least 6 students* in that event, all ranks of “8” will also break to the medal rounds. This process will continue until at least 20% of the field and at least 6 students advance to the medal rounds.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to all competitors who advance to a medal round. Order of finish will be determined by the cumulative ranks on all ballots. Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards will be divided among all competitors advancing to a medal round.

Team sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top IE teams, the top debate teams, and the top six overall schools.

The **Cheri Corey Individual Sweepstakes Award** will be presented to the top individual speaker. The sixth through second place overall speakers will also be recognized.

The **Don Hagerty Award** will be presented to the student in the region who reflects the fellowship qualities we find important in our region. The winner of this award will be determined by a vote of all regional competitors during the tournament.

The **Region IV Coach Award** will be presented to the coach in the region that reflects the qualities of a coach that the student’s of our region value most. The winner of this award will be determined from a master list of regularly active coaches (each school will need to supply names to the governor at a date TBD). Students will vote for the one coach that they believe most exemplifies our regional values.

FOOD: As has become customary over the past few years, the Region will order a basic pizza lunch for students, coaches, judges on Friday the 22nd. For dinner that night and for lunch/dinner on Saturday the 23rd our hosts from PSC have put together a list of local food options for your convenience (at the end of the invite). There will also be a student lounge (Room 2265) and a judges lounge (Room 2616).

PHI RHO PI REGION IV TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2019

FRIDAY – MARCH 22, 2019

7:30-8:15 AM **Registration** @ Prairie State College - Room 3190

8:15 **ALL ENTERED IN ANY FORM OF DEBATE MUST MEET AT THE BALLOT TABLE. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

8:30 IPDA DRAW

9:00 IPDA Debate (Rd. 1)

9:45 Parli Debate (Rd. 1) & Coaches' Meeting

11:00 Extemp Prep (Rd. 1)

11:30 Extemp, PRO, POE, CA, and IT (Rd. 1)

IPDA Contestants must go first in these rounds to leave for draw!!

12:15 P.M. IPDA Draw

12:45 IPDA Debate (Rd. 2); PERS., DUO, IMP, STE

Double entries in IPDA will arrive late to IE rounds

2:00 POI, DI, INFO (Rd. 1)

Double Entries in Parliamentary Debate MUST go FIRST

2:30 Parli Debate (Rd. 2)

3:45 Extemp Prep (Rd. 2)

4:15 Extemp, PRO, POE, CA, IT (Rd. 2)

IPDA Contestants must go first in these rounds to leave for draw!!

5:00 IPDA Draw

5:30 IPDA Debate (Rd. 3); PERS, DUO, IMP, STE (Rd. 2)

Double entries in IPDA will arrive late to IE rounds

6:45 POI, DI, INFO (Rd. 2)

Double Entries in Parliamentary Debate MUST go FIRST and then move quickly to the 7pm rounds

7:00 Parli Debate (Rd. 3)

SATURDAY – MARCH 23, 2019

8:00 A.M. Extemp Prep (Rd. 3)

8:30 Extemp, PRO, POE, CA, and IT (Rd. 3)

IPDA Contestants must go first in these rounds to leave for draw!!

9:15 IPDA Draw

9:45 IPDA Debate (Rd. 4); DUO, PERS, IMP, STE (Rd. 3)

Double entries in IPDA will arrive late to IE rounds

11:00 POI, DI, INFO

Double Entries in Parliamentary Debate MUST go FIRST

11:30 Parli Debate (Rd. 4)

1:30 Extemp Prep

2:00 Medal rounds for Extemp, PRO, POE, CA

IPDA Contestants must go first in these rounds to leave for draw!!

2:45 IPDA draw

3:15 IPDA Medal round

3:15 PERS, DUO, IMP, STE Medal Round

Double entries in IPDA will arrive late to IE rounds

4:30 Parli Debate Medal Round

4:30 POI, DI, INFO Medal Rounds

5:30 Awards ceremony – Barnes and Noble Auditorium

Lodging

Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago
Southland—Matteson
20920 Matteson Avenue
Matteson, Illinois, 60443
Phone: 708-748-4102

La Quinta Inn Chicago Matteson
5210 West Southwick Dr
Matteson, IL 60443
Phone: 1-708-503-0999

Country Inn and Suites
950 Lake Superior Drive
Matteson, IL 60443
Phone: 708-748-4740

Country Inn and Suites
18315 S. La Grange Rd
Tinley Park, IL 60487
708-560-9300

Holiday Inn Tinley Park Convention
Center
18501 Convention Center Dr.
Tinley Park, IL 60477
Phone: 708-444-1100

NOT recommended, but probably the most
economical:

Americas Best Value Inn Matteson
5200 West Lincoln Highway
Matteson, IL 60443
Phone: 708-481-3900

FOOD OPTIONS

Jimmy Johns

(will NOT deliver to PSC)

18048 S. Halsted

Homewood

11:00 am to 10:00 pm

708-957-0289

Aurelio's Pizza (delivery available)

18162 Harwood Ave

Homewood

Fri – Sat 11:30 am - 10:30 pm

708-798-8050

Taco Bell

(across the street from the college)

201 S. Halsted St.

Chicago Heights

McDonalds (across the street from the college)

19767 S. Halsted St

Chicago Heights

Burger King

194 W. Joe Orr Road

Chicago Heights

Burger King

18459 S Halsted St.

Glenwood

China Inn

(take-out only – Lunch \$6.15 to \$6.55)

123 W. Joe Orr Rd.

Chicago Heights

Fri – Sat 11:30 am – 10:00 pm

708-755-3382

Bergstein's NY Delicatessen

(Sandwiches—No delivery)

200 Dixie Hwy

Chicago Heights

10 am – 8 pm

708-754-6400

Portillo's

17500 S. Halsted St

Homewood

10:30 am - 10:30 pm

708-991-2061

Panda Express

17932 Halsted St

Homewood

10:30 am – 9:30 pm

708-206-9926

Chili's

17928 Halsted St

Homewood

11:00 am to 11:30 pm

708-957-5804

Krispy Kreme

17815 Halsted St.

Homewood, IL 60430

708-625-6533