Dear Colleagues,

 The SRJC Growling Bear Cubs are pleased to invite you to the Santa Rosa Invitational Forensics Tournament, which will be held on October 11-12, 2013, in Sonoma's beautiful wine county. The tournament will be held on the Santa Rosa Junior College campus. **The main tournament administration, as in the past few years, will be in the Bertolini building . The** **Tab Room will be Bertolini 4643 (Center for Student Learning), the Judge’s room will Bertolini 4638 (The Senate Chambers), the Extemp prep room will be Bertolini 4608 (The Student Activites Center) and Postings will be out front if sunny or in the Bertolini cafeteria if it rains. Policy Tab will be Shuhaw Hall 1786.**

We will continue with the two day format of the past few years. On Friday, we will offer four preliminary rounds of Parliamentary debate and two elimination rounds (bronze and gold/silver). On Saturday there will be two rounds of pattern A and B individual events with final rounds for each event. In addition, we will offer four rounds of NFA-LD with two elimination rounds. Policy debate will take place over Friday and Saturday. This schedule will allow students to compete in numerous events while also having a Sunday off to relax.

**Parking** is available in the new Bailey Parking Structure or Emeritus Hall parking lot. Policy debaters might be better off parking in the Lark Parking lot as most policy debates will be held in Shuhaw Hall. You will need to buy a parking permit each day or you will be ticketed. I have no control over this. Permit machines are located in the various parking lots.

The **Tournament Hotel** is, again, the **Best Western Inn** located at 6500 Redwood Drive, Rohnert Park (approximately five miles south of Santa Rosa off the 101). Their phone number (707) 584-7435. We have secured a flat rate of $76.80 plus tax for 1-4 occupants per room. The price includes a free continental breakfast with waffles, cereal, muffins, coffee, juice, etc. **To guarantee your rate and reservation, you need to reserve rooms by Friday, September 27, 2013. This two weeks before the SRJC tournament and on the same day as the SFSU/City College Tournament**. Market conditions have changed in Sonoma County with the addition of a casino. Please make the reservations as early as possible.

While the tournament hotel provides a free hot buffet breakfast to customers, the tournament will not provide food. However, the SRJC Bertolini cafeteria is open until 2:00 pm on Friday, but it is closed Saturday. Within walking distance of campus, across from Mendocino Avenue, there are numerous food options, including Mexican, Italian, Chinese, Indian, Deli, etc. They are right across the street, Mendocino Avenue, and easily accessable.

While SRJC students will be able to enter and advance in both individual and debate events, SRJC is not eligible for sweepstakes awards. SRJC students are eligible for the individual top speaker award, named in honor of Jack Perella, the creator of SRJC forensics back in the 1960s.

If you have further questions or require any assistance regarding the tournament, please e-mail me at hsanford@santarosa.edu. We look forward to seeing you in Santa Rosa for two days under our beautiful oak trees.

Sincerely,

Hal Sanford, Mark Nelson, and Susan Houlihan

**Registration Procedure**

Entry Procedure: Entries will be accepted on-line at forensicstournament.net. The system will accept entries and changes until 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 10th, the day before the tournament begins. If you have drops or adds, you need to go to the site and make them yourself. As of noon on Thursday, October 10th, fees will be set and changes will not be allowed on-line. If you have drops after that date, please email them to me at **hsanford@santarosa.edu**. Please note that drops after fees assessment are still charged.

**FEES**

Each college pays a $25 school fee.

Debate teams (Policy, Parli, NFA-LD) are $60.00 each;

IE entries $10.00 per slot; duo entries $15 per slot

Each uncovered Parli team is $100

Each uncovered LDer is $75

Each uncovered Policy team will be $140

Each uncovered IE entry will be $15.00

Fees are collected at registration and are based on the fee calculation when registration closed. If paying by check, please make the amount within $50 of your fees, calculated using the forensicstournament.net fee tab. I will be able to make some change but please realize I cannot act as a bank. Cash or exact amounts in a check are much appreciated. Checks should be payable to: "Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation" In the check's "For:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" section, please write: "Speech Tournament." Thank you.

