

**AFA NIET DISTRICT ONE**  
**Last Chance & NIET Qualifier Swing**  
**March 4 – 5, 2017**

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January 28, 2017

Dear Friends,

You are hereby invited to attend the 2017 AFA-NIET District One “Last Chance” Tournament and NIET Qualifier swing. This year’s swing will be held at Concordia University Irvine in Irvine, CA, from March 4 - March 5, 2017. The District’s “Last Chance” (March 4, 2017) Tournament is open to all schools, while the District’s Qualifier Tournament (March 5, 2017) is only open to those schools that can subscribe in District One. This year, the District One tournament will happen in one day. *Two Patterns, Two Rounds, with Two Judges per Each Prelim Round.* The deadline to enter both tournaments is **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 at 6:00 PM**. Please enter online at <http://www.forensicstournament.net>.

This year’s NIET will be held at the Bradley University, in Peoria, IL on March 31- April 3, 2017 (with registration on Friday, March 31). An invitation is available online at <http://www.afa-niet.org>. **If you have students who have qualified at-large for the NIET, you will need to submit an at-large qualification form for each student by Wednesday, March 1, 2017. ALL QUAL SHEETS SHOULD BE E- MAILED to me, our District Chair, at [yaw.kyeremateng@cui.edu](mailto:yaw.kyeremateng@cui.edu). Please submit any results from a tournament not available on forensicstournament.net with your verification forms.** At-large verification sheets are attached with the invitation so you may email me (via attachment) for greater convenience. Please get forms to me as soon as possible so that I can verify that your student is qualified for the NIET. The official deadline to earn legs is March 11, but I need forms well before that to verify them.

You are encouraged to nominate up to 2 students from your school for the AFA-NIET All American Award. Please see inside the invitation for forms and more information. All nomination materials must be turned in to me no later than Sunday afternoon, March 5, 2017, at the Coaches’ Meeting. We cannot consider incomplete files; do make plans to have the application, competition and service résumés, recommendation letters, as well as official transcripts ready by the deadline.

If you have any questions about the At-Large qualification process, or the NIET, please feel free to contact me at [yaw.kyeremateng@cui.edu](mailto:yaw.kyeremateng@cui.edu). Please let me know if you have any questions about the tournaments, and we look forward to seeing you in Irvine.

Sincerely, □

Yaw Kyeremateng  
District I Chair/Tournament Director

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562-374-3250

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**SCHEDULES**

\*\*Schedule will be adjusted as necessary depending on number of entries\*\*

**District One “Last Chance” Tournament**

Saturday, March 4, 2017

<b>7:00-8:00AM</b>	<b>Registration (Second Floor Sigma Square)</b>
<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>Extemp Draw</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Round 1A</b> <b>Round 1: ADS, DUO, PER, POE, POI</b>
<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Round 1A Extemp</b> <b>Round 1: EXT</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Extemp Draw</b>
<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>Round 2A</b> <b>Round 2: ADS, DUO, PER, POE, POI</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Round 2A Extemp</b>
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Round 1B</b> <b>Round 1: CA, DI, IMP, INF, PRO</b>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Round 2B</b> <b>Round 2: CA, DI, IMP, INF, PRO</b>
<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>Extemp Draw Final</b>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Finals Group A</b> <b>Final round: ADS, DUO, PER, POE, POI</b>
<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>Extemp Final</b> <b>Final round: EXT</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Finals Group B</b> <b>Final round: CA, DI, IMP, INF, PRO</b>
<b>6:00pm or ASAP</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony</b>

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## District One Qualifier Tournament

Sunday, March 5, 2017

<b>7:00-8:00AM</b>	<b>Registration (Second Floor Sigma Square)</b>
<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>Extemp Draw Prep: EXT</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Round 1A Round 1: ADS, DUO, PER, POE, POI</b>
<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Round 1A Extemp Round 1: EXT</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Extemp Draw Prep: EXT</b>
<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>Round 2A Round 2: ADS, DUO, PER, POE, POI</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Round 2A Extemp Round 2: EXT</b>
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Round 1B Round 1: CA, DI, IMP, INF, PRO</b>
<b>12:45 PM</b>	<b>Round 2B Round 2: CA, DI, IMP, INF, PRO</b>
<b>2:00-3:00 PM</b>	<b>Student/Coaches meeting</b>
<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>Extemp Draw Final Prep: EXT</b>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Finals Group A Final round: ADS, DUO, PER, POE, POI</b>
<b>3:45 PM</b>	<b>Extemp Final Final round: EXT</b>
<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Finals Group B Final round: CA, DI, IMP, INF, PRO</b>
<b>6:15pm or ASAP</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony</b>

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**RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

DISTRICT ONE “LAST CHANCE” REGULATIONS □

- 1) Open to all schools. □
- 2) Students may enter up to 3 events.
- 3) Each judge covers 5 slots total.
- 4) We reserve the right to limit entry based on judge availability. Please enter student’s events in the order of preference. We will take each student’s first event, then second, and then 3rd if there are enough rooms/judges.
- 5) We will abide by AFA-NIET rules for the tournament.

DISTRICT ONE NIET QUALIFIER REGULATIONS

- 1) Each school may enter up to five slots in each event.
- 2) Students may not enter events that they have already qualified. Students whose school is not planning on attending the NIET may not enter.
- 3) Due to inadequate room space we will not be following the AFA-NIET event pattern, instead, we will be going by the two pattern system, two rounds, and 2 judges per prelim round.
- 4) Because we will be going by the two pattern system, students may triple-enter
- 5) Each judge covers 5 slots per pattern.
- 6) We will abide by AFA-NIET rules and the district charter for the tournament.

