

Concordia Free Invitational

January 4th, 2010

Dear Colleagues –

The Forensics Teams of Concordia University, Irvine, Irvine Valley College and Point Loma Nazarene University invite you to participate in the first **Concordia Free Invitational** to be held on **January 23, 2010**. This will be a completely free event – send as many teams as you wish. However, in order to participate, you **MUST** cover all of your teams. We are sorry, but there can be no exceptions to this rule. As usual, one judge is needed for every two teams competing in the tournament.

FORMAT: The tournament will offer 4 preliminary rounds of NPDA debate in three divisions: Novice, Junior and Senior. Bronze and Gold elimination rounds will occur in Novice and Junior, while Senior will advance to Quarterfinals (if entries warrant), but not beyond. The tournament will abide by the NPDA's rules regarding division and competitor eligibility. Divisions will only be collapsed if entries make a division non-viable. Seeding will first be based upon wins, then total speaker points, adjusted points, opposition record, and finally z-score.

ENTRIES: Please submit entries by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 20th to <http://www.forensicstournament.net>. You may drop and/or change entries until Friday, January 22nd at 9:00 p.m. At that time, the entry page will be placed in shut-down mode and Round 1 paired. PLEASE try VERY HARD to avoid changes after 9 p.m. on Friday.

TOPICS: Gary Rybold, Konrad Hack and Skip Rutledge will form the topic writing committee. Motions will be selected from current news stories. The standard for topic selection is that a person who has been following current events should be informed on each of the motions.

LOGISTICS: A 15-minute “passing period” has been built into the schedule for the purpose of allowing feedback from judges. This feedback may happen AFTER the ballot has been returned to the tabroom. This rule simply **MUST** be followed or the tournament schedule will implode.

AWARDS: Each team advancing to an elimination round debate will receive a certificate. The top five speakers in smaller divisions will also receive certificates. In divisions with more than 20 teams, we will award ten certificates. Sweepstakes awards will not offered.

Schedule of Events

9:00-9:30	REGISTRATION – Library Arts 124
9:30	Topic Announced: Round 1 (Library Arts 124)
9:50-10:35	Round One Debates (random matched)
10:50	Ballots due to Tabroom
11:10	Topic Announced: Round 2 (Library Arts 124)
11:30-12:15	Round Two Debates (matched high-low)
12:30	Ballots due to Tabroom
12:30-1:30	LUNCH BREAK – On Your Own
1:30	Topic Announced: Round 3 (Library Arts 124)
1:50-2:35	Round Three Debates (matched high-low)
2:50	Ballots due to Tabroom
3:10	Topic Announced: Round 4 (Library Arts 124)
3:30-4:15	Round Four Debates (matched high-low)
4:30	Ballots due to Tabroom
4:50	Topic Announced: Quarterfinals (Library Arts 124)
5:10-5:55	Quarterfinal Round Debates (Bronze Round)
6:15	Decision Due – Awards in Round
6:30	SPEAKERS AWARDS – Library Arts 124
6:35	Topic Announced: Semifinals (Library Arts 124)
6:55-7:20	Semifinal Round Debates (Gold Round)
7:40	Decision Due – Awards in Round
ASAP	Senior Division Finals (as warranted)

PARKING: Concordia is located just south of the I-405 freeway at 1530 Concordia West, Irvine, CA 92612. Parking is free on campus. At the security gate, inform them that you are with the debate tournament. You will then be directed to the main parking lot, which is directly West of Grimm Hall. Tournament headquarters will be located in the Library Arts building, which is just south of Grimm Hall.