



The Argumentation and Communication Leadership Academy, in partnership with QD Learning, is pleased to announce our final spring event: The National Communication Arts Championship Festival. This tournament will feature standard Speech and Debate events as well as a Film competition and 2 writing competitions. The festival will be held at CSU Fullerton on Saturday May 13.

The theme of this tournament is Inspiration. Students will have the opportunity to explore inspiration in a variety of ways including film, writing, oratory, and interpretation events.

This tournament will have events for 3 age groups:

3rd – 5th Grades: Elementary

6th – 8th Grades: Middle School

9th – 12th Grades: High School

Use the link below to add this event to your Facebook calendar.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/399506867099101/>

Payment

To speed up the registration process, the National Communication Arts Championship Festival will not be accepting payment the day of the tournament. Payment for this tournament is due on or before May 8. If payment is not received by May 8, all entries for that school will be dropped. Payments can be made via Google Wallet to InstructorWillWash@gmail.com or by mail. Checks can be made payable to "ACLA" and mailed to:

7071 Warner Ave. F375
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

The school fee for this tournament is \$45.

Pattern A is \$15 per competitor, per event.

Pattern B is \$15 per competitor, per event.

Registration will open April 5 and close May 8. Fees will be frozen on May 8. All changes required after May 8 will need to be emailed directly to the tournament director (wwashington@aclacademy.org). Students can be added after May 8 for an increased price (\$20 per event). If a drop is needed after May 8, a \$15 penalty per drop will be assessed to the school due the day of the tournament.

All Interp events, Informative, and Original Oratory will have a 15 second grace period. This means that judges should not lower the competitor's score as long as they do not go over the grace period.

We will offer 3 rounds of Pattern A and Pattern B events. This tournament will **not** have out-rounds.

Awards: The top 3 students in each category will receive trophies and, depending on the number of entries, medals will be awarded to other top ranking competitors. Events with less than 3 entries will be cancelled, and a refund will be issued at the tournament. We will not be combining age groups at this tournament.

Original Narrative

This event is traditionally offered as an experimental pattern C event at ACLA tournaments. For the National Communication Arts Championship Festival, we are making it a standard event with 3 rounds.

The theme for Original Narrative is **Inspiration**. Have fun with it!

In this event, the students will have the opportunity to present an original personal story that explores the original narrative theme of the tournament. This speech should be delivered extemporaneously and the winner for each age group will have the opportunity to deliver their speech at Awards.

The event will mirror the storytelling format of the Moth and Snap Judgment (NPR) podcasts.

Examples can be found here:

http://player.themoth.org/#/?actionType=ADD_AND_PLAY&storyId=388

<https://themoth.org/>

Original Narrative Guidelines

Time limit: 5 minutes, maximum

Students will be ranked from 1 to 5 in the following categories for a total of 25 points.

Meeting the Tournament Theme: How well does the speech relate to “**Inspiration.**”

Emotional appeal: How well does the speech pull in the judge in emotionally?

Personal: How well do we get to know the competitor?

Moral/Lesson: Does the speech teach the audience something?

Delivery: Standard public speaking concepts/performance.

This is not an interp event and students should **not** have a formal introduction.

Judging

Pattern A will require 1 judge for every 6 entries. Pattern B will require 1 judge for every 6 elementary school entries, and 1 judge for every 2 public forum teams. There will be a charge of \$65 for every uncovered judge slot. Missing ballots will result in a \$25 nuisance charge per ballot. Judges must be 16 years old or older. (Middle school students are **not** allowed to judge.)

Lunch

There are plenty of lunch options near CSU Fullerton.

Events

Elementary School (3rd through 5th Grades)

Pattern A: Triple Entry Allowed

Storytelling: NSDA (5 Min Max)

Impromptu: 8 Min Total

Declamation: 7 Min Max

Duo: 7 Min Max

SPAR: Please see event rules posted on tournament home page.

Pattern B: (Double Entry allowed in all Pattern B events except for Congress)

Congress Bills released on April 10

Original Narrative

Cultural Artifact Speech (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Humorous Interpretation

Pattern C:

Interp Cinema (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Pattern D:

Fiction Writing Competition (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Pattern E:

Non-Fiction Writing Competition (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Middle School (6th through 8th Grades)

Pattern A: Triple Entry Allowed

Storytelling: NSDA rules

Impromptu: 7 Min Total

Declamation: NSDA Rules

DUO: NSDA Rules

SPAR: Please see event rules posted on tournament home page.

Pattern B: (Double Entry allowed in all Pattern B events except for Congress)

Congress (Bills released on April 10)

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Pattern C:

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Pattern D:

Fiction Writing Competition (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Pattern E:

Non-Fiction Writing Competition (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

High School (9th through 12th)

Pattern A: Triple Entry Allowed

Storytelling: NSDA rules

Impromptu: 7 Min Total

Declamation: NSDA Rules

DUO: NSDA Rules

SPAR: Please see event rules posted on tournament home page.

Pattern B: (Double Entry allowed in all Pattern B events except for Congress)

Congress (Bills released on April 10)

Original Narrative

Cultural Artifact Speech (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Humorous Interpretation

Pattern C:

Interp Cinema (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Pattern D:

Fiction Writing Competition (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Pattern E:

Non-Fiction Writing Competition (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Photo release: Please let all parents know that we will be taking photos at this tournament to help promote future tournaments and activities. By signing up for this tournament, participants have agreed to allow images to be used to promote Speech and Debate and future tournaments. Parents are not allowed to film or take photos of any students (even their own child) during competition rounds. **Only tournament staff is allowed to film and take photos at this event.**