WHERE TO SEND AT-LARGE SHEETS AND TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Please enter online at <http://forensicstournament.net>.

The deadline is **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 at 6:00 PM**. You may make changes up until Wednesday, March 1, 2016 at Noon, when fees will be assessed. If you have problems with the online entry system, please email , or call me at 562-374-3250. For At-Large entry forms, please email me via an attachment to yaw.kyeremateng@cui.edu If you need to send in the At-Large sheets or some sheets that he does not have, then send them to the following address:

mail: Yaw Kyeremateng  
Concordia University Irvine  
1530 Concordia  
Irvine, CA 92612

Please email or call and let me know that you have sent me something via mail. His office phone is: (562) 374-3250.

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**FEE INFORMATION**

“LAST CHANCE”

Cost per slot at the “Last Chance” Tournament: \$5 (\$10 for Duo)  
Judging fee per uncovered slot: \$15 (One judge covers 5 slots)  
\$15.00 per change after Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at Noon  
\$100.00 dropped judge fee after Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at Noon

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NIET Subscription Fee (if not already paid): \$50  
Per School Judge Fee (passed 3/2006 meeting): \$50  
Cost per slot at the Qualifier Tournament: \$8 (\$16 for Duo)  
Judging fee per uncovered slot: \$15 (One judge covers 5 slots per pattern)  
\$15.00 per change after Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at Noon  
\$100.00 dropped judge fee after Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at Noon

Please bring CASH to pay your fees or contact Yaw Kyeremateng to get information on who the check needs to be made out to Yaw can be reached via email at [yaw.kyeremateng@cui.edu](mailto:yaw.kyeremateng@cui.edu) and via phone at (562) 374-3250.

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**LODGING**

There is still no central tournament hotel; but there are several good options.

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Most of these hotels offer double bed rooms (quad occupancy) in the \$71-\$120 price range, on Hotels.com.

La Quinta Inn & Suites Irvine Spectrum  
14972 Sand Canyon Ave,  
Irvine, CA, 92618  
~ 3 miles from campus

DoubleTree Club by Hilton Orange County  
Airport  
7 Hutton Centre Dr,  
Santa Ana, CA, 92707  
~6 miles from campus

Travelodge Orange County Airport  
1400 Bristol Street, Suite A,  
Costa Mesa, CA, 92707  
~ 7 miles from campus

Wyndham Irvine Orange County Airport  
17941 Von Karman Ave,  
Irvine, CA, 92614  
~5 miles from campus

Motel 6 Irvine - Orange County Airport  
1717 East Dyer Road,  
Santa Ana, CA, 92705  
~5 miles from campus

Extended Stay America - Orange County -  
Irvine Spectrum  
30 Technology Dr,  
Irvine, CA, 92618  
~4 miles from campus

Regardless of where you choose to stay, you are encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible. If you have any questions about lodging, please contact Yaw Kyeremateng at [yaw.kyeremateng@cui.edu](mailto:yaw.kyeremateng@cui.edu).

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**DIRECTIONS/IMPORTANT INFO**

**Link to Campus Map:**

<http://www.cui.edu/Portals/0/uploadedfiles/AboutCUI/Campus/Campus%20Map.pdf>

The ballot table, Tab room, food & beverages, and all central activities will be held in the Sigma Hall.

**Campus Facilities:** It is of utmost importance that all judges, competitors, spectators, and anyone else associated with the tournament, that they treat the facilities well. For reasons passing understanding, you may inhale carcinogens, develop lung cancer, and generally destroy your health on campus – but inhaling and exhaling must happen at least 50 feet away from a building.

**Parking:** Please park in the parking lots behind or in front of Sigma Hall (which will be where the tournament is headquartered). Parking is free on campus. When you reach the guard gate, please let the attendant know that you are with the tournament. The campus is located at 1530 Concordia West, Irvine CA 92612.

**Postings:** EverythingTab will be used to administer the tournament. One paper copy of postings will be located in the breezeway of Sigma Hall. All event postings will also appear on [forensicstournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net). Additionally, you can find a copy of the tournament schedule and a campus map, also posted on [forensicstournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net).

**Internet Access:** We will allow folks to use the Internet at the tournament. Access is expected to be just fine, but not guaranteed. This includes Extemp Prep. Connect to CUI\_WPA2. When asked for the password, enter the name of the network (CUI\_WPA2). There are many outlets for power charging on campus. You are welcome to use these, but again, we do not guarantee their use.

**Lunch off Campus:** There are quick sandwich places right outside campus (Subway, Jimmy Johns etc).

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**At Large Reporting Form**

**FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF YOUR DISTRICT CHAIR BY MARCH 1, 2017**

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ (fill out one form for each student)

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

COACH: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

	Event	Rank	Tournament	Date	# of Schools	# of entries
<b>GROUP A EVENTS: Informative/Prose/Impromptu</b>						
1 <sup>st</sup> event in "A"						
2 <sup>nd</sup> event in "A"						
<b>GROUP B EVENTS: Extemporaneous/Dramatic Duo/Persuasion/Program Oral Interpretation</b>						
1 <sup>st</sup> event in "B"						
2 <sup>nd</sup> event in "B"						
<b>GROUP C EVENTS: Poetry/Communication Analysis/After Dinner Speaking/Interpretation of Drama</b>						
1 <sup>st</sup> event in "C"						
2 <sup>nd</sup> event in "C"						

Send completed form to your District Chair  
**DO NOT SEND FORM TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

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I certify the above information is correct and meets requirements for AFA-NIET At-Large Qualification

COACH'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_