Highland Community College & College of Lake County jointly invite you to join us for the 2025 Wenzel-Soller Tournament on Friday and Saturday, November 14th and 15th

Tournament Homepage: https://forensicstournament.net/wenzelsollertournament/25

Dear Forensics Colleagues,

The Highland Community College and College of Lake County speech and debate teams are excited to invite you to the Wenzel-Soller Tournament ***in-person on the Highland Community College campus*** *on* ***Friday and Saturday, November 14th and 15th***. This tournament will be a combined ***debate and individual events tournament***, with the debate portion also co-hosted by our friends at the Lincoln Parliamentary Debate League (LPDL).

This tournament is named after three important figures in our respective program histories: Alan Wenzel (of Highland) and Rick Soller and Nedra Adams-Soller (of CLC). We can think of no better way to honor their legacies than by celebrating student voices. We are thrilled to welcome returning students back and to cheer new students along as they begin their forensics experiences this season.

This is a **community college tournament** with the caveat that the debate portion is **OPEN**. This means that, for the IE portion, only community college students or four-year university students in their first four semesters of competition are eligible to compete. For the debate portion, *any* student with college competition eligibility may compete. There will be combined (speech and debate) sweeps (both individual and team) awards given at the IE award ceremony, but only to community college students or any four-year university student in their first four semesters of competition.

Entries are due on forensicstournament.net no later than Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00 PM CST. Information on rules, fees, registration, schedule, etc. can be found below. We look forward to hosting you and your team in November! Please do not hesitate to contact Carolyn (HCC) or Harry (CLC) with questions!

Sincerely,

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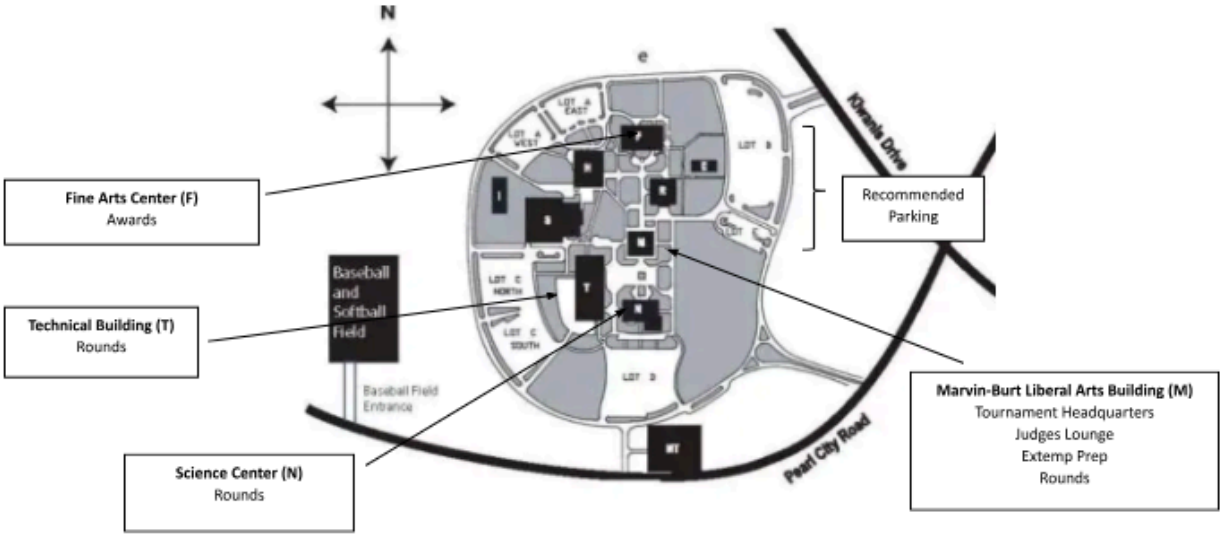
GENERAL INFORMATION



Highland Community College
2998 W Pearl City Rd
Freeport, IL 61032

Location & Parking: The tournament will be hosted on the Highland Community College campus (address above). We will do our best to limit the number of buildings that we need to use, but there is a good chance that students will need to walk a short distance between buildings (campus is more condensed than it may appear in the graphic above). The tournament will be primarily based out of the Marvin-Burt Liberal Arts Center (Building M), which is centrally located on campus. Size permitting, rounds will be restricted to Buildings M, N, and T with awards in Building F.

Parking is free and unrestricted as long as you do not park in a handicapped spot or any other spot labeled as reserved. For easiest access to Building M, we recommend parking in Lot B or Lot E.

Individual Event Groupings:

Flight A – PER, DUO, IMP, CA, POI, DI

Flight B – EXT, PRO, STE/ADS, INFO, POE

Event Rules: Phi Rho Pi rules will be followed for all events. Rules are posted on the Phi Rho Pi website - www.phirhopi.org.
Entries & Registration: Entries are **due on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00 PM CST** on

forensicstournament.net. Each school may enter up to 8 students per event, and each student may enter up to 3 events per flight pattern (for a total of 6 maximum events).

Registration will take place on the first floor of the Marvin-Burt Liberal Arts Center (Building M).

Payment: Please make checks payable to **Highland Community College**. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept registration payments over Venmo or other electronic methods. ***Please pay in cash or check***. Contact Carolyn if that's a problem and we'll figure something out.

Mailing Address:

Highland Community College
Marvin-Burt Humanities Building Office M209 (Attn. Carolyn Clarke)
2998 W Pearl City Rd.
Freeport, IL
61032

Entry Fees: $10 per IE slot, $15 per debate team (both IPDA & Parli).