**Judging**

Each debate critic covers two debate teams.

Each IE critic covers six slots per day, per pattern.

*Judges are expected to judge one round beyond the point their students are eliminated from competition*. Judges with students in elimination rounds who fail to pick up their ballots may have their students disqualified. Because of the difficulty of finding enough qualified debate judges, **we ask schools to bring judges to cover their teams. While some uncovered teams can be accommodated, our goal is to use your judges, not use your penalties to pay our hired judges.**

Because IE and NFA- LD run concurrently on Saturday, a single judge will be only able to meet the commitment for either IE’s or NFA-LD, but not both. Also, we strongly encourage schools to cover their judging commitments, especially on Friday. Friday is the toughest time for us to get hired judges.

**COMPENSATION FOR HIRED JUDGES**

Judging I.E.s, Parli and NFA- LD pays $15 per round while Policy debate pays $20 per round. As per school policy, I will need to pay out funds by check, through the SRJC Foundation, which requires a social security number, phone number, and address for each judge.

**Awards**

**Sweepstakes**

1. **Overall Sweepstakes for 2 and 4 year colleges: Top five for each division**
2. **Debate sweepstakes: Top three**
3. **IE Sweepstakes Top three**

There will be two Sweepstakes Divisions: University and Community College. Permanent plaques will be given to the first, second, and third place schools in each division. Points are awarded as follows:

1. Individual Events: First = 10 pts; Second = 8 pts; Third = 6 pts; Finalist = 3 pts.
2. Parli Debate: Gold = 15 pts; Silver = 12 pts; Bronze = 8 pts;
3. NFA-LD: Gold = 10 pts; Silver = 8 pts; Bronze = 6 pts;
4. Policy: First = 20 pts, second = 15 pts; semis = 10 pts, quarters = 5 points; ocoto = 2 pts.

**Jack Perella Top Speaker Award**

 This special award, named in honor of the man who began the SRJC forensics program in the 1960’s, will be given to the speaker who accumulates the most sweepstakes points for her/his school. (For duo and debate, the student earns half of the points the team accumulated, or 1/3 if on a three-person team). Ties will be broken based on most open division points earned.

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

 We offer two preliminary rounds of Pattern A and Pattern B accompanied by the appropriate number of final rounds. For individual events, Saturday will feature 2 prelim rounds for both pattern A (Extemp, ADS, Prose, Poetry, Informative) and pattern B (Impromptu, Persuasive, Communication Analysis, Dramatic Interp, POI, and Duo). Finals will be held for each pattern's events. NFA-LD will be offered as an alternative event to patterns A and B on Saturday. It will have 4 preliminary rounds, followed by Bronze and Gold/Silver rounds.

1. There will be a novice and open division for all events. We reserve the right to collapse divisions if entries warrant
2. AFA rules will govern each event
3. Novice division is limited to students who are in their first year of college competition and have not placed in the top three at three tournaments. A student may go novice in a non-like event even if they are in a higher divison in another event (for example, a student who is in open division in a platform event may still go novice in an interpretation event).
4. Competitors may enter up to three events in each pattern, but be warned: the tournament will make NO special accommodations for double or triple entered students who are late to a round. If you miss the judge because you are double tripled entered you will NOT be able to make it up. Students may compete in two duos with two different partners.
5. Competitors may not use selections used in competition prior to September 1, 2013.
6. One critic covers six IE slots, per pattern. A single IE judge on Saturday can not also cover NFA-LD debate because NFA-LD and IEs run concurrently.

***DEBATE***

**A) CEDA Format**

1. For CEDA debate proposition for the current academic year shall be used.

2. The Team CEDA format shall be: 9-3-6 with 10 minutes prep time.

3. There will be 6 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds

4. There will be two divisions (Novice/Open). We will follow CEDA rules for eligibility. We reserve the right to collapse if necessary.

