

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 2023 GCHS 'Castle Classic' Varsity Invitational Tournament on November 18. We are once again pleased to announce that this tournament has been accepted as an official NIETOC bid tournament (National Individual Events Tournament of Champions).

Tournament Style:

- Waved (Orange wave, Black wave - oscillating) *Black wave is B wave*
- 3 rounds + finals where numbers warrant (More than 20 entries)
- **Orange Wave Events:** CX, PF, Drama, Humor, **POI (Program Oral Interp)**, Informative Speaking, NX and Congressional Debate.
- **Black Wave Events:** LD, Duo, OO, FX, **Poetry**, Creative Storytelling and Congressional Debate.
- Double entry is encouraged across waves – **if you have an extraordinary student that wants to attempt more than 2 individual events (for NIETOC purposes), please just ask me and doubling within a wave can be negotiated.**
 - o *Debaters may not double enter in another debate.*
 - o *Debaters who double in Extemp may lose full prep in Extemp if debate rounds run late.*
 - o **CX debaters may not double enter unless it is in Congress**
 - o Competitors competing in **Poetry and POI** should use different performances/pieces/cuttings as they are not the same event. Poetry will use CHSAA rules (10 minutes, memorized - if you need a copy of the rules, please email sfrench@greeleyschools.org)



Registration & Tournament Website:

- This will take place on castleclassic.tabroom.com this year.
- **Please utilize our tournament website for all of your coach, student, and judge needs www.castleclassic.weebly.com**

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. THE JUDGE DETERMINES AWARDS, NOT A CHAMBER VOTE.
- **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. This will be posted on www.castleclassic.weebly.com the first week of November at the latest.
- There will not be any 'walk-on' legislation the day of the tournament.

Entries & Fees:

- Registration on castleclassic.tabroom.com
- Entries will be accepted until **60** rooms are filled for each wave. We strongly encourage early entries so we (and you) can plan for judges accordingly.
- **Fees of \$10.00 per single entry, \$20.00 per team (CX, Duo and PF) and \$8.00 per student congress entry are based on pre-registration – Due by 11/10**
- If you want to enter more than 5 in each event, please contact Frenchie.
- If you are fortunate enough to have a P-Card/Credit Card/Debit Card, you can call my fabulous finance secretary, Nancy Kern, and pay that way, just let her know it is for the Castle Classic forensics tournament. 970-348-5002.
- **Please make the checks PAYABLE TO: Greeley Central High School -**

Send to:

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

Judges:

- PLEASE HELP US WITH JUDGES. If you want us to run on time, we must have the judges.
- ***We 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 \$50 judge fee.*
- If you bring CX teams, you need to bring CX judges; the event is shrinking, as is the available pool of “qualified” judges for the event. No judges = totally lay judges who will hate every second of the round, and it is what it is, or we will have to cancel the event.

Judging: ALL Coaches will be asked to judge at least two rounds. Coaches not wishing/refusing to judge will be assessed a \$50 judging fee. Having to track down missing judges slows everybody down, so please pay attention to tabroom blasts and postings. 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 on the second floor of the Castle across from the library (tabroom) in which judges can congregate. NO ORAL CRITIQUES please; this slows tournaments to a crawl. Problems arise when teams bring a huge entry, coaches refuse to judge, and they don’t bring adults capable of judging. PLEASE BRING JUDGES.

Facebook for judges:

- **We have a facebook page for Northern Colorado judges. Please tell your judges to search for ‘Northern CO Speech & Debate Forensics Judges’ and ‘like’ the page.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114179395299605/>
- I post details on that facebook page about upcoming judging opportunities.

NIETOC Information:

This is an official bid tournament. Students advancing to bid rounds of this tournament will earn one official bid for the 2024 NIETOC; which will be hosted at Bellevue West High School in Bellevue, NE on May 10-12, 2024. ***This is the BEST tournament experience I have had in 27 years of coaching.***

NIETOC Events: Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Original Oratory, Informative Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, 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:

- *0-19 contestants = 1st place
- *20-34 contestants = 1st, 2nd or 3rd place
- *35-50 contestants = Finals Round bid
- *51-70 contestants = Semifinals Round bid

<http://nietoc.com/full-details/>



Events & Waves:

Orange Wave (A)

Policy (if at least 8 entries)

PF

Drama

Humor

Informative Speaking

National Extemp

POI

Orange Wave Congress



Black Wave (B)

LD

Duo

Foreign Extemp

Original Oratory

Poetry

Creative Storytelling (if more than 12 entries)

Black Wave Congress

Castle Classic 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. If your CXers are late, they will forfeit round 1 but will still be able to compete in the remaining rounds.

7:45 Judge Meeting in room 215 (across from library)

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 numbers warrant) 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 8:20

Extemp draw: Round 1 this will take place **30 minutes prior** to the scheduled start of the round. Please note that this includes **starting round 1 draw promptly at 7:30 in the auditorium**. 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.**

Awards: Places 1-6 will earn an award (medals if the supply chain has righted itself). Superior and Excellent competitors will receive ribbons when appropriate.

Debate Topics & the use of laptops: “FLASHING” COUNTS TOWARDS PREP TIME

CX debaters will use the NSDA 2022-24 topic.

LD debaters will use the NSDA Nov/Dec topic

PF debaters will use the NSDA November topic.

The use of laptops will be allowed for flowing and file retrieval. Contacting outside chats, people, etc will continue to not be allowed as that is cheating. Cheating will result in an IMMEDIATE DQ from the tournament and if the offending debater(s) won the ballot, it will be overturned; consider this your one and only warning. Additionally: your battery, your problem. **“Flashing” will count as part of prep time.**

WiFi: Yes, Central has open wifi and it does not need a password. Select the WCSD6-Public-Net, then your device should take you to a page that just asks you to accept the user policy.

Lunch: Lunch will be served for coaches and judges. A concession stand will be available throughout the day. There are no restaurants within walking distance of Greeley Central. If you leave campus and miss a round, you will be awarded a last place/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 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 coach-lock-down mode, so you may read and enjoy the ballots at any point in the day. Please do not release 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. **You must provide 1 judge for each 2 CX teams you enter or the teams will be pulled from the tournament.**

Day of the tournament:

- If you are running late the day of the tournament, PLEASE ENTER DROPS ON TABROOM.COM AS SOON AS YOU KNOW THEM or **TEXT DROPS TO Sarah's cell phone (970) 405-3198**; include your school, event and name of the student. 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 last place in all other events but will be able to enter the competition the following round.
- **Please enter through the West parking lot & doors (the large student lot closest to the hospital).**

