

October 15, 2008

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of PSCFA, I would like to invite you to the PSCFA Fall Championship Tournament to be held at CSU, Long Beach on December 5-7, 2008. We promise outstanding hospitality and a well-run tournament.

Students may compete in rookie, novice, junior, and senior divisions of Parliamentary Debate, novice, junior, and senior divisions of NFA L/D; as well as one division of Readers Theater. Additionally, we offer novice, junior, and senior divisions of the following individual events: Extemp, STE, Impromptu, Poetry, Prose, Dramatic, Duo, CA, Persuasive, POI, Expository, and Cultural Artifact Speech (Visual or audio aid required). There will be six preliminary and the appropriate elimination rounds in debate; and three preliminary and final rounds (with sufficient entry) in individual events.

There are major changes to the entry process that were passed at this year's conference. Our hosts have graciously provided over 90 rooms so I do not anticipate it being an issue at this tournament, however, the rules are as follows:

- 1) Number of entries in an event will be based on the number of rooms available at the time of the event.
- 2) Schools will enter IE events in rank order in each pattern (for example: 1. Liana Koeppel Sr. imp; 2. Rolland Petrello Jr. POE; 3. Liana Koeppel Sr. Pers; 4. Rolland Petrello Sr. Imp)
- 3) Schools will enter Debate Events in Rank order (For example) 1. Koeppel and Petrello--Sr Parli; 2. Hack and Wyman--Nov. Parli; 3. Decarbo and Fleming--Sr. Parli)
- 4) Tournament Directors will take each school's first event, second event, etc., until rooms are maximized. All schools will have an equal number of entries accepted (in each pattern)
- 5) Those entries not accommodated will be placed on a waiting list based on time of school entry for each event in the pattern. First come, first served going school 1, school 2, school 3, etc. Entry time to be based on "slot last updated" date and time.
- 6) Event panels will be filled out with additional students based on waiting lists. If entry limits are reached and an event has two "bye" slots, the next two entries in that event will be chosen from the waiting list.
- 7) Entries will be due Monday night. Event lists will be posted on the Website on Tuesday.
- 8) Schools may make name changes ONLY. No event changes will be made (including division). Late Drops will not be filled.
- 9) Schools will be charged a drop fee for entries dropped after the drop deadline.
- 10) Schools may begin entering the tournament two Wednesdays before the Drop deadline.

All entries are due by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1st. **YOU MUST USE THE WEB ENTRY SYSTEM – NO EXCEPTIONS.** The link can be found at pscfa.org under the Fall Champs link. Tournament Entry will be available beginning on November 19th.

Other Important Announcements:

- 1) PSCFA does not allow uncovered Debate and Theater entries unless allowed by the Tournament Director. At the present time I cannot insure any teams will be allowed to buy out of this commitment. I am in the process of finding Hired Judges. Our first priority is to provide hired judges to cover PSCFA commitments. If anyone knows of judges for hire, please have them contact me at the above email address. PSCFA now pays \$15 a round.
- 2) The winner of Cultural Artifact will receive a \$100 scholarship from PSCFA (**there is only one division of this event**).
- 3) We will be enforcing the nuisance fee for drops and no-shows (including judges).
- 4) PSCFA has a different format for the first two rounds of parliamentary debate. Please consult the schedule and inform your students and judges of the new procedures. Remember, that teams not reporting 15 minutes after the topic has been announced for round 1 will be dropped from the tournament.
- 5) ALL JUDGES MUST BE CERTIFIED BEFORE THEY CAN BE USED TO COVER YOUR COMMITMENT. IF YOU GAVE NOT CERTIFIED WITHIN THE LAST YEAR, YOU MUST RE-CERTIFY. Please have your judges go to WWW.PSCFA.ORG and click on the "Judge Cert" link. If your judges show up to the tournament uncertified, they will not be able to judge round one (so they can read "Fred" and get certified) and your school will incur a judging penalty.
- 6) Judges must register with the judges table upon arrival.