5. A 10 minute forfeit rule will be strictly enforced. Any team not ready to debate 10 minutes after the scheduled

start time forfeits unless the delay is the fault of the tournament.

6. Time blocks are 2 hours for each round. It is expected that all debates will be concluded in this time. That includes pre-debate prepping, the debate itself, post-debate oral critiques, and a completed ballot returned to the tab room. Disclosing of the decision is allowed as long as both teams agree. If one team does not want to know the decision, the critic may disclose to the second team outside the presence of the first team.

**B) NPDA Format**

1. For NPDA a different resolution will be used each round.

2. The Team Parliamentary format shall be: 7-8-8-8-4-5.

3. There will be 4 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of Bronze and Gold elimination rounds.

4. There will be two divisions (Novice/Open). We will follow NPDA rules for eligibility.

5. After topic announcement, teams will then have twenty minutes to prep and get to their respective rooms.

4. There will be no “Warm Room”. The official records will be kept in a closed tab room.

5. A 5 minute forfeit rule will be enforced. Any team not ready to debate 5 minutes after the scheduled start time forfeits unless the delay is the fault of the tournament.

6. It is tournament policy that students should be prepared and willing to debate on either side of a topic. If a team refuses to debate a topic, it will be treated as a forfeit and the offending team will be given a loss and zero speaker points for that round.

7. Judges, please note: Time blocks are 1 hour and 15 minutes for each round. It is expected that all parli debates will be concluded in this time. That includes topic announce, the 20 minutes of prep, the debate itself, post-debate oral critique, and a completed ballot returned to the tab room. Please, instruct your judges to submit ballots ASAP or the tournament will grind to a halt! Please, instruct your judges to return your ballot in ***before*** launching into a long oral critique with debaters. Write the ballot and talk on the way back to the judges' table. Decisions may be disclosed after ballots are submitted.

**C) NFA-LD**

1. For NFA-LD the debate proposition for the current academic year shall be used.

2. The format shall be: 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with 4 minutes running prep time per person.

3. There will be 4 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds

4. There will be two divisions (Novice and open). We will follow NFA-LD rules for eligibility. We reserve the right to collapse if necessary.

5. A 5 minute forfeit rule will be strictly enforced. Any team not ready to debate 5 minutes after the scheduled

start time forfeits unless the delay is the fault of the tournament.

6. Time blocks are 1 and ¼ hours for each round. It is expected that all debates will be concluded in this time. That includes pre-debate preping, the debate itself, post-debate oral critiques, and a completed ballot returned to the tab room. Disclosing of the decision is allowed as long as both teams agree. If one team does not want to know the decision, the critic may disclose to the second team outside the presence of the first team.

**D) Special Teams**

**1. Three person Teams**

Schools with an odd number of debaters may enter a three person team. The coach may select which two debaters participate in each round. For purposes of speaker awards, points will not be averaged for rounds the third member of the partnership misses.

**2. Hybrid Teams**

A hybrid team may be allowed, at the tournament director’s discretion, if the directors of both programs involved in the partnership agree. The intent of this rule is to allow debaters who have no available partner at their school to participate in the tournament. If a hybrid team member is matched against a team from his/her own school in elimination rounds, the higher seeded team will automatically advance.

**3. Maverick Debaters are NOT allowed.**  All debate teams must consist of two individuals. A student may not debate 2 on 1. At the discretion of the coach, his/her one person may debate for the educational benefit, but the round will be a forfeit.

