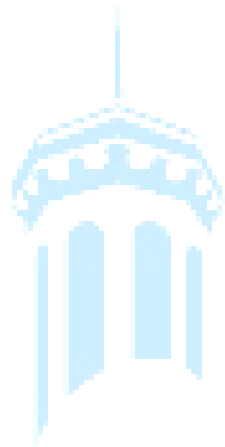


The Hollatz Debates

NPDA and BP Debate Tournament
November 6th-7th, 2015



Wheaton College

**Hosted by
Wheaton College Debate**

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Dear Colleague:

The Wheaton College Debate team is pleased to invite you and your squad to attend the **2015 Hollatz Debates**, held on the campus of Wheaton College on **Friday, November 6th** and **Saturday, November 7th, 2015**.

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 Hollatz Debates offers two divisions of NPDA-style debate – Senior division (open to all eligible debaters) and junior division (per NPDA guidelines) and one division of BP-style debate. Six preliminary rounds of competition will lead to single-elimination debates with teams advancing to elimination rounds per NPDA and WUDC guidelines.

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

- **Experienced Tab Staff** – Dr. Gary Larson, author of SMART Tournament Administrator (STA-XL), has consented to tabulate the NPDA divisions of the tournament. For the BP division, Robert Margesson will be Chief Adjudicator, and Will Silberman will be running tab.
- **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.
- **Meals Provided by the Tournament** – Because off-campus food options are not easily accessible from Wheaton College, the tournament will be offering dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday afternoon. These meals are complementary to tournament competitors and judges.

The Wheaton College Debate Team hopes to see you and your squad in Wheaton, IL on November 6th and 7th. 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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2015 Tournament Schedule

NPDA Schedule

FRIDAY, November 6th, 2015

2:00-2:45 **REGISTRATION – Barrows Lobby, Billy Graham Center**

2:50 **OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT – Barrows Auditorium**

2:55 Topic Announced: Round 1 (Barrows Auditorium)

3:15-4:00 Round One Debates (preset)

4:20 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

4:20 Topic Announced: Round 2 (Barrows Auditorium)

4:40-5:25 Round Two Debates (preset)

5:45 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

5:55 Topic Announced: Round 3 (Barrows Auditorium)

6:15-7:00 Round Three Debates (high-low)

7:20 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

7:00-7:40 **DINNER SERVED – Barrows Auditorium Lobby**

7:40 Topic Announced: Round 4 (Barrows Auditorium)

8:00-8:45 Round Four Debates (high-low)

9:05 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

SATURDAY, November 7th, 2015

8:00 Topic Announced: Round 5 (Barrows Auditorium)

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

9:25 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

9:35 Topic Announced: Round 6 (Barrows Auditorium)

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

11:00 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

11:20 Topic Announced: Octofinals (Barrows Auditorium)

11:40-12:25 Octofinal Round Debates (Announce Decision)

12:45 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

12:25-1:10 **LUNCH SERVED – Barrows Auditorium Lobby**

1:05 Topic Announced: Quarterfinals (Barrows Auditorium)

1:25-2:10 Quarterfinal Round Debates

2:30 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

2:50 P.M. **AWARDS CEREMONY – Barrows Auditorium**

3:15 Topic Announced: Semifinals (Barrows Auditorium)

3:35-4:20 Semifinal Round Debates (Announce Decision)

4:40 Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium Stage

4:50 Topic Announced: Finals (Barrows Auditorium)

5:10-5:55 Final Round Debates (Announce Decision)

BP Schedule (tentative)

FRIDAY, November 6th, 2015

2:00-2:45 **REGISTRATION – Barrows Lobby, Billy Graham Center**

2:50 **OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT – Barrows Auditorium**

3:00 Topic Announced: Round 1 (Blanchard TBA)

3:15-4:15 Round One Debates

4:30 Ballots due – Blanchard TBA

4:45 Topic Announced: Round 2 (Blanchard TBA)

5:00-6:00 Round Two Debates

6:15 Ballots due – Blanchard TBA

6:15-7:00 **DINNER SERVED – Barrows Auditorium Lobby**

7:00 Topic Announced: Round 3 (Blanchard TBA)

7:15-8:15 Round Three Debates

8:30 Ballots due - Blanchard TBA

SATURDAY, November 7th, 2015

8:15 Topic Announced: Round 4 (Blanchard TBA)

8:30-9:30 Round Four Debates

9:45 Ballots due – Blanchard TBA

10:00 Topic Announced: Round 5 (Blanchard TBA)

10:15-11:15 Round Five Debates (high-low)

11:30 Ballots due - Blanchard TBA

11:30-12:30 **LUNCH SERVED – Barrows Auditorium Lobby**

12:30 Topic Announced: Round 6 (Blanchard TBA)

12:45-1:45 Round Six Debates

2:00 Ballots due - Blanchard TBA

2:50 P.M. **AWARDS CEREMONY – Barrows Auditorium**

3:15 Topic Announced: Elim 1 (BGC TBA)

3:30-4:30 Elim One Debates

4:45 Ballots due – BGC TBA

5:00 Topic Announced: Elim 2 (BGC TBA)

5:15-6:15 Elim Two Debate

6:30 Ballots due – BGC TBA

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Wheaton College – November 7th & 8th, 2014

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/WUDC 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. There will be one division of BP Debate.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Teams and Judges - Entries are due by 6:00 pm CST on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2015. Drops and name changes (but no adds) can be made until Wednesday, November 4th 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 rebecca.sietman@wheaton.edu. Please indicate any team constraints a judge may have.

PART TWO: PROCEDURAL ISSUES

DISCLOSURE

Please help us keep **on schedule**. Ballots **MUST** be returned by the time indicated on the schedule. 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 and Will say.

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 NPDA elimination rounds.

In each NPDA 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 4th. Because we need to finalize our trophy order and meal orders, we cannot accommodate last minute reductions in fees. The following fees will be assessed:

- \$75.00 per covered debate team
- \$175.00 per uncovered debate team
- \$15.00 per non-participant meal package
(remember, judges and debaters are covered by entry fee)

JUDGING

Commitment – One judge can cover up to two NPDA teams. For BP debate, the N (# of teams) -1 rule will apply. Judges are needed two rounds beyond their squad's elimination in NPDA. We will make EVERY effort to send squads home as soon as possible, but the tournament cannot function without judges.

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 DIRECTIONS

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.

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