Attached please find more detailed tournament information, a description of tournament rules and procedures and entry forms. Please refer to the PSCFA HANDBOOK for the newest information on Rules. If you do not have a copy of the PSCFA HANDBOOK, please check PSCFA's website at www.pscfa.org

If you have any questions please contact me at rpetrello@vcccd.net or 805.378.1546

Rolland C. Petrello
Tournament Director

TOURNAMENT RULES AND DETAILS

THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE RUN CONSISTENT WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE PSCFA HANDBOOK. IF THERE IS ANY AMBIGUITY OR INCONSISTENCY IN THIS INVITATION THE HANDBOOK TAKES PRIORITY.

Parliamentary Team Debate

Format: Parliamentary Team Debate times will be:
Prime Minister (7 minutes)
Leader of the Opposition (8 minutes)
Member of the Government (8 minutes)
Member of the Opposition (8 minutes)
Leader of the Opposition (4 minute rebuttal)
Prime Minister (5 minute rebuttal)

We will offer four Divisions in Parliamentary Team debate. We use the NPDA rules as guidelines.

Debate Rules: We will allow three person teams according to PSCFA regulations. We will allow hybrid teams according to PSCFA regulations. We will not allow one person to debate alone. In the event that one member of a team is unable to debate the team will forfeit the round, and both team members will receive zero speaker points for that round.

NFA LD

NFA Lincoln-Douglas Debate is a one-person, persuasive, policy debate on traditional stock issues. It is a communication event, by which we mean the philosophy of the activity is consistent with that which governs other individual events. Competitors in NFA Lincoln-Douglas will be evaluated on their analysis, use of evidence, and ability to effectively and persuasively organize, deliver, and refute arguments. Rapid-fire delivery, commonly called "spread delivery," is considered antithetical to the purpose and intent of this event.

- 1) NFA rules will be followed unless otherwise specified (see below)
- 2) The rules listed below will be in force for 2007-8

-NFA LD debaters who qualify for the finals of Extemp will be required to forfeit either round four of NFA or their Extemp Final.

Debate Pairing: The first three rounds will be randomly matched. Power matching will be used in all subsequent rounds (time constraints may require some lag power matching). If 35% or more of the teams in junior or senior division come from the same school, then at the discretion of the tournament director, those teams from the same school could meet each other if meeting is necessary to run the event. If 25% or more of the teams in novice division come from the same school then, at the discretion of the tournament director, those teams from the same school could meet each other if meeting is necessary to run the event. When both teams are from the same school, we will allow the debate to be judged by a critic of the same school. For example, a CSULB vs. CSULB debate could be judged by a CSULB critic.

Critic Responsibilities: We believe every debate in the tournament deserves attention from those critics assigned to listen. At a minimum, we expect our judges to give written criticisms. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT BALLOTS THAT SIMPLY STATE "ORAL CRITIQUE GIVEN."** We also expect judges to return a ballot for each round to the teams entered. Thus, a packet will not be released until all judges representing that school have turned in ballots. Judges are also required to render a decision identifying a winner, loser, and speaker points for each debate round by the start of the next scheduled round.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

We will follow the rules set for the AFA National Individual Events Tournament. It is the responsibility of the student to make it to the round if they are double entered. Students who are entered in more than one event per pattern are highly encouraged to sign in at the rounds they will go to last. If students do not sign in to their rounds and they then miss the round, the student will be considered a no-show. Novice competitors may not double enter. Junior and Senior competitors may double enter in both patterns.

Pattern A

Extemporaneous: Contestants will be given three topics in the general area of current events. They will choose one and have 30 minutes to prepare a speech. The maximum speaking time is 7 minutes.

Informative Speaking: An original, factual speech by the student on a realistic subject to fulfill the general aim to inform the audience. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time is 10 minutes including introduction.

Speech to Entertain: A speech designed to entertain the audience. This speech should not be a series of jokes, but should emphasize wit and creativity following a central theme. The use of a manuscript is discouraged. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Poetry: Students will prepare a selection or selections of poetry of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Use of a manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Prose: A selection or selections of prose materials of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Play cuttings are prohibited. Use of a manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Cultural Artifact Speech: to offer a discussion of some tangible aspect of culture. Five minutes maximum. Visual or audio aid required.

Pattern B

Dramatic Duo: A cutting presented by two individuals. This is not an acting event. No costumes, props, lighting, etc., are permitted. Manuscripts are required. Focus should be off-stage. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Persuasive: The speech must be the work of the student and be persuasive or inspirational in nature. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Programmed Oral Interp(POI): A program of thematically linked selections of literary merit, chosen from two or more of the recognized genres of competitive interpretation (prose; poetry; drama). A substantial portion of the total time must be devoted to each genre used in the program. Use of a manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including the original introduction and transitions.

