

“FREE FOR ME” LD
NFA-LD TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 23, 2009
IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE



“IT’S GREAT TO BE FREE”
PARLIAMENATARY DEBATE TOURNAMENT
NOVEMBER 13, 2009
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Fall 2009,

Dear colleagues:

Greetings! It is with great pride that Irvine Valley College invites your school to our second parliamentary debate competition: "It is Great to be Free" Parliamentary Debate Tournament. This NPDA sanctioned tournament will be held on Veteran's Day Holiday, November 13, 2009. Since this holiday falls on a Friday, it provides an opportunity for our forensics program to have enough rooms to accept the first eighty teams that enter. We will also assign preparation rooms with wireless access and a PC with free access to Lexis/Nexis and Proquest.

The tournament will offer both novice and open divisions for NPDA (please look to NPDA website for eligibility rules). The tournament will consist of four preliminary and two elimination rounds (Gold/Silver & Bronze). We will break (up to as many teams as we are allowed under NPDA rules) to ensure even brackets since we have only two elimination rounds.

In the spirit of being free there are NO fees for this tournament. We will not charge a school or team fee. We also will not charge any judging fees. That is because for each two teams (or fraction thereof) you must provide one qualified judge to be available for all six rounds. Due to an anticipated lack of judges you cannot buy out of judging. We will accept lay judges. Last year the IVC administrators who judged added a special quality to the tournament. We hope to be able to duplicate that experience.

Judges will be free to have an oral critique of five minutes (timed) after making their decision in the round.

To be free of the hassles of rush hour traffic we will start the tournament a bit later than usual at 9:30am (postings at 9am). You will be free for lunch for 90 minutes (there is no such thing as a free lunch). Feel free to bring your own snacks and water. A map will be provided with local restaurants.

In the spirit of providing research opportunities in District 1 we will ask all participants to answer a survey about topic choices for the tournament. Please expect experimentation. In one round we will provide printed materials on both sides of a topic. In another round we will present a scenario for debate. We will also use topic areas discussed in President Obama's Sept 9 health care address to the Congress.

Please sign-up for the tournament by November 11 at 5pm. Feel free to submit your entry on:

www.forensicstournament.net

Our campus is located at 5500 Irvine Center Dr, Irvine, CA 92618. For a map and directions, please see the link below. Parking permit dispensers are located in green on the map. Permits cost only \$2. Sorry it's not free.

<http://www.ivc.edu/maps/pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. We hope that you can be with us on November 13.

Sincerely,

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**“It’s Great to be Free”
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Friday, November 13, 2009**

Announcements will be in B209. The Building B200 is on the East side of the campus.

9:00am – Schools register in B200 Lobby

9:15am - Postings for round one (B200 - LOBBY)

9:30am - Round one motion announcement (B209)

9:50am - Round one begins

10:45am - Round two motion announcement (B209)

11:05am - Round two begins

Noon - Lunch (off campus - many choices close to school)

1:30pm - Round three motion announcement (B209)

1:50pm - Round three begins

3:00pm - Round four motion announcement (B209)

3:20pm - Round four begins

4:40pm - Announcement of E1 and motion (B209)

5:00pm - E1: BRONZE MEDAL ROUND begins – Rd

6:10pm - Announcement of E2 and motion (B209)

6:30pm - E2: GOLD/SILVER MEDAL ROUND begins

7:45pm/ASAP - Awards (B209)

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The LD tournament will also be free. No elimination rounds. One judge will cover two LD debaters. Note: You cannot buy out of judging commitment. We will offer both NOVICE and OPEN divisions. Note that a Novice is in their first year of debating in all debating events. Open is everyone else. We will not have as many rooms, so we recommend getting your entry in soon. We will also be using www.forensicstournament.net for entry purposes.

Please refer to the same information in the “It’s Great to Be Free Invite” for directions and parking.

Schedule:

October 23, 2009 – Meet at 11:30 for registration

Noon – Rd 1

1pm – Rd 2

2pm – Rd 3

3pm – Rd 4

4pm – AWARDS