



Year 1 was a success; so we're doing it again!

The Oshkosh North Forensics Team invites you to take part in the second annual Oshkosh North Forensics Tournament on January 21, 2017. Our geographic location makes us a short bus ride for schools in the Fox Valley, Southeast Wisconsin, and Central (North and South) parts of the state. As a result, we offer your students a good opportunity to see a mix of competitors and judging that they may not see again until the state tournament in April.

We will offer three rounds of preliminary competition of all standard WFCAs events, and if sufficient entries warrant, we will also offer Novice Prose and Poetry competitions. Since we understand the value of the power round learning experience, we will ensure a power round competition for all categories, even if it serves to only determine whom among the top three will be the day's champion. Last year, we had sufficient entries in all categories to offer a full power round.

And speaking of champions, we will be offering trophies to the top three finishers in all events as well as providing finalist medals to all students advancing to the power round. We will award trophies to the top three teams in three divisions. We'll determine divisions based on entries the week of the tournament.

We are running a WFCAs tournament, but we invite both WFCAs and WHSFAs schools to attend!

ENTRIES: Teams may enter as many entries as they would like. Double entries are allowed in all categories, except Radio and Extemp entries may not enter in both categories due to scheduling constraints (but students may enter in one draw and one non-draw category, Extemp and Oratory, for example). Triple-entries are not allowed. Note: Novice Prose/Poetry are only open to students competing in their first year in forensics; not their first year in the category.

RULES: [WFCAs rules](#) will apply in all events. To accommodate the category differences between WFCAs and WHSFAs, Public Address competitors may enter as Oratory entries and 4-Minute competitors may enter Informative Speaking. We will advise judges not to penalize speeches in those categories that resemble their WHSFA approximations. But please note, no notecards in Oratory or chairs in the solo acting categories are allowed.

JUDGES: Please provide one qualified judge for every five entries or fraction thereof. If you are short on judges, you may hire one of our independent extra judges at a rate of \$115/judge. You must provide the number of judges you indicate on your original entry and any additional judges to accommodate any late adds. Please note, we will once again invite "celebrity" judges from the arts, government, education, and journalism to provide written critiques in select Power Rounds. However, "celebrity" critiques will not count toward official scores nor replace any of the three standard, quality judges whose Power Round evaluations will determine official results.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, January 16 at 3:00 P.M. via Speechwire.com (click on the Oshkosh North Tournament link). Coaches should manage drops on Speechwire through 12:00 P.M. on Friday, January 20. Entry fees will apply to any drops after this date.

CONFIRMATION: We will send you a confirmation e-mail the week before the meet. Each team will need to confirm their entries with us via text by 7:15 A.M. on Saturday morning so we can accommodate any last-minute changes while keeping the tournament on time! We will only allow day-of adds if competition space and schedule availability allows.

FEES: \$9 per individual entry and \$12 for each group entry (Duo, Group Interpretation, and Play Acting) as of your team's registration on Speechwire through 3:00 P.M. on Friday, January 20. Please make checks

payable to Oshkosh North Forensics. Registration fees will still apply to any entries dropped after 3:00 P.M. on Friday.

FOOD: We will have complimentary breakfast and lunch items for judges, coaches, and drivers in the hospitality lounge. The Oshkosh North Booster Club will sell food throughout the day for competitors.

The Oshkosh North Booster Club will be offering ala carte items for breakfast and meal deals for lunch.

ACCESSIBILITY: Please let us know if any students or judges require special accessibility needs, and we will be happy to accommodate.

QUESTIONS?: Contact Jennifer Henselin at (920) 424-4020 ext. 2664 (school), (715) 851-7303 (cell), or jennifer.henselin@oshkosh.k12.wi.us.

Schedule - Saturday, January 21

Prior to 7:15.....Text-in confirmation

7:30-8:15.....Registration

8:15.....Mandatory Judges Meeting in Hospitality

Radio/Extemp Draw

8:45.....Round 1, All Events

10:00.....Round 2, All Events

11:15.....Round 3, All events

1:15.....Power Rounds

2:45.....Awards



We look forward to hosting your team and providing a professional and enjoyable day of forensics!

Regards,

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Tournament Co-Director