Impromptu: Topic selection is varied by round using brief quotations, personalities, events, etc. Speech should not exceed 7 minutes; time begins when topic is drawn.

Communication Analysis: A speech which is carefully researched and developed which applies a student's knowledge of rhetorical communication principles to a communication event such as a speech, speaker, movement, campaign, etc. This speech should pay primary attention to the analysis and less attention to description. The student may deliver the speech in any manner (memorized or manuscript). Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Drama: A cutting from a play or plays of literary merit. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

SWEEPSTAKES: We will award trophies to the top schools in the following categories:

- 1) Four Year – Top Five
- 2) Two Year – Top Five
- 3) Novice (Combines Two and Four Year Schools) – Top Three
- 4) Limited Entry – Top Three

JUDGING

Judges must check in with Judging Table upon arrival at the tournament!!

Debate Commitment: All schools must provide one judge for every two (2) team or LD debate entries or fraction thereof. Schools must also provide one judge for each readers theater team entered. Penalty fees will be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director (If there is a sufficient pool of Hired Judges).

Individual Events Commitment: All schools must provide one judge for every five individual event slots per conflict pattern or fraction thereof.

- Judges for all events must meet qualifications outlined in the PSCFA Handbook. And must complete the PSCFA Judge Certification BEFORE being able to judge.
Coaches shall insure the competency of all judges covering your commitment
- A school may not utilize novice and junior only judges in a greater proportion than its novice and/or junior entry warrants.
- Failure of a judge to appear for a ballot in the debate and theater events will result in the forced withdrawal of those entries covered by that judge.

Any school not meeting their judging commitment will be assessed the following fees:

Debate Judges \$ 50.00 per team (if allowed)

IE Slots Uncovered \$ 12.00 per slot

Judges must remain at the tournament one round beyond the elimination of their last participant. (All judges are committed to judge the first elimination round).

Entry Deadline

Deadline: All entries are due by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1st, 2008. **ENTER FALL CHAMPS AT <http://www.forensicstournament.net/>.**

Fees will be assessed on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Changes after that time will not reduce your fees and may result in nuisance fees.

Registration

There will be a registration period from 1:00-2:30 on Friday, December 5th. There will be a second registration period for IE only schools from 7:00-7:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 6th. There will be a third registration period from 7:00-7:30 on Sunday, December 7th. Coaches can avoid a no show fee by reporting drops at these times.

FOOD, LODGING, PARKING, AND DIRECTIONS

Housing near Long Beach is at a premium. We urge you to reserve space immediately.

Call the Guest House Inn & Suites at 562-5971341

To receive the special rate, mention that you are attending "Fall Champs" (\$75 per night).

Seaport Marina	562-434-8451
Golden Sails	562-596-1631
Comfort Inn	562-597-3374
Residence Inn	562-595-0909
Holiday Inn	562-597-4401
Marriott	562-425-5210
Motel 6	562-597-1311

PARKING: General parking is permitted in Lots # 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, and 18. Some of these lots require a \$ 2.00 parking pass on weekends while others do not. Please obey all posted parking signs. Simply put, if the signs say a pass is required on weekends purchase a \$ 2.00 parking pass from the yellow dispensers in the parking lots as instructed by signs. **PLEASE NOTE: CSULB PARKING SERVICES DOES TICKET ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY! JUST BECAUSE THE GATES ARE UP ON THE UPPER CAMPUS LOTS DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE ALLOWED TO PARK THERE! IF YOU CHOOSE TO PARK IN UPPER CAMPUS LOTS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY YOU DO SO AT YOUR OWN RISK. CSULB FORENSICS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PARKING TICKETS!**

REGISTRATION:

Registration will take place at tournament headquarters in Ph1-141. **(Please note that the tournament is not being hosted out of the regular location in the LA5 Building. Ph1-141 is a large lecture hall located directly across the quad from the LA5 Building.)**

JUDGE CHECK-IN:

Please arrive to pick up your ballots 15 minutes before the start of your round.

