

The Hollatz Debates

NPDA Debate Tournament
November 3rd-4th, 2017



Wheaton College

Hosted by
Wheaton College Forensics

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Dear Colleague:

The Wheaton College Forensics team is pleased to invite you and your forensics squad to attend the **2017 Hollatz Debates**, held on the campus of Wheaton College on **Friday, November 3rd** and **Saturday, November 4th, 2017**.

For 30 years, Dr. Ed Hollatz (1954-1984) served as the Director of Forensics at Wheaton College. The tournament is named after this extraordinary man to honor his service, not just to our college, but especially to the forensics community. Additionally, Dr. Gary Larson led the Debate Team from 1984-2000 and continues to assist with The Hollatz Debates each year.

The 2017 Hollatz Debates will offer two divisions of NPDA-style debate – Senior division (open to all eligible debaters) and junior division (per NPDA guidelines). Six preliminary rounds of competition will lead to single-elimination debates with all teams winning a majority of their debates advancing to elimination rounds.

A number of features make this tournament a unique and competitive choice. The tournament features the following:

- **The Best Tab Staff in the Nation** – Dr. Gary Larson, author of SMART Tournament Administrator (STA-XL), has consented to tabulate the tournament. You will not find a more competent person to administer a debate tournament. Some tournaments boast about their incredible tab staff, but none can deliver like this tournament.
- **Cost and Time Effective** – The schedule has been arranged to minimize lodging costs. The schedule allows teams to arrive at the tournament on the day of competition, as well as an early departure. For most schools, this means returning home on Saturday is possible.
For those visiting us from outside the Midwest, both O'Hare and Midway Airports offer reasonable airfare rates – in many cases, round-trip flights are under \$200/person. Additionally, airport and shuttle service may be possible for those who are flying to visit us. Please contact me directly for additional information.
- **Lunch Provided by the Tournament** – Because off-campus food options are not easily accessible from Wheaton College, the tournament will be offering lunch on Saturday afternoon. This meal is complementary to tournament competitors and critics.

The Wheaton College Forensics Team hopes to see you and your squad in Wheaton, IL on November 3rd and 4th. We are anticipating an excellent weekend of competition. If there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For Wheaton Forensics,

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2017 Tournament Schedule

FRIDAY, November 3rd, 2017

2:15-3:00 **REGISTRATION – Barrows Lobby, Billy Graham Center**

3:10 **OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT –Billy Graham Center TBA**

3:15 Topic Announced: Round 1 (Billy Graham Center TBA)

3:35-4:20 Round One Debates (preset)

4:40 Ballots due – Billy Graham Center 140

4:40 Topic Announced: Round 2 (Billy Graham Center 140)

5:00-5:45 Round Two Debates (preset)

6:05 Ballots due – Billy Graham Center 140

6:15 Topic Announced: Round 3 (Billy Graham Center 140)

6:35-7:20 Round Three Debates (high-low)

7:40 Ballots due - Billy Graham Center 140

SATURDAY, November 4th, 2017

8:00 Topic Announced: Round 4 (Barrows Auditorium, Billy Graham Center)

8:20-9:05 Round Four Debates (high-low)

9:25 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

9:35 Topic Announced: Round 5 (Barrows Auditorium)

9:55-10:40 Round Five Debates (high-low)

11:00 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

11:10 Topic Announced: Round 6 (Barrows Auditorium)

11:30-12:15 Round Six Debates (high-low)

12:35 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

12:15-1:00 **LUNCH SERVED – Barrows Auditorium Lobby**

12:55 Topic Announced: Octofinals (Barrows Auditorium)

1:15-2:00 Octofinal Round Debates (high-low)

2:20 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

2:30 P.M. **AWARDS CEREMONY – Barrows Auditorium**

3:00 Topic Announced: Quarterfinals (Barrows Auditorium)

3:20-4:05 Quarterfinal Round Debates (Announce Decision)

4:25 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

4:35 Topic Announced: Semifinals (Barrows Auditorium)

4:55-5:40 Semifinal Round Debates (Announce Decision)

6:00 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

6:10 Topic Announced: Finals (Barrows Auditorium)

6:30-7:15 Final Round Debates

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PART ONE: TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Tournament Rules – NPDA regulations will govern the tournament, unless specified elsewhere in this invitation. We will allow hybrid teams to compete. No individual may debate without a partner.

Competitor Eligibility - Any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two-year or four-year college or university who meets the NPDA's eligibility standards is eligible. No person who has competed for eight (8) or more semesters or has competed at a collegiate national tournament in four (4) different years may compete. Wheaton students will participate.

DIVISIONS

Provided that there are at least eight (8) entrants per division, there will be two divisions of NPDA Debate: Junior and Senior. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines. Eligibility is determined based upon the most experienced partner.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Teams and Judges - Entries are due by 6:00 pm CST on Tuesday, October 31st, 2017. Drops and name changes (but no adds) can be made until Wednesday, November 1st at 12:00 noon. Please email the full names of both debaters and the names (and division or round restrictions, if any) of judges to gary.larson@wheaton.edu. Please indicate any team constraints a critic may have.

