

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Winter at the Beach 2014</b> <b><i>"Utah Classic &amp; 49er Invitational"</i></b></p>
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Friends and Colleagues,

The California State University Long Beach and the University of Utah would like to invite you to attend "Winter at the Beach" in January in Southern California for a three-day forensics tournament. We are pleased to once again host "Winter at the Beach" on its traditional weekend of January 24-26, 2014. On January 24, we'll kick off our three-day, eight-round NPDA tournament. On Saturday we'll continue our NPDA tournament and feature the one-day "Utah Classic" IE tournament. Finally, on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> we'll begin the second IE tournament, the "49er Invitational". Students cannot enter both Debate *and* IE's on Saturday. Students may, however, enter the debate tournament AND compete in IEs on Sunday. Students who enter Debate on Friday/Saturday and IEs on Sunday are eligible for the Jack Howe All-Around award.

We hope that you'll make Long Beach your choice in late-January forensic travel, and to ensure that you enjoy our Southern California hospitality, we'll offer a light, continental breakfast and a well-stocked wellness room with beverage and food for students and judges. Hotel information will be forthcoming.

We hope that we'll see you in January for a beautiful Winter at the Beach. Until then, may your travel be safe and your competition be successful!

Respectfully,

(signature on original)		
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## Part 1: Tournament Information

Rules: AFA IE and NPDA debate regulations will be in effect for relevant events, unless otherwise specified in this invitation. Hybrid debate teams will be accepted for NPDA.

Competitor Eligibility: Any undergraduate in a two-year or four-year college or university that meets the eligibility guidelines of the AFA or NPDA shall be eligible to compete.

Entry Procedure: We will use [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net) exclusively for entries (as promised to one Gary Rybold in 2013—with all our love). Entries must be completed by 5:00 PM PST on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Drops and name changes (but not adds) can be entered no later than 5:00 PM PST on Thursday, January 23, 2014.

Sexual discrimination: Please note that California State University, Long Beach takes a firm stance against sexual harassment and discrimination. As such, we will use the guidelines set forth by the California State University, Long Beach to address any sexual harassment or discrimination complaints.

## Part 2: Individual Events

Events: Each student is invited to enter both debate and IEs at both halves of the tournament. Remember, debaters may only enter IEs on Sunday during the second half of the IE Swing. Students may enter up to three (3) events in each conflict pattern. Please note that double and triple entry is ***“at your own risk,”*** meaning that if a student cannot make it to their round *and* perform in the time scheduled, they will be marked as no show. We will offer the following event spread across the following conflict patterns:

Pattern A: Extemp, Informative, After Dinner Speaking, Prose, Poetry

Pattern B: Impromptu, Persuasion, Comm. Analysis, Dramatic, POI, Duo

Divisions: We will offer both Open and Novice as long as there are twelve or more entries in a division. If an event does not have at least 12 entries in each division, we will collapse divisions and offer awards to the top Novice competitor in each Open division during awards.

Elimination Rounds: Any event with 7 contestants or fewer will not have a final round. For events with more than 7 competitors, a final round will be held. Any event with more than 30 entries will advance to semifinals.

Advancing to Elimination Rounds: No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by highest cumulative rate, then by judge's preference, then by highest reciprocal score (decimal conversion). All attempts will be made to make a clean break (by cumulative rankings).

### Part 3: Debate

Divisions: Provided that there are at least 15 entries per division, “Winter at the Beach” will offer Novice, Junior, and Open Divisions. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines, where eligibility is determined based on the partner with the most experience and a semester means the student has competed in at least three tournaments of any style of debate. In the event divisions are collapsed, awards will be given to the top junior and/or novice team and speaker.

Judging Instructions: Judges are encouraged to disclose only after they have returned their ballot. Delays caused by coaches or judges may, at the tournament director’s discretion, result in penalties to that school’s teams including removal from the tournament. We don’t want to do it, so don’t put us in a position where we would have to do it. Judges’ ballots must assign one winner and one loser in every debate. The judge must assign ordinal speaker ranks with corresponding speaker points between 1 and 30. Judges/schools who fail to comply will be removed from the tournament and fined for unpaid rounds of judging.

Preliminary Rounds: The computer will randomly match Rounds 1 and 2. Round three will be power-matched high-high; all subsequent rounds will be power-matched high-low.

