

## Golden Gate Season Opener – SFSU/CCSF Swing September 26-28, 2014

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Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Competitors,

Welcome to the 2014-2015 competitive season!

We are pleased to announce the seventh annual Golden Gate Season Opener and SF State – City College of SF Individual Events Swing, September 26-28, 2014, to be held on the campus of San Francisco State University.

This will be a full-service tournament offering two preliminary rounds in two divisions (Novice & Open) of all 11 AFA individual events at each half of the swing, two divisions (Novice & Open) of NPDA Parliamentary Debate, 2 divisions (Novice and Open) of Lincoln-Douglas debate, and three divisions (Novice, Junior, Open) of policy debate. We will have six preliminary rounds of Parliamentary and Policy debate, and the appropriate number of elimination rounds based on the entry. Some divisions may be collapsed due to entry size. We will do everything we can to preserve the integrity of all Novice divisions.

We will keep our modified schedule to give students the most event options. We are offering Lincoln-Douglas debate on Sunday opposite the IE tournament, so a student could theoretically compete in Parliamentary and LD debate, in addition to one IE tournament on Saturday.

One change to this year's schedule is an attempt to contain Parliamentary debate to Friday and Saturday. The schedule currently guarantees a minimum of Octofinals in both division (assuming the entry size supports this as per NPDA rules), and finishing on Saturday night. We will attempt to accommodate any students making it to late Parliamentary out-rounds and IE finals on Saturday night.

Due to lack of interest and reservations for the past couple years, there is still no central tournament hotel. We have included a list of hotels that offer quadruple occupancy rooms at a number of nearby hotels. Please see the enclosed listings for contact information. You are encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible. If you have any questions about housing, please contact Alexis Litzky, at [alitzky@sfsu.edu](mailto:alitzky@sfsu.edu).

If you are flying to the tournament there are 3 Bay Area airports and flight costs can vary dramatically. San Francisco International (SFO) is just minutes away from campus and all Daly City accommodations, and all else being equal should be your top choice. Oakland (OAK) and San Jose (SJC) often have reduced fares and are about 45 driving minutes away from SF State.

We are excited and look forward to hosting you in San Francisco this September. Please contact us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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### **GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION**

TOURNAMENT RULES – AFA, NFA, and NPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere in this invitation.

ENTRY - Online entry for all Individual events and Parliamentary debate is required at: [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net). Be sure to enter both halves of the swing (Tournament #1 & #2), in addition to your Parliamentary and LD debate entries.

Policy debate entry is required at: [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com).

All entry will be closed *on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 5pm*. Please email Alexis directly after that with any drops or changes at [alitzky@sfsu.edu](mailto:alitzky@sfsu.edu).

ELIGIBILITY – Any student that meets AFA, NFA, or NPDA requirements for their respective event is eligible. SF State and CCSF students may participate, but will not accrue sweepstakes points.

### **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

#### **EVENTS OFFERED**

Pattern A: Extemporaneous speaking, After Dinner Speaking, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, and Informative Speaking.

Pattern B: Impromptu Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Communication Analysis, Duo Interpretation, Programmed Oral Interpretation, and Dramatic Interpretation.

#### **RULES**

- Open and Novice IE's will be offered in accordance with AFA-NIET rules.
- Students in their first year of collegiate competition are eligible for novice division in IE's. Students with substantial high school experience should be entered in open division. We trust that directors will put their students in the right division.
- We reserve the right to collapse open and novice divisions in small events. If we collapse divisions, we will recognize the top novice competitor that does not advance to elimination rounds.
- Students may triple enter in IE's. All double and triple-entered competitors assume the responsibility for making it to their rounds on time. We will not average scores for a missed round.
- Judging – One critic covers 5 slots per pattern, or 10 slots per tournament (one half of the swing). Please ensure all of your judges are available for the entire tournament, it is the only way we can keep the tournament running on schedule and our low slot fees. All IE judges are committed through finals.
- Advancement 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 the highest cumulative ratings, and finally by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion).

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- Placement/Advancement in Elimination Rounds - Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by judge's preference, then by the highest cumulative ratings, and finally by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion).

### **PARLIMENTARY, LD, AND POLICY DEBATE**

Parliamentary Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Tabulation: Marlin Bates (University of Pacific).

Policy Debate Tabulation: Theresa Perry (Chico).