**E) Elimination Round Advancement and Seeding will be based on the following (Brackets will be broken for Parli but not for Policy)**

1. won-lost record,

 2. adjusted speaker points (dropping high-low)

 3. overall speaker points

 4. adjusted speaker points (dropping double high-low)

 5. strength of opponents’ record

 6. opponents’ points

 7. coin flip

**Lodging**

The **Tournament Hotel** is, again, the **Best Western Inn** located at 6500 Redwood Drive, Rohnert Park (approximately five miles south of Santa Rosa off the 101). Their phone number (707) 584-7435. We have secured a flat rate of $76.80, plus taxes, for 1-4 occupants per room. We have blocked out forty rooms, each with two queen beds. The rooms are on hold until Friday, September 27th, two weeks before the tournament. You may stay there Thursday, October 10 and 11 with this discounted rate. After September 27th, rooms will be released and the discount prices are not guaranteed.

The hotel and SRJC would greatly appreciate it if schools made room reservations as early as possible. Please do not wait until the last minute. The hotel is extending us a courtesy by holding rooms until only two weeks before the event. Market conditions and customary hold times have recently changed in Sonoma County as a result of a new gambling facility. So, if you are coming, please reserve early.

A complimentary deluxe continental breakfast is included that will include cereals, pastry, fruit and assorted “hot” items like waffles. Please mention the Forensics/debate tournament when making reservations. Debate breaks (but not pairings) will be posted at the hotel Saturday night.

**Directions to the Best Western Inn** **Hotel:**

**South bound 101** exit on Rohnert Park Express Way, turn right, then turn left on Redwood Drive.

**North bound 101** exit Rohnert Park Express Way, turn left, then left again on Redwood Drive.

From highway 101 exit on the Rohnert Park Express Way. Go west (left over the freeway if heading north, right at the end of the ramp if heading south) Turn right on College Ave. Take the 101 heading South. Exit on the Rohnert Park Express Way and go right then take a left on Redwood Ave. . At the end of the off ramp go west (left if traveling north and right if traveling south) on Steel Lane. Immediately get in the right hand lane and take a right on Cleveland (a few blocks from the off ramp). The hotel will be about a mile down the road on your left.

**Directions from the Best Western Inn** **to SRJC:** Get on highway 101 and head north. Exit on College Ave. and turn right. Take a left on Mendocino Ave. The college is two miles down on the left. You can park in the circle parking lot or in the Emeritus parking lot but you will need a parking sticker for each day. Campus police do ticket and I have no control.

**SCHEDULES**

**Friday, October 11th, Parliamentary Debate Schedule**

All Rounds Begin 20 Minutes after the topic is announced.

9:00........................................ Parli RD 1 Topic Announce

10:15...................................... Parli RD 2 Topic Announce

11:30.......................................Parli RD 3 Topic Announce

1:00.........................................LUNCH

1:30.........................................Parli RD 4 Topic Announce

3:00ish/ASAP.........................Parli Bronze Topic Announce

4:30ish/ASAP......................... Parli Gold/Silver Topic Announce

6:00ish/ASAP..........................Parli Awards

**Saturday, October 12th, IE schedule**

8:45 .............................Extemp Draw

9:00..............................A1 NFA-LD 1

10:15............................Extemp Draw

10:30.............................A2 NFA-LD 2

11:45............................ Lunch

12:45.............................B1 NFA-LD 3

2:00...............................B2 NFA-LD 4

3:15...............................A Finals NFA-LD Bronze (ASAP)

4:30.............................. B Finals NFA-LD Silver/Gold (ASAP)

6:30...............................Awards

Note: A and B finals may be run simultaneously depending on size of entries

and judges available. If that happens, awards will be moved up. No dual entry in I.E. and NFA.

Individual Event Patterns:

A: Extemp, ADS, Prose, Poetry, Informative

B: Impromptu, Persuasive, Communication Analysis, Dramatic Interp, Duo, POI.

**Friday, October 11th, Policy Debate Schedule**

10:00am                 Rd 1

12:00pm                 Rd 2

2:00                        Break

3:30                        Rd 3

5:30                        Rd 4

**Saturday, October 12th, Policy Debate Schedule**

8:00                        Rd 5

10:00                      Rd 6

1:00                        Policy Awards

1:30                        Elim 1

3:30                        Elim 2

5:00                        Elim 3