



## The Otterbein Cardinal Spring NEDA Tournament

March 1 & 2, 2018

Dear NEDA Community,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the first Otterbein Cardinal Spring Tournament to be held on March 1 and 2, 2018 in Westerville, Ohio.

NEDA events include team debate (novice/open) and crossfire debate (novice/open). Novice/open will be collapsed for preliminary debates if both divisions do not fill. The NEDA rules and expectations will be enforced during the tournament. We will debate the Spring 2019 NEDA resolution: **Resolved: The United States should eliminate mandatory minimum sentencing.**

We promise awards for all students in elimination rounds and for the top five speakers in each division. We will also have an appropriate Friday evening snack and a pizza lunch on Saturday. Please indicate on your entry if anyone on your team has any dietary restrictions. We will attempt to meet all needs. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Otterbein has been hosting forensic tournaments for ninety-five years. We look forward to hosting the NEDA community this year.

Sincerely,

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Director of Forensics  
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## 2019 Otterbein Cardinal Tournament

**Tentative** Schedule (changes will depend on the size of the entry.)

### Friday, March 1

3:30-4:00 Registration (Lobby of Roush Hall on the corner of Park and Grove Streets)

<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Crossfire</b>
4:00-5:30 Round 1	4:00-4:45 Round 1
5:30-7:00 Round 2	5:00-5:45 Round 2
	6:00-6:45 Round 3
<b>Saturday, March 2</b>	
8:00 Continental breakfast item	
8:15-9:45 Round 3	8:30-9:45 Round 4
9:45-11:15 Round 4	10:00-10:45 Round 5
11:15-12:45 Round 5	11:00-11:45 Round 6
<b>Lunch available</b>	<b>Lunch available</b>
1:30 Round 6	12:30 Semis
3:30 Finals	1:30 Finals
<b>5:00 or asap Awards</b>	

**Entries:** Please send your entries to [smillsap@otterbein.edu](mailto:smillsap@otterbein.edu) by 4:00 February 27. Simply send the team names with the division following their name; e.g. Joe Smith/Sally Jones team debate novice; then add judges' names. Please let us know if any debaters or judges have any dietary restrictions (gluten-free, vegan, etc.).

**Registration and Fees:** Registration will be located in The Roush Hall Lobby from 3:30-4:00p.m. Friday. All teams, all divisions entry fee \$70.00 per team. **Judging:** One judge covers two, two person teams (overall, NOT per event or division). Uncovered teams will be assessed an additional \$75 to cover the cost of hired judges. We would rather have your judges than your money. Every judge is committed to judge one round beyond their squad's last elimination round. We will try to make arrangements for those who did not have a team advance, but please plan to stay.

**NEDA Guidelines:** Speaking times shall adhere to the NEDA prescriptions and each team shall be allowed 5 minutes of preparation time. Crossfire rounds will follow the traditional speaking times for that format. NEDA guidelines regarding conduct, delivery, and performance will be enforced.

**Judging Pool:** One of the unique qualities of NEDA is our reliance upon individuals from a variety of backgrounds to judge our debates. Regardless of their professions and academic background, all of our judges are unified by their commitment to excellence in academic debate. Most teams should expect to see a variety of seasoned and lay judges. The tournament director expects students and coaches to respect, if not agree with, all judges' decisions.

**Cleanliness and General Order:** Please help us keep the tournament running smoothly by adhering to these guideline: 1) Although desks may have to be moved to facilitate the debate round, please move the desks back to their original position. 2) Erase any graphics you inscribe on the boards before you leave the room. 3) Pick up your garbage and dispose of it in the receptacles provided. 4) Smoking is prohibited in most places on campus. Please smoke outdoors in designated areas. 5) Arrive at your rounds on time. Judges will receive instructions to enforce time penalties. 6) Enjoy yourself in this great activity.

**Directions:**

**From the NORTH,** take I-71 south to Gemini Place. After the exit, turn left on Gemini Place, follow the road as it turns to the right. Turn left on Polaris Parkway toward Cleveland Avenue (2 miles). Turn right on Africa Road, which becomes West St. Travel approximately 1.5 miles on Africa Rd./West St. Turn left on Main Street, travel .2 miles.

**From the SOUTH** on I-71, Route 315, or Route 23, take I-270 East (Wheeling) on the North side of Columbus. Follow I-270 to OH-3 north (exit 29) toward Westerville. Travel 2 miles and turn left on College Avenue. Travel .2 miles.

**From the EAST or WEST** on I-70, take I-270 North toward Cleveland. Travel 8 miles on I-270 and exit on OH-3 north (exit 29) toward Westerville. Travel 2 miles and turn left on College Avenue. Travel .2 miles.

There are many hotels available in the Polaris area which is ten minutes from Otterbein. There is a new Loft Hotel in Westerville. Polaris has Holiday Inn Express, Fairfield Inn, Hilton, Four Seasons, etc.