### **RULES**

- Parliamentary debate will abide by NPDA rules and guidelines.
- Policy debate will abide by the CEDA/NDT best practices guidelines.
- Hybrids/Mavericks - Hybrid teams are welcome but all Policy and Parliamentary debaters must compete with a partner. 3-person teams require tournament director approval.
- Brackets will not be broken in Policy debate, but will be broken in Parliamentary and LD debate.
- Judging - Each school is expected to provide one judge for every two teams (or 2 LD slots) they enter. Each judge will be obligated through the first elimination or one round beyond the elimination of their team. We have some hired judges that we can provide, but not many. Hired judges will be provided on a first come, first served basis at a fee of \$150 per uncovered team (or \$50 for LD). We would much rather have your judges than your money. If you have extra judges available from your school please let us know, as we would probably like to hire them. All judges are expected to render a decision in a timely fashion and designate one, and only one, team as the winner of the debate.

### **NFA-LINCOLN DOUGLAS**

We have tried to offer LD in the past and had to cancel due to lack of diversified entry. If you plan on entering any students in LD please do so as soon as humanly possible. If you are even thinking about entering, please email Alexis with an estimate so we can plan accordingly. If the entry does not justify holding 1 collapsed division, we will cancel this event no later than Friday, September 26, 2014.

### **AWARDS**

#### **SWEEPSTAKES**

We will identify a Top Speaker as well as Team Sweepstakes Awards for the entire tournament (all Individual and Debate events) based on the following formula: 1st Place, 12 points; 2nd Place, 10 points; 3rd Place or debate semifinalist, 8 points; 4th Place, 6 points; 5th Place or debate quarterfinalist, 5 points; 6th place or octofinalist 4 points. Duo and team debate competitors will be given ½ of the points above for the purpose of calculating the Top Speaker Award.

We will provide sweepstakes awards for the top 3 institutions in 2 divisions: 2-year and 4-year schools.

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### **ENTRY FEES**

Fees are the same for the whole tournament, and you may pay for both halves of the swing and all debate events with one check during registration. Fees will be assessed once entry closes on Wednesday, September 24, 2014.

School fee:	\$25.00
Individual event slot:	\$8.00
Duo Interpretation slot:	\$15.00
Uncovered individual event slot:	\$15.00
NFA-LD Debate slot:	\$20.00
Uncovered NFA-LD slot:	\$50.00
Debate team (CEDA and NPDA):	\$75.00
Uncovered debate team:	\$150.00

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

Most of these hotels offer double bed rooms (quad occupancy) in the \$95-\$150 price range, which is about the cheapest range for this area. Priceline, kayak, and other online hotel reservation sites may offer cheaper prices than if you call these hotels.

Hampton Inn – Daly City  
2700 Junipero Serra Boulevard  
Daly City, CA 94015  
(650) 755-7500  
[www.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com)  
~ 3 miles from campus, a 10-minute drive  
with no traffic

El Camino Inn  
7525 Mission Street  
Daly City, CA 94014-2941  
(650) 755-8667  
[www.elcaminoinn.com](http://www.elcaminoinn.com)  
~ 3 miles from campus, a 10-minute drive  
with no traffic

Alpine Inn & Suites  
560 Carter Street  
Daly City, CA 94014  
(415) 334-6969  
[alpinemotorinn.com](http://alpinemotorinn.com)  
~5 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive  
with no traffic

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport  
1333 Bayshore Highway  
Burlingame, California, USA 94010  
(650) 347-1234  
[www.sanfranciscoairport.hyatt.com](http://www.sanfranciscoairport.hyatt.com)  
~13 miles from campus, a 20-minute drive  
with no traffic

Best Western Grosvenor Airport Hotel  
380 South Airport Blvd  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
(650) 873-3200  
[www.grosvenorsfo.com](http://www.grosvenorsfo.com)  
~10 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive  
with no traffic

Comfort Inn & Suites - Airport  
121 East Grand Avenue  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
(650) 589-7100  
[www.sfosuites.com](http://www.sfosuites.com)  
~10 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive  
with no traffic

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**DIRECTIONS**

The ballot table, Tab room, food & beverages, and all central activities will be held in the Humanities building on the SF State campus, most easily accessed on Tapia St. between Holloway Ave. and Font Blvd.

**From Daly City/South SF/Airport area:**

Take 280 North  
Follow signs for 1 North towards SFSU and the Golden Gate Bridge  
Continue on Junipero Serra Blvd. (slight right)  
Left on Holloway Ave.  
Right on Tapia Dr.

