

The Final Stage



November 17th, 2017

Greetings Players,

Doane University and the University of Nebraska-Kearney are excited to host the second annual “Final Stage Swing” in the retro-arcade halls of Doane University located in Crete, Nebraska. We will be offering two days of education and competition in all 11 AFA events on Saturday December 2nd and Sunday December 3rd.

Ties in preliminary rank and rate mean that all tied contestants advance to elimination rounds. At the Tournament Director's discretion, ties resulting in excessively large final rounds can be broken using reciprocals. Placing in final rounds will be determined by predominance of 1's, followed by lowest cumulative rank. Ties in rank will be broken on: judges' preference, dropping low ranks, and then cumulative rating points. In the case of three-way ties, drop low rank will be used to determine low placing (or high placing if two contestants are tied for low rank) and the remaining contestants will be separated based on judges' preference.

Team and Individual Sweepstakes points will be awarded based on the following formula: 10 points for first, 8 points for second, 6 points for third, 4 points for fourth, 2 points for fifth, 1 point for sixth, and ½ point for seventh, eighth, etc. and all non-advancing semi-finalists. Ties in team and individual sweepstakes will be broken on number of finals followed by number of 1st' place finishes, 2nd' place finishes, etc. (in finals), and then 1st place ballots, 2nd place ballots, etc. (in finals).

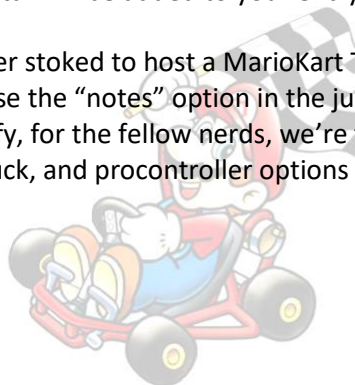
ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries are due by Monday, November 27th by 5:00 p.m. Please submit your entries to www.speechwire.com. Look for the “The Final Stage: Final Boss” and “The Final Stage: Bonus Stage.” Please double-check to make sure you have registered for both halves of the swing. Fees will be assessed by the information we have available by Thursday, November 30th, at 12:00 noon. As always, we ask that you cover as many slots as possible with useable judges. Questions for the swing can be sent to either Nathaniel (nathaniel.wilson@doane.edu) or Aaron (blackmana2@unk.edu).

ENTRY FEES: \$7.00 per slot. \$12.00 per uncovered slot. We need your judges more than your money so please, please, please help us by bringing judges. Each judge covers 6 slots.

DROP/ADD FEES: A \$15.00 fee will be charged for all changes made after Thursday, November 30th at 12:00 noon. A \$50 fee will be charged for any judge dropped after Thursday, November 30th at 12:00 noon and a \$100 fee for any judge dropped at registration. Such changes make it difficult to run an efficient and timely tournament. Please try to communicate tournament entry changes before the day of the tournament.

LUNCH FEES (Optional): It is important to us that your competitors and judges are offered adequate sustenance. Therefore, we will offer a \$3.35 per person/tournament lunch option for the Doane Cafeteria Brunch Buffet. When you register on Speechwire, please indicate the number of lunch tickets your team would like to preorder for Saturday and for Sunday. That total will be added to your entry fees to be paid at registration.

MarioKart Tournament: We are super stoked to host a MarioKart Tournament amongst interested, attending judges! When you register, please use the “notes” option in the judges' menu, to indicate if a judge is interested in entering the tournament. To clarify, for the fellow nerds, we're talking MarioKart 8 on the WiiU; with gamepad, Wiimote, WiiMote nunchuck, and procontroller options available.




DIRECTIONS TO DOANE UNIVERSITY:


Driving Directions: Doane is located Southwest of Lincoln, Nebraska. We are located at 1014 Boswell Avenue. If you travel to Crete via Interstate 80:

 • Take Exit 388 labeled NE-103 and travel south on 103. At the traffic circle, continue straight.

 • Turn right (southwest) onto NE-103/NE-33 (directly after crossing the train tracks)

 • Turn left (south) onto Boswell Ave. (the Pizza Hut Corner)

 • Turn left (east) onto 13th St.

 • Turn right (south) on the 2nd entrance into campus. Continue straight to the Communications Building and Parking Lot.

Visit this website for a map of Doane University's campus:

<http://www.doane.edu/campus-map-crete>

FLIGHT PATTERNS:

Flight A: Extemp, Persuasion, CA, DI, Poetry, Prose

Flight B: Impromptu, ADS, Informative, POI, Duo

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: This schedule will be used for both days

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| 8:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 8:30 a.m. | Extemp Draw for 1A |
| 9:00 a.m. | Round 1A (Extemp, Persuasion, CA, DI, Poetry, Prose) |
| 10:15 a.m. | Round 1B (Impromptu, ADS, Informative, POI, Duo) |
| 11:30 | Lunch |
| 12:00 | Extemp Draw for 2A |
| 12:15 | Round 2A (Extemp @ 12:30) |
| 1:30 | Round 2B |
| 2:45 | Extemp Draw for Finals |
| 3:00 | Finals – A |
| 4:30 | Finals – B |
| ASAP | Awards |

We look forward to seeing you in December. If you have any questions, please contact Nathaniel or Aaron. We hope to see you at "The Final Stage!"

Sincerely,

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