Judge Coverage:
1 judge covers 6 IE entries

1 judge will cover 4 debate team slots if they commit to judging both Parli and IPDA

1 judge will cover 2 debate team slots if they commit to only judging Parli or IPDA

1 Judge can cover 2 debate team slots AND 3 IE slots
Uncovered Judge Fee: $12 per IE slot, $17 per debate team slot.
Drops/Changes: No fee by 5:00 PM on Wednesday. Drops after Wednesday at 5:00 PM will incur a $10 penalty per slot. Drops after Thursday at 5:00 PM will incur a $15 penalty per slot. Drops the day of competition will incur a $30 penalty per slot and $50 per dropped judge! Please contact Carolyn (630-392-1087) as soon as possible with any last-minute drops. We want your judges, not your money.

Additional Entry Information: Please provide student, judge and coach contact information (email, phone number) on forensicstournament.net with your registration. This information will only be used to send ballots, contact missing judges/students, etc. Pronunciation and pronoun notes for students entered on FTN are also helpful for awards!

E-Ballots: We will only utilize E-Ballots. Paper ballots will **NOT** be available. E-Ballot instructions are available on forensicstournament.net. Judges are responsible for bringing their own devices. You may fill out a sample e-ballot here: https://forensicstournament.net/sampleeballot

Postings and Dance Cards: All schematics (prelims and finals) will be posted online on the tournament forensicstournament.net page (under "Postings"). We will do our best to send out judging dance cards before the tournament begins.

Accommodations: Please contact Carolyn with any student/judge accommodation needs so that we can ensure the most equitable and enjoyable tournament experience possible.

Additional Entry/Competition Notes:

- Some CLC and Highland students may be entered in competition to get practice at this early stage of the season. CLC and Highland students will be allowed to advance to finals as full tournament participants, but neither team will accept any team sweepstakes awards.
- Students from the same team may be entered in the same section if deemed necessary to make best use of judges, but this will be avoided whenever possible.

Ranks & Awards:

Individual Events: The top six (6) competitors in each individual event will advance to the final round except for in the event of unbreakable ties advancing additional finalists. Ties will be broken using the following procedure: 1) Speaker Points; 2) Judges' Preference; 3) Number of 1's. We will not break any individual events to semifinals unless entry size deems it logical to do so. For debate, we are hoping to have an open and 2-year final for each form that run simultaneously. This is subject to change based on unbreakable ties and/or amount of competitors in either form.

Sweepstakes: The top five teams will receive team sweepstakes awards. Final round points will be awarded as follows:

Finalist (7th Place) – 1 point
6th Place - 2 points
5th Place - 4 points
4th Place - 6 points
3rd Place - 8 points
2nd Place - 10 points
1st Place - 12 points

SCHEDULE

(Subject to Change Based on Entry Size, etc.)

Friday, November 14 - ALL IPDA

12:20-12:45PM Registration (1st Floor of Building M) (or call Carolyn if arriving later)
1:00PM Draw - R1
1:30PM Speak - R1
2:10PM Draw - R2
2:50PM Speak - R2
3:30PM Draw - R3
4:00PM Speak - R3
4:40PM - Draw - R4
5:10PM - Speak - R4
6:00PM - Draw - SEMIS
6:30PM - Speak - SEMIS
7:10PM - Draw - FINAL
7:40PM - Speak - FINAL

Saturday, November 15 - IE
7:15-8:00 -- Registration (1st Floor of Building M)
8:15 -- Round 1A (PER, DUO, IMP, CA, POI, DI)
9:30 -- Round 2A (PER, DUO, IMP, CA, POI, DI)
10:45-11:30 -- Lunch Break
11:30 -- Extemp Draw
11:45 -- Round 1B (Ext @ 12:00) (PRO, STE/ADS, INFO, POE)
1:00 -- Extemp Draw
1:15 – Round 2B (Ext @ 1:30) (PRO, STE/ADS, INFO, POE)
2:30 -- Finals, Flight A
3:45 -- Extemp Draw, Finals
4:00 -- Finals, Flight B (Extemp @ 4:15)
ASAP -- Awards

FOOD & HOTELS

FOOD: Several local restaurants deliver to the Highland campus (tell them to go to Building M in the center of campus) and/or are only a short drive away.

If judging requirements permit, we will try to give a coach from each team the second round of Flight A off to pick up/coordinate lunch orders.

Jimmy John's (Best delivery option)
1735 S West Ave, Freeport, IL 61032
(815) 232-3278

Pizza Hut (Good delivery option)
1640 Willard Dr., Freeport, IL 61032
(815) 235-8039

312 Beef & Sausage
1726 S West Ave, Freeport, IL 61032
(815) 616-8553

McDonalds
1710 S West Ave, Freeport, IL 61032
(815) 235-4825

Culver's
1690 S Dirck Dr, Freeport, IL 61032
(815) 297-1440

Subway
1890 S West Ave, Freeport, IL 61032
(815) 235-7821

HOTELS: There are several affordable hotels in Freeport for your team to stay – a few recommendations…

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson (*Strongest recommendation – Ask for the Highland rate!*):
1710 S Dirck Dr, Freeport, IL 61032
https://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/country-inn-freeport-il?cid=a:se+b:gmb+c:amer+i:localrs+e:rad+d:us&mc=llgoxxpx

(815) 305-9417

Baymont by Wyndham Freeport
1060 N Riverside Dr, Freeport, IL 61032
https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/baymont/freeport-illinois/baymont-inn-and-suites-freeport/overview?CID=LC:BU::GGL:RIO:National:70216&iata=00093796

Hampton Inn
109 S Galena Ave, Freeport, IL 61032
https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/chifphx-hampton-freeport/

`*There are many additional options in the Rockford area if you're willing to make a 30-45 minute drive in the morning.*