**From North Bay**

Take 101 South across GG Bridge  
Follow signs for 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Right onto Holloway Ave.  
Right onto Tapia Dr.

**From East Bay**

Take 80 West across Bay Bridge  
Follow signs to 101 South  
Take exit to 280 South  
Take the CA-82 N/San Jose Ave. exit toward CA-1 N/Mission St.  
Slight right at the first stoplight onto Sagamore  
Stay in right lane and follow onto Brotherhood Way  
Take the Junipero Serra Blvd. N/CA-1 N ramp to SF State University  
Continue on Junipero Serra Blvd. (slight right)  
Left on Holloway Ave.  
Right on Tapia Dr.

**PARKING**

Parking is available in the parking structure on campus, for \$6 per car per day. Be sure to clearly display the permit on the dash of your car. Continue down Holloway to Lake Merced, and turn right to reach parking structure.

There is also some street parking. Be sure to check if it is 1-hour, 2-hour, 4-hour, or unlimited parking, and move your vehicle accordingly.

We are friendly with campus police, but will not be able to do anything about your parking tickets. Be vigilant!

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**SCHEDULE**

**IE Schedule**

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

**CCSF Tournament**

7:00 AM – Registration in Humanities 116,  
continental breakfast in the atrium  
9:00 AM – Extemp draw  
9:15 AM – A1 (Extemp, ADS, Prose, Poetry,  
Informative)  
12:00 PM – B1 (Duo, POI, Drama, CA,  
Impromptu, Persuasive)  
1:00 – Lunch break  
1:30 PM – Extemp draw  
1:45 PM – A2  
3:15 PM – B2  
5:15 PM – Extemp draw  
5:30 PM – A Finals  
6:45 PM – B Finals  
8:00 PM – Awards

**Sunday, September 28, 2014**

**SF State Tournament**

7:00 AM – Continental breakfast in the atrium  
8:15 AM – Extemp draw  
8:30 AM – A1 (Extemp, ADS, Prose, Poetry,  
Informative)  
9:45 AM – B1 (Duo, POI, Drama, CA,  
Impromptu, Persuasive)  
11:00 AM – Extemp draw  
11:15 AM – A2  
12:15 PM – Lunch break  
1:00 PM – B2  
2:15 PM – Extemp draw  
2:30 PM – A Finals  
3:45 PM – B Finals  
5:30 PM – Awards

**Parliamentary Debate Schedule**

**Friday, September 26, 2014**

1:00-2:00 PM – Registration at Humanities 116  
2:30 PM – Round 1 Topic Announcement  
4:00 PM – Round 2 Topic Announcement  
5:30 PM – Round 3 Topic Announcement  
\*Dinner provided in atrium\*  
7:00 PM – Round 4 Topic Announcement

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

7:00 AM – Continental breakfast in the atrium  
8:00 AM – Round 5 Topic Announcement  
10:30 AM – Round 6 Topic Announcement  
12:30 PM – First elimination Topic Announcement  
3:30 PM – Second elimination Topic Announcement  
5:00 PM – Third elimination Topic Announcement  
6:30 PM – Fourth elimination Topic Announcement  
8:00 PM – Awards

**Lincoln Douglas Debate Schedule**

**Sunday, September 29, 2014**

8:00 AM Pairings released  
8:30 AM Round 1  
9:30 AM Round 2  
10:30 AM Round 3  
11:30 AM Round 4  
1:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Elim  
2:30 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Elim

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**Policy Debate Schedule**

**Friday, September 26, 2014**

2:00 PM – Registration on campus in Humanities 116

3:00 PM – Pairings for Rounds 1& 2 released

4:00 PM – Round 1

\*Dinner provided in atrium\*

6:30 PM – Round 2

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

7:00AM – Continental breakfast in atrium

8:00 AM – Pairings for Rounds 3 & 4 released

9:00 AM – Round 3

11:30 AM – Round 4

1:30 PM – Lunch break on your own

2:30 PM – Pairings for Round 5 released

3:30PM – Round 5

5:30PM – Pairings for Round 6 released

6:00 PM – Round 6

**Sunday, September 28, 2014**

7:00AM – Continental breakfast in atrium

8:00 AM – Pairings for elimination rounds released

9:00 AM – First elimination round

12:00 PM – Policy debate awards

1:00 PM – Subsequent elimination rounds as needed