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Call for 2026 National Tournament Host Bids

Hello all!

The NPDA Executive Council is soliciting bids for the host of the 2026 NPDA National Championships. We are looking for proposals that indicate a strong ability to host and that help create geographical diversity in the location of the national tournament. Bids should demonstrate a clear ability to fulfill the duties/responsibilities of the tournament host. Schools should feel free to inquire about specific elements of the hosting responsibilities as some dimensions can be altered/negotiated depending on the nature of the request. Of critical importance is a clear indication of support from relevant campus administrators at the department, college, and/or university level at the host institution. **The deadline for bids will be January 31st, 2025.**

Potential host schools should also feel free to contact members of the site selection committee (to be appointed by the VP) for informal input on hosting logistics, etc. Bids, however, should be submitted at npdadebate@gmail.com. An official site selection committee will be appointed by and announced by the Vice President (Fiker Tesfaye) to look over bids and select a host. Thank you for considering this option as a way to support the success of the NPDA.

If you are considering submitting a bid, please let us know early so that we can recruit potential hosts if there is a limited response, etc. However, all schools seeking to host must submit a complete proposal by the deadline. Priority will be given to hosts that can support both the NPDA Championship Tournament and the NPTE on consecutive weekends. After that, priority will be given to bids submitted with a co-host who can host either tournament on consecutive weekends, and are located a reasonable distance from one another. That distance should not exceed 600 miles.

