District 7 Qualifying Tournament Information

#### NDT Rules

An updated copy of the NDT Standing Rules can be found here: <https://nationaldebatetournament.org/>. There have been recent changes (summarized below) which affect district tournaments.

\*\*\*NEW NDT Rules\*\*\*

**Delinquent Fees**

The NDT has passed a new rule (II.A.1.i) requiring that delinquent fees owed to the NDT must be paid to compete at the NDT, and this applies to district participation as well.

**District Participation**

The NDT has revised language regarding the definition of participation in the district process (II.C.2.c.4).

#### D7 Rules

The rules governing the District 7 Qualifier tournament are posted on the D7 Coaches Google Group – they are the NDT District VII Rules-Revised-February15.

#### Tournament Dates

Friday, February 17 – District meeting & registration – 3 pm, UMW Debate House (1201 William Street, Basement Lounge, UMW Campus)

Saturday, February 18 – Sunday, February 19 – Rounds 1-8. (1201 William St, Monroe, Combs, & Trinkle Halls, UMW Campus).

#### Deadlines

Deadline for entry: Friday, February 10. Please complete entry at Tabroom.com. In the process, please check your individual team’s “bid sheets” on Tabroom.com to verify their accuracy. Contact person for entries/eligibility: Adrienne Brovero, adri.debate@gmail.com.

Deadline for judge waivers: Friday, February 10. For more information on judging qualifications and waivers, please see Rules Section II.D. Contact person for judging: Danielle Verney-O’Gorman, danielle.verney@gmail.com.

Ranking deadline: Saturday, February 11. For more information on ranking process, please see Rules Section II.H. Contact person for rankings: Mike Davis, davismk13@gmail.com.

#### Format

Tournament format: 8 rounds:

Rounds 1-4 preset rounds with single judge;

Round 5 high-high with single judge;

Round 6, high-low with single judge;

Rounds 7 & 8, high-low, with 3 judge panel adjudication.

Teams may hit a prior opponent (on the opposite side) in round 8.

In accordance with Rules Section II.G, debates shall use the format specified by the standing rules of tournament procedure for the National Debate Tournament.

#### Entries

Please see Rules Section II for eligibility criteria.

Reminder: Third teams are allowed to compete. If you would like a 3rd team to be eligible to qualify for the NDT through the 2nd round at-large process, you need to enter that team in the tournament. If you have already qualified two teams for the NDT, you may not enter additional teams to compete, but any additional team(s) needs to be ranked in the District ranking, as per Rules Section II.B.

#### Swing Team Entry

If you have a team that you would like to be eligible to be a swing team (if one is necessary), please send the Chair an email identifying that team, ***and*** enter the team on Tabroom.com as well. This will speed up our ability to select a swing team in the event one is needed. Please see Rules Section II M regarding selection procedures for the swing team. Contact person for swing team: Nick Ryan, nryan2wc@gmail.com.

#### Judging Obligations

Judging obligation per team competing: 8 rounds.

Also, judges obligated and not used in District rounds will concurrently be part of the judging pool for the JV/novice tournament.

As a reminder, recent revisions to the rules have altered judging obligation expectations. In particular:

**Commitments:**

Judge commitments: All eligible judges are obligated for a minimum of 3 debates in rounds 1-6. All judges are obligated to be available to judge in rounds 7 & 8 unless otherwise granted dispensation by the district committee. Requests for dispensation should be made at the point of entry prior to the tournament, except in extraordinary circumstances. Information regarding those constraints will be provided to participants for preference purposes. (Section II.K.4)

This means if you have a judge who is unavailable for rounds 7 & 8 (due to travel or work, e.g.), you need to provide notice of that in your entry on Tabroom.com. To clarify, all judges are functionally obligated for a minimum of 5 rounds (three rounds in 1-6, and 2 rounds in 7 & 8).

**District Workers:**

District workers: Individuals in attendance at the district tournament who provide significant coaching to, or argument production for, any team participating in the district tournament and who meet the judge eligibility requirement are required to enter the judging pool. If they do not meet the minimum judge requirement, the district committee may, at their discretion, place the individual in the judging pool or require them to provide a significant equivalent contribution to the tournament. (Section II.K.6)

#### Fees

$60 per participant.

