

Eau Claire Memorial High School Forensics

2225 Keith Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703

Dear Forensic Coach,

Memorial High School Forensics is pleased to invite you and your team to participate in the *Old Abe Forensic Invitational* at Memorial High School in Eau Claire on Saturday, February 25, 2017. The tournament is both WHSFA and WFCA friendly, and students may double or triple enter. Please see the following pages for more specifics regarding rules and category deviations.

The entry fee will be \$8.00 per entry and \$12.00 per group. Please bring one judge for every 5 entries with a maximum of 5 affiliated (dirty) judges per school. Hired judges will be available for \$20.00 per uncovered entry.

Concessions will be available for purchase at the tournament.

The deadline for registration will be at 4pm Friday, February 17. Drops after this time will not reduce your fees. Drops will be accepted without penalty until Tuesday, February 21. Checks are payable to: MHS Forensic Team.

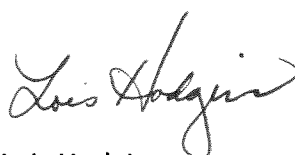
There will be awards for all finalists, qualitative sweepstakes awards for the top two small teams (5-20 entries), and sweepstakes awards for the top three large teams, based on the top 25 entries from each school.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in February.

Sincerely,



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Tournament Schedule:

The Memorial High School main parking lot and entry doors are on the south side of the building facing Clairemont Avenue. Look for the giant Eagle on the roof. Please register teams at room 1835.

Time	Event
5:00 am or As Soon As Possible	Report drops or changes to Scott Peterson 608-345-4556
7:45 – 8:15 am	Registration in room 1835 (near Commons)
8:30 am	General Meeting in the Auditorium for all speakers and judges (except Radio and Extempers)
8:30 am	Radio and Extemp Draw in the IMC
9:00 am	Round One
10:15 am	Round Two
11:30 am	Round Three
Concessions will be available for sale in the commons. After a break for lunch, the approximate times are:	
1:30 pm	Posting of Results in Commons
1:45 pm	Final Round
3:15 pm	Awards in Auditorium

Tournament Guidelines:

We welcome WHSFA *and* WFC A schools and will honor the rules from both organizations. If an element of a performance is allowed in either WHSFA or WFC A, it will be allowed at our tournament. Some examples of blending the rules include:

- Two speakers will be allowed in Demonstration Speaking (new WHSFA rule 2017). The entry fee for Demonstration will be the same prices as other individual entries regardless of a Demonstration entry having one or two speakers. If there are two speakers under one entry, provide the names of both when submitting your roster.
- Informative Speaking is a new WFC A category which has replaced Four Minute Speaking. The time limit is 6 minutes. Students who are prepared in Four Minute Speaking may be registered in Informative Speaking, and judges will be instructed not to penalize shorter speeches unless they are significantly under four minutes.
- One 4x6 note card will be permitted in Oratory. Other categories that allow notes have no specific limits, formats, or dimensions.
- There will be no separate Public Address event but students in Public Address may be entered in Oratory and the judges will be alerted to this.

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- Chairs, etc. MAY be used in Solo Acting and Group Interpretation. Optional speaker's/reader's stands may be used in the categories involving scripts or notes.
- We will NOT separate Solo Acting Humorous and Solo Acting Serious.
- In Storytelling the order of stories will be set by random draw the morning of the tournament at the opening meeting. For each round, all speakers will be presenting the same story category.

Complete rules for each organization can be found at:

- www.wfcaforensics.org
- www.whsfa.org

Registration Limitations:

- You will be allowed to have an unlimited number of entries in each category.
- Double and triple entries ARE allowed.
- Please report how many of your judges are *clean* versus *dirty*. Clean judges have no school or team affiliation other than you hiring them to judge. Dirty judges are other coaches, teachers or judges close to your team. This will give us more options for scheduling rounds. Each school may bring a MAXIMUM of 5 dirty judges; schools with more than 25 entries will be required to fulfill their judging quota by bringing clean judges or hiring clean judges through MHS Forensics. If you have extra *clean* judges, you may contact us and we may hire them.

Remember:

- The deadline for registration is 4pm on Friday, February 17.
- Drops after this time will not reduce your entry fees or your judging requirement.
- PLEASE submit a roster with your registration. This should list the names of your students in each category.

Important:

- Please keep us informed about registration changes as soon as you know about them so the tournament schedule can be balanced. One student drop might mean an entire section and judge slot can be eliminated. We would rather have multiple emails or phone calls throughout the week rather than one summary message.
- Tournament day drops MUST be called in on Saturday morning before your team departs for Memorial High School. Schools whose students are not transported as a team are exempt from this request (nearby schools like Eau Claire North, Regis, etc.). This will help balance round sizes and make the tournament run more smoothly. Call 608-345-4556.

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Saturday, February 25, 2017

Please **EMAIL** your entry to: nsirek@ecasd.us (use "Forensics Registration" in the subject line)
You will receive an email confirming your registration

Registration Deadline is Friday, February 17 at 4 pm

School: _____ Phone: _____

Coach: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Number of Entries/Category	Number of Entries/Category
_____ Demonstration	_____ Oratory
_____ *Duo Interp	_____ *Play Acting
_____ Extemporaneous	_____ Poetry
_____ Farrago	_____ Prose
_____ *Group Interp	_____ Radio Speaking
_____ Impromptu Speaking	_____ Solo Acting
_____ Informative/Four Minute Speaking	_____ Special Occasion
_____ Moments in History	_____ Storytelling
_____ Oral Interp of Lit	

Number of Individual Entries _____ x \$8.00 = _____
(Including Demos with 2 speakers)

Number of Groups (*) _____ x \$12.00 = _____
(Duo, Group, Play)

Total Number of Entries _____

Number of Dirty Judges _____ (MAX. 5)

Number of Clean Judges _____

Number of Uncovered Entries _____ x \$20.00 = _____
(Please provide 1 judge per 5 entries)

Total Due: \$ _____

(Payable to EC Memorial Forensics)

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