Elimination Rounds: We will advance half the competitive field in Open and all winning records in Junior and Novice Debate. If needed, a double octafinal round will be held. Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon record, followed by adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by ZScore. In elimination rounds, brackets **will be broken**.

### Part 4: Financial Information

Description	Cost per Entry
School Entry Fee	\$15.00
NPDA Team Entry Fee	\$25.00
AFA Individual Event Entry Fee	\$5.00
Duo Interp Entry Fee	\$10.00
IE Drop Fee—Day of Tournament	\$25.00
Debate Drop Fee—Day of Tournament	\$50.00
Hired Debate Judge (covers 2 debate teams)	\$200.00
Hired IE Judge (covers 6 IE slots for both halves of the swing)	\$200.00

Entry Fees: The fee schedule is the same for both parts of the tournament. Please make checks payable to CSU, Long Beach Forensics. Fees will be assessed at 5:00 PM PST on Thursday, January 24 2013.

Judging Commitments: Judges may fill commitments in both IEs and Debate on Sunday, but cannot judge both debate and IEs on Saturday. One judge can cover up to two NPDA debate teams and up to 6 IE slots per pattern. Debate judges are committed through quarterfinals or one round beyond their team's elimination, whichever is greater. An I.E. judge is committed through finals. Meeting this commitment is essential in order for the tournament to run.

Uncovered Judging Fees: Uncovered judge fees will be assessed per the table above. We do ask that you try to cover your entries with your own judges. Bring your judges! We are charging an arm and a leg for hired judges to STRONGLY DISINCENTIVIZE HIRED JUDGING. **Due to judging constraints during the 2013 Winter at the Beach, we will not permit uncovered IE entries on Day 1.**

Hired Judges: We will reduce a school's fee or pay any judge with a Bachelor's Degree \$15.00 per NPDA debate round or \$10.00 per Individual Event round. We will guarantee \$175 and shared lodging for anyone willing to commit to the ENTIRE weekend! If you do not require lodging, we will pay you \$200.

#### Part 5: Tournament Awards

AFA Individual Events Awards: We will offer awards to the first three finishers. In addition, we will offer an award to the top student performer in IEs over the course of both parts of the tournament.

NPDA Debate Awards: We will offer awards for every team advancing to elimination rounds and will give awards to the top ten speakers in each division. Speaker points will be determined using adjusted points, total points, double adjusted points, and judge variance (in that order).

Jack Howe All Around Award: To emphasize the mutually reinforcing values of debate and individual events, we will recognize the competitor with the best overall record in both IEs and Debate with the Forensic Mastery Award. To be eligible, participants must compete in NPDA debate, and at least two styles of IE's (i.e., limited prep, platform, interp).

Scholarship Awards: This year we are offering three \$500 scholarships for top two-year participants. These scholarships are contingent on acceptance to CSULB and membership on the Beach Forensics team and will be awarded to top performing community college students in the following categories: Top Swing IEer, Top Debater, and Jack Howe All Around.

Calculating Sweeps (borrowed with thanks from Marlin Bates):

*Individual Events* - Sweepstakes points will be issued to all participants in semifinals and finals based on the following scale. No points will be given for preliminary rounds.

<i>Division</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Place</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</i>	<i>Finalist</i>	<i>Semifinalist</i>
<i>Open</i>	10 pts.	7 pts.	5 pts.	3 pts.	1 pt.
<i>Novice</i>	5 pts.	4 pts.	3 pts.	2 pts.	1 pt.

### *Parliamentary Debate*

- In the Open Division:
  - 3 points will be given for each preliminary round win IF the team has a 50% or better preliminary round win/loss record. Teams with less than a 50% record will receive no preliminary round points.
  - 3 points will be given to each team that reaches the elimination rounds.
- In the Junior Division
  - 2 points will be given for each preliminary round win IF the team has a 50% or better preliminary round win/loss record. Teams with less than a 50% record will receive no preliminary round points.
  - 2 points will be given to each team that reaches the elimination rounds.
- In the Novice Division:
  - 1 point will be given for each preliminary round win IF the team has a 50% or better preliminary round win/loss record. Teams with less than a 50% record will receive no preliminary round points.
  - 1 point will be given to each team that reaches the elimination rounds.