* Fees will be locked in on Monday, February 13th.
* Fees are expected to be paid at registration.
* Fees must be paid by **cash or a check to the University of Mary Washington.**
* **We CANNOT accept credit cards.**
* **We CANNOT accept checks written to UMW Debate.**

If you need any paperwork provided to process your payment, please request that promptly from Adrienne (adri.debate@gmail.com). In the last few years, some programs have caused considerable inconvenience due to late payment or failure to request necessary paperwork in a timely fashion. Please be considerate here and request paperwork prior to February, and be prepared to pay registration fees at the tournament in accordance with D7 rules.

#### Dietary Requests

Please be sure to indicate on Tabroom.com any vegetarians/vegans/other dietary requests in your contingent, as well as the total head count of your contingent. This information should **also** be directly emailed to Judd Kimball, jdkdebate@gmail.com. Providing the information in both manners helps lessen the likelihood that something slips through the cracks.

District 7 JV/Novice Tournament Information

#### Tournament Dates

Friday, February 17 – District meeting & registration – 3 pm, UMW Debate House (1201 William Street, Basement, UMW Campus)

Saturday, February 18 – Sunday, February 19 – Rounds 1-5, followed by elims. (1201 William St, Monroe, Combs, & Trinkle Halls, UMW Campus).

#### Deadlines

Deadline for entry: Friday, February 10.

#### Format

Tournament format: 5 preliminary rounds, with an appropriate number of elimination rounds, not to exceed quarters (due to building scheduling).

#### Entries

Entries will be accepted in the novice and junior varsity division. Hybrids are eligible to clear. The divisions will be collapsed if the size of the tournament requires such (it usually does). There will be five preliminary rounds of debate competition on the 2016-2017 CEDA resolution and an appropriate number of elimination rounds.

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Judging obligation for 1 team = 3 rounds, 2 teams = 5 rounds

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#### Caselist and Scouting for the JV/Novice Division

Participating teams and schools are expected to contribute to the Wiki Caselist ([here](http://68.233.253.124/xwiki/wiki/opencaselist/view/Main/WebHome)) as a precondition for entry and should provide their most recent affirmative and negative information by February 10, 2017 (at the latest). This should include an outline of the arguments sufficient for novice comprehension, as well as full citations. Teams and schools are expected to cooperate with UMW students and staff assigned to gather the material.

Both Tournament Divisions

#### Audio and Video Recording

All rounds (defined as the speeches of the participants) are open to registered tournament participants and may be electronically recorded for private educational use by tournament participants (registered coaches, debaters and helpers, and UMW tournament staff) only. Public distribution of such recordings is expressly prohibited unless prior written consent of all people on the recording is obtained and unless prior written consent of the University of Mary Washington is obtained. Private sharing for educational use is permitted.

#### Hotel Block

Wingate by Windham

20 Sanford Dr, Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Rate - $75

Contact info: All reservations need to be made by contacting the hotel directly at 540.368.8000 and providing the UMW Debate discount code: “CG17UM” to receive the block rate.

#### Other Hotel Options

Other options (among many relatively inexpensive options in the Fredericksburg area – you might ask if they have and will give you a UMW rate) include:

Quality Inn (D7 hotel in prior years, under new management in last couple of years)

2310 William Street

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Phone: 540-371-0330

www.qualityinn.com/hotel-fredericksburg-virginia-VA463

Hyatt Place Fredericksburg

1241 Jefferson Davis Highway

Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22401, USA

Tel: 540 654 3333

<http://fredericksburg.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

Best Western Fredericksburg

2205 Plank Road

Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22401-5226

Phone: (540) 371-5050

#### Hospitality

Snacks and coffee all day, lunch each day, and a light reception after round 8.

#### Conduct

All participants debate at the invitation of the University of Mary Washington according to its tournament rules as well as any rules of their sponsoring institutions. We abide by all rules and norms of the American Forensics Association.