

# Pat Kennedy Memorial Round Robin

Round Robin Tournament – November 4, 2016  
Hosted by University of the Pacific



Dear Colleague:

It is my pleasure to invite you and your top parliamentary debate team to make application to the eighth annual Pat Kennedy Round Robin Tournament. We hope you will consider making application for this event. This is our TWELFTH ITERATION of the tournament and we plan on making it special! Born of a desire to provide an outstanding weekend of debate competition in Northern California as well as encourage innovation in tournament formatting, the University of the Pacific welcomes all competitive bids.

The tournament will feature ten of the top NPDA teams in the nation in a modified round robin format. Four rounds of preliminary competition will lead to elimination rounds culminating in two single elimination rounds of debate to crown a tournament champion. This tournament, while offering the top-level competition of other Round Robin style tournaments around the nation, offers more teams more debates than any other format.

We believe you will enjoy this unique tournament format. While tournament particulars are noted below, each school will be required to supply one fulltime critic in addition to the \$100.00 entry fee. Each team member and critic will be provided with a continental breakfast, lunch and awards dinner. If you are able to attend the tournament, please respond to [sfarias@pacific.edu](mailto:sfarias@pacific.edu) by October 17 with the names and *jacket* sizes of both debaters and the name of the critic who will accompany them. We are very excited about the upcoming tournament weekend. I look forward to seeing your squad on the 6th of November in Stockton, CA.

**INTERNET ACCESS IS \*\*NOT\*\* guaranteed.** There are a series of steps to get internet access via PacificNet\_Guest, but it does not work with all phones. You are **REQUIRED** to have a backup if you are judging Parli. We cannot help you with logging on as it is a confusing series of tubes that is beyond our arcane expertise.

For Pacific Forensics,  
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# PROCEDURAL ISSUES

## Disclosure

Ballots are absolutely due when indicated on the schedule. Especially for a tournament with multiple critics in each debate, one critic may return ballots while the other(s) give feedback. Only with your help can we stay on this very tight schedule. Delays attributed to judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams.

## Preparation

Prepared briefs may be used in preparation but not consulted in the competition room. In accordance with NPDA rules and current procedure, coaches are free to offer any advice to debaters provided that they do not hinder a timely start to the round!

## Warm Room

Per NPDA Championship Tournament rules, the tab room will make results of preceding rounds available to debaters in a specified location. Every effort will be made to ensure that postings are timely, but keeping the tournament on time will supersede posting results.

## PAIRINGS OF ROUNDS

### Preliminary & Elimination Round Debates

- The field of ten teams will be divided, as evenly as possible, into two pods of five teams. Each team will debate the other five teams in its pod.
- Each preliminary round debate will be adjudicated by two critics.
- The top two teams in each pod will advance to the semifinal round. Teams will be rank-ordered first by ballots, head to head, finally by z-score.
- In the semifinal debate, the winner of Pool A will debate the second place team from Pool B, while the winner of Pool B will debate the second place team from Pool A.
- The winners of each semifinal debate will meet in the championship debate.
- Each semifinal round will be adjudicated by five critics. The final round will be adjudicated by a division of the house.

## **ENTRY FEES AND JUDGING**

We plan to regale you with fantastic trophies, quality competition, delicious meals and highquality guest critics – all of which costs money. Consequently, each team entering the tournament will be assessed a \$100.00 entry fee. Every School must supply one full-time critic who possesses a bachelor's degree or has exhausted her/his eligibility to compete. NO undergraduate with remaining eligibility may judge. Each critic is committed to the first six rounds of the tournament. Teams advancing to the fifth round (Elim 3) are committed through the semifinal round.

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## Schedule of Events

**7:30-8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION – Grace Covell**

**Tiger Lounge**

**8:00 Topic Announced: Round One**

**8:20-9:05 Round One Debates (8 Teams, 4 Debates)**

**9:25 Ballots due to Table**

**9:25 Topic Announced: Round Two**

**9:45-10:30 Round Two Debates (8 Teams, 4 Debates)**

**10:50 Ballots due to Table**

**11:10 Topic Announced: Round Three**

**11:30-12:10 Round Three Debates (8 Teams, 4 Debates)**

**12:30 Ballots due to Table**

**12:30-1:00 LUNCH BREAK – Regent's Dining**

**1:00 Topic Announced: Round Four**

**1:20-2:10 Round Four Debates (8 Teams, 4 Debates)**

**2:30 Ballots due to Table**

**2:50 Topic Announced: Round Five**

**3:10-3:50 Round Five Debates (8 Teams, 4 Debates)**

**4:10 Ballots due to Table**

**4:30 Topic Announced: Semi-Finals**

**4:50-5:30 Elim Round One Debates (8 Teams, 4 Debates)**

**5:50 Ballots due to Table**

**7:00 P.M. Reception: Admin & Alumni– Alex and Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House**

**8:00 P.M. Topic Announced: Finals**

**8:20-9:00 P.M. Final Round Debate**

# LODGING AND DIRECTIONS

## ***LODGING***

### **LODGING:**

Tournament rates are available at:

**Best Western Plus Heritage Inn** located at 111 E March Lane, Stockton CA 95207. \$84.99 (+tax)/night with a hot breakfast and internet included. Call 209-473-3301 and ask for the “Pacific Speech and Debate College” rate.

**University Plaza Waterfront** located at 110 W. Fremont St. located on Stockton’s Waterfront, next door to the Stockton Arena, Banner Island Ballpark, and the Civic Auditorium within walking distance of all the revitalized food and businesses of Stockton’s historic downtown. \$119 (+tax)/night. Call 209-944-1140 and ask for the “University of the Pacific College Debate Tournament” Shuttle service is available from 8:00am – 10:00pm to registered guests; additional times must be agreed to in writing prior to group arrival. Additional charges may apply.

**Court Yard Marriot** located at 3252 West March Lane, Stockton CA 95219. \$149 (+tax)/night. Call 209-472-9700 and ask for the “Pacific Speech and Debate Tournament” and ask about including breakfast!

## **DIRECTIONS**

**To the University of the Pacific Campus** – From Interstate 5, take the March Lane Exit and head East on March Lane. Make a right on Pacific Avenue. The University of the Pacific will be on your right. The campus map is available at <http://www.pacific.edu/about/pacific-maps-directions/campus-map.asp>

**PARKING:** Buses must park and unload in Lots 1 and 2 next to the tennis courts (previously where the football stadium existed). On Friday, please do not park in “A” spots, (B or N) is acceptable. On Saturday & Sunday, all vehicles may park in any available and legal spot.

**To the San Joaquin Delta College**– From Interstate 5, take the March Lane Exit and head East on March Lane. Make a left on Pacific Avenue. The San Joaquin Delta College will be on your left, just past Target. The campus map is available at [http://www.deltacollege.edu/info/general/map/campusmap\\_lg\\_pkg.html](http://www.deltacollege.edu/info/general/map/campusmap_lg_pkg.html)