*Equalization of Debate and Individual Events* - For team sweepstakes for both tournaments, debate and individual events will be equalized. This equalization is achieved by the use of percentiles. All sweepstakes points earned by all debate teams/entries are summed. The points earned by each squad are divided by the total number of points earned in debate in order to determine what percentage of all debate points were earned by the team. Similarly, all sweepstakes points earned by all individual events competitors are summed. A similar percentile score is calculated in individual events for each squad. The two percentile scores for a school (debate and IE) are added together in order to determine an equalized aggregate sweepstakes score. Assuming a school earned all of the possible sweepstakes points in the tournament (a mathematical impossibility), the maximum score they could earn would be 200 points (100% for debate, and 100% for IE). For swing sweepstakes, points from both tournaments are pooled to determine the winners.

### **Part 6: Travel and Logistics**

Housing near Long Beach is at a premium. We urge to reserve space immediately. There are a number of accommodations available in Long Beach including,

Tournament Hotel:

**TBD**

Other Hotels:

Hotel Current	562-597-1341
Comfort Inn	562-597-3374
Residence Inn	562-595-0909

Holiday Inn	562-597-4401
Marriott	562-425-5210
Motel 6	562-597-1311 (Across the Street from Campus)

Parking: There is **no free** parking on the Cal. State, Long Beach campus. All visitor lots and parking spaces are pay-to-park (either meters or paylots). Please observe all posted signage and campus parking regulations. Regulations can be found at [http://www.csulb.edu/misc/adminguidelines/pdf/parking/general\\_parking\\_regs.pdf](http://www.csulb.edu/misc/adminguidelines/pdf/parking/general_parking_regs.pdf).

Directions: We suggest using GoogleMaps or MapQuest to easily find driving directions to Cal State Long Beach. We are located at 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach CA 90840. You can then go to <http://daf.csulb.edu/maps/index.html> to download directions to parking and a copy of our campus map.

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## Part 6: Schedule for Winter at the Beach

### FRIDAY, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

12:00	Topic Announced: Round 1
12:20-1:05	Round One Debates
1:25	Ballots due to Tabroom
1:30	Topic Announced: Round 2
1:50-2:35	Round Two Debates
2:55	Ballots due to Tabroom
3:15	Topic Announced: Round 3
3:35-4:20	Round Three Debates
4:40	Ballots due to Tabroom
5:00	Topic Announced: Round 4
5:20-6:05	Round Four Debates
6:25	Ballots due to Tabroom
<b>6:30-7:10</b>	<b>DINNER BREAK</b>
7:10	Topic Announced: Round 5
7:30-8:15	Round Five Debates
8:35	Ballots due to Tabroom

### SATURDAY, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

8:30	Topic Announced: Round 6
8:50-9:35	Round Six Debates
9:55	Ballots due to Tabroom
10:10	Topic Announced: Round 7
10:30-11:15	Round Seven Debates
11:35	Ballots due to Tabroom
11:50	Topic Announced: Round 8
12:10-12:55	Round Eight Debates
1:15	Ballots due to Tabroom
<b>1:15-2:00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
2:00	Topic Announced: Octofinals
2:20-3:05	Octofinal Round Debates
3:25	Ballots due to Tabroom
3:40	Topic Announced: Quarterfinals
4:00-4:45	Quarterfinal Round Debates
5:05	Ballots due to Tabroom
<b>5:00</b>	<b>AWARDS CEREMONY</b>
5:40	Topic Announced: Semifinals
6:00-6:55	Semifinal Round Debates
7:05	Ballots due to Tabroom
7:20	Topic Announced: Finals
7:40-8:25	Final Round Debates

### SATURDAY, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

8:30	Extemp Draw
8:45-10:00	Round One: Pattern A Events
10:00-11:15	Round One: Pattern B Events
11:15-12:30	Round Two: Pattern B Events
<b>12:30-1:15</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
1:00	Extemp Draw
1:15-2:30	Round Two: Pattern A Events
2:30	Extemp Draw
2:45-4:00	Finals: Pattern A Events
4:00-5:15	Finals: Pattern B Events
<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>AWARDS CEREMONY</b>

### SUNDAY, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

8:30	Extemp Draw
8:45-10:00	Round One: Pattern A Events
10:00-11:15	Round One: Pattern B Events
11:15-12:30	Round Tw: Pattern B Events
<b>12:30-1:15</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
1:00	Extemp Draw
1:15-2:30	Round Two: Pattern A Events
2:30	Extemp Draw
2:45-4:00	Finals: Pattern A Events
4:00-5:15	Finals: Pattern B Events
<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>AWARDS CEREMONY</b>

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