PART TWO: PROCEDURAL ISSUES

DISCLOSURE

Please help us keep **on schedule**. Ballots **MUST** be returned by the time indicated on the schedule. Following the return of the ballot, critics are encouraged to disclose as much information as they see fit. Delays attributed to judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including automatic losses or removal from the tournament.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Power-matching for all preliminary rounds will be high-low in win-loss brackets. When brackets are uneven, teams with the weakest opposition record will be pulled up to the next highest bracket. The computer will randomly match Rounds 1 & 2. Rounds 3-6 will be power-matched based on the results of all previous rounds. If there are other questions about matching teams, we will do what Gary says. We **ALWAYS** do what Gary says – he knows more about matching debates than...

ELIMINATION ROUNDS

Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by judge variance. Per NPDA rules, brackets will be broken in elimination rounds.

In each division, all teams winning a majority of their debates will advance to single-elimination round debates. Partial elimination rounds will be held, as necessary. Break even teams (those with a 3-3 record) may advance based upon NPDA guidelines for appropriate breaks.

PART THREE: FINANCIAL ISSUES

ENTRY FEES

Fees will be assessed at noon on Wednesday, November 1st. Because we need to finalize our trophy order and lunch order for Saturday, we cannot accommodate last minute reductions in fees. The following fees will be assessed:

- \$65.00 per covered debate team.
(this covers entry and lunch for 2 debaters/1 judge)
- \$10.00 per non-participant meal package
(remember, judges and debaters are covered by entry fee)
- \$165.00 per uncovered debate team.

JUDGING

Commitment – One judge can cover up to two NPDA teams. Judges are needed one round beyond their squad's elimination. We will make EVERY effort to send squads home as soon as possible, but the tournament cannot function without critics.

Available Judges – We REALLY want you to bring your judges. It is unclear at this time how many hired judges we will be able to locate. We are willing to either reduce a school's fees or pay judges with a bachelor's degree \$15.00 per round judged beyond commitment. Please alert us to any judge who is willing to judge beyond her/his commitment.

PART FOUR: AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Each debate team advancing to an elimination round will receive an award. In divisions with 20 or fewer debate teams, the tournament will award three speaker awards. If a division has 21 or more teams, the top 5 speakers will receive awards. Speaker awards will be determined first by adjusted points, then by total points, followed by double adjusted points and finally by judge variance (Z-score).

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

Each preliminary round debate won by a team earns two points for that school. Each team advancing to the initial elimination round earns that school an additional two points. Schools will count the performance of their top three teams. Ties will be broken first by counting the number of teams advancing to elimination rounds, then by the number of wins in the first elimination round, then wins in the second elimination round, and finally by the cumulative placings of the top four speakers from each squad.

PART FIVE: LODGING AND CAMPUS INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS

Wheaton College Campus – The city of Wheaton is located 25 miles directly west of Downtown Chicago. The campus address is 501 College Ave, Wheaton, IL 60187. From I-355, exit Roosevelt Avenue and head west to Main Street (Wheaton – do NOT turn on the first main street, which is Main Street-Glen Ellyn). Turn right (north) onto Main Street and right again (east) onto Seminary. The Billy Graham Center will appear on your right.

From Midway Airport to Campus - Leave the airport heading North on Cicero until you reach I-55 South. Take I-55 South to I-294 North. Take I-294 North to I-88 West. Take I-88 to I-355 North and exit on Roosevelt Road. Turn left (west) onto Roosevelt Road and travel through Glen Ellyn until you come to Main Street (Wheaton, NOT Glen Ellyn). Turn right (north) onto Main Street until you come to Seminary Ave. Turn right (east) onto Seminary until the Billy Graham Center appears on your right.

From O’Hare Airport to Campus - Leave the airport on I-190. Take I-190 to I-294 South. Take I-294 South to I-88 West. Take I-88 to I-355 North and exit on Roosevelt Road. Turn left (west) onto Roosevelt Road and travel through Glen Ellyn until you come to Main Street (Wheaton, NOT Glen Ellyn). Turn right (north) onto Main Street until you come to Seminary Ave. Turn right (east) onto Seminary until the Billy Graham Center appears on your right.

LODGING

While the City of Wheaton has no hotels, many of the surrounding cities have nice, reasonably priced hotel options. We suggest two hotels in particular – the Hampton Inn in Carol Stream (<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=CHICLHX>) and the Red Roof Inn in Downers Grove (http://www.redroof.com/reservations/inn_details.asp?innNumber=87). For other cost-saving options, we suggest hotels.com.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Wheaton College is committed to establishing and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all members of the community and invited guests. If for any reason you feel unsafe during your stay on campus, please do not hesitate to contact one of Wheaton’s Title IX Coordinators or the Wheaton College Department of Public Safety.

Lead Title IX Coordinator—Bryan Seiler, bryan.seiler@wheaton.edu, 630.752.5496

Title IX Coordinator for Students—Allison Ash, allison.ash@wheaton.edu, 630.752.5941

Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Students—Jessica Torres, jessica.torres@wheaton.edu, 630.752.5797

Title IX Coordinator for Employees—Karen Tucker, karen.tucker@wheaton.edu, 630.752.5060

Wheaton College Department of Public Safety

On-Campus Emergency or Service: 630.752.5911

Emergency taking place off-campus: 911

Student Health Services: 630.752.5072