DIRECTIONS:

From the 405 (North or South) take the 7th street exit. This exit will place you on 7th Street which will bring you to the University. Turn right on West Campus Drive.

**The PSCFA Fall Championship Tournament
December 5-7, 2008**

FRIDAY—Day One

11:00-2:30

12:00-12:45

1:05-1:50

2:15

3:00-3:45

4:05-4:50

5:10-5:55

6:15

6:35-7:20

7:40

8:00-8:45

9:15

DEBATE REGISTRATION

Round One, NFA LD Debate

Round Two, NFA LD Debate

NPDA Topic Announce for Rounds 1&2

Round One: NPDA Debate (All Divisions)

Round Two: NPDA Debate (All Divisions)

Round Three, NFA LD Debate

NPDA Topic Announce

Round Three: NPDA Debate

NPDA Topic Announce

Round Four: NPDA Debate

Rookie Awards

SATURDAY—Day Two

8:00-9:00

8:05

8:25-9:10

9:30

9:45-11:00

11:10

11:30-12:15

12:15-12:45

12:45

1:00-2:15

2:15

2:30-3:45

3:55

4:15-5:00

5:15

5:30-6:45

IE DROP PERIOD

NPDA Topic Announce

Round Five: NPDA Debate

Extemp Draw

Round One: Pattern A (EXT, INFO, ADS, PRO, POE, CArt)

NPDA Topic Announce

Round Six: NPDA Debate

BREAK

Extemp Draw

Round Two: Pattern A (EXT, INFO, ADS, PRO, POE, CArt)

Extemp Draw

Round Three: Pattern A (EXT, INFO, ADS, PRO, POE, CArt)

NPDA Topic Announce

Elim 1: NPDA Debate

Extemp Draw

Finals: Pattern A (EXT, INFO, ADS, PRO, POE, CArt)

Round Four NFA LD*

NPDA Topic Announce

Elim 2: NPDA Debate

SUNDAY—Day Three

7:30-8:00

8:00-9:15

9:30

10:30-11:45

11:45-1:00

1:10

1:30-2:15

2:30-3:45

4:10

4:30-5:15

5:30 or ASAP

IE DROP PERIOD –

Round One: Pattern B (IMP, PERS, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

Elim One NFA LD

Round Two: Pattern B (IMP, PERS, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

Round Three: Pattern B (IMP, PERS, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

NPDA Topic Announce

Elim 3: NPDA Debate

Finals: Pattern B (IMP, PERS, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

NPDA Topic Announce

Elim 4: NPDA Debate

AWARDS CEREMONY

* Provisions will be made for those competitors in both NFA LD and IE Finals except for the following: Students may NOT compete in both finals of Extemp and NFA LD Round 4 (they will have to choose to forfeit one)

PSCFA SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS FEE SHEET

SCHOOL: _____
 Director of Forensics _____
 Office Phone Number _____
 Home Phone Number _____
 Email Address _____

ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO PSCFA

	# of Entries	Total Fees
Mandatory School Fee		
1-5 Students \$25		_____
6-10 Students \$30		_____
11+ Students \$35		_____
Mandatory surcharge:		
1-5 Students \$10		_____
6-10 Students \$15		_____
11+ Students \$20		_____
Debate--\$20 per team	_____	_____
Parliamentary--\$20 per team	_____	_____
Readers' Theater--\$20 per team	_____	_____
Pattern A IE Slots--\$6 per slot	_____	_____
Pattern B IE Slots--\$6 per slot	_____	_____
Duo Interp--\$12 per team	_____	_____
 <u>Judging Fees:</u>		
Debate--\$50 per uncovered team (if allowed)	_____	_____
IE's--\$12 per uncovered slot		
Pattern A	_____	_____
Pattern B	_____	_____
 <u>Nuisance and Misc. Fees:</u>		
No-Show IE fee--\$10 per slot	_____	_____
No-Show Debate/RT/LD--\$20 per	_____	_____
Nuisance Fee IE--\$5 per slot	_____	_____
Nuisance Fee Debate/RT/LD--\$10 per	_____	_____
Judge Nuisance Fee--\$25 per round	_____	_____
 Late Add Fee--\$50		_____
 PSCFA Dues if not paid (\$35)		_____
Special Assessment - \$25 (one time only)		_____
 TOTAL FEES		_____