

# **SUNSET CLIFFS CLASSIC**



**Point Loma Nazarene University  
San Diego, CA 92106**

**February 8-9, 2020**



Dear Colleagues:

The Point Loma Nazarene University forensics squad is pleased to invite you to our annual **SUNSET CLIFFS CLASSIC** Invitational forensics tournament. The tournament will be Saturday and Sunday, February 8-9, 2020. We hope you can come enjoy our beautiful seaside campus and the typically sunny weather. San Diego State University will not be offering their Individual Events Swing on Friday, but they will be hosting Pi Kappa Delta Nationals in March, so visit San Diego early to see and be seen, and well, because it is San Diego. And sadly, this might be the last PLNU Sunset Cliffs as our traditional weekend is being taken from us in order for the school to host homecoming in future years.

We will offer open and novice division competition in all eleven AFA individual events (collapsing some events should numbers so dictate); five rounds of Junior and Senior divisions of Parliamentary Debate; junior and senior divisions of NFA LD debate if numbers allow; plus one division of British Parliamentary Debate, with a possible break out Novice elimination round should those numbers allow.

- ***British Parliamentary Debate Note:*** *This year we will again offer a combined division of British Parliamentary Debate as it has gone so well the last few years.* Due to the longer scheduled number of and time of rounds though, **students and judges in BP debate cannot be involved in other forms of debate or individual events at the Sunset Cliffs.** As mentioned above we may try to carve out a novice Final Round should the number of novices justify that.
- ***Electronic Debate Balloting*** this year: Mike Middleton has again agreed to run debate tab for us in NPDA Parli, and will be using electronic ballots. So judges for Parli debate are required to have an electronic phone or tablet or lap top capable of receiving emails to qualify as judges, and bring a charger please. Judges should not be on line during the actual debate rounds though, for any reason, including but not limited to social media, fact checking, etc. . . You may flow on your electronic device if you are a judge. This added note from Mike: ***Additional instructions about email balloting will be provided once registration has closed. However, please ensure that you supply an email address in the judge notes for each judge you enter AND please be sure it is an email that can be accessed throughout the tournament.***
- ***Topic Areas and Recommendations:*** The President's State of the Union Address will be offered a week prior to the tournament, and we will continue to draw Parliamentary debate topics from the address for the Sunset Cliffs Parli rounds. Coaches and students are invited to submit recommended topics for our consideration. Those submissions should be in by February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (2 days after the address). We suspect that there might be controversial issue or two raised that will hopefully lend themselves to spirited, collegial and respectful intercollegiate debate.
- ***Some noteworthy attractions of the Sunset Cliffs Classic include:***
  - Strong competition with diverse regional representation and quality judging.
  - A picturesque ocean front campus.
  - Two \$3,000.00 scholarships for the top community college competitors (one each for debate & IE's) for tuition remission at PLNU the following year.
  - Attractive trophies.
  - Enjoyable food nearby, and especially in the judges area for judges and coaches.
  - Did I mention the ocean? It bears repeating.
  - No guarantee on chamber of commerce, post card weather, but it will likely be better than where y'all come in from. ☺

We look forward to you joining us this year. Please let me know of any questions or concerns.  
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# 2020 Sunset Cliffs Classic - Schedule of Events

**\*\* REMINDER: NPDA TOPIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OCCUR EXACTLY AS SCHEDULED! \*\***

## IEs and Parli and NFA LD Schedule

### SATURDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

<b>7:00-8:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION (Cabrillo Hall)</b>
8:00	Topic Announce: Round 1
8:20-9:05	Round One: NPDA Debate (random-matched)
9:30	Topic Announce: Round 2
9:50-10:35	Round Two: NPDA Debate (random-matched)
10:55	Topic Announce: Round 3
11:15-12:00	Round Three: NPDA Debate (high-low matched)
<b>12:15-12:45</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK – On Your Own</b>
12:50	Topic Announce: Round 4
1:10-1:55	Round Four: NPDA Debate (high-low matched)
2:15	Extemp Draw
2:30-3:45	Round One: Pattern A Events (EXT, INFO, ADS, PRO, POE) Round One: NFA LD Debate (random matched)
3:55	Topic Announce: Round 5
4:15-5:00	Round Five: NPDA Debate (high-low matched)
5:15	Extemp Draw
5:30-6:45	Round Two: Pattern A Events (EXT, INFO, ADS, PRO, POE) Round Two: NFA & IPDA LD Debate (high-low matched)
6:55	Topic Announce: Elimination Rd 1
7:15-8:00	Elimination Rd 1: NPDA Debate (high-low matched)
8:15-9:00	Round Three: NFA LD Debate (high-low matched)
<b>ASAP</b>	<b>POST BREAKS – on campus and to <a href="http://forensicstournament.net">forensicstournament.net</a></b>

### SUNDAY, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

<b>8:00-8:30</b>	<b>Chapel Service – Crill Auditorium</b>
8:40	Topic Announce: Elimination Rd 2
9:00-9:45	Elimination Rd 2: NPDA Debate
10:00-11:15	Round One: Pattern B Events (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO) Round Four: NFA LD Debate (high-low matched)
11:25	Topic Announce: Elimination Rd 3
11:45-12:30	Elimination Rd 3: NPDA Debate
12:45-2:00	Round Two: Pattern B Events (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO) Quarterfinals: NFA LD Debate
2:10	Topic Announce: Elimination Rd 4
2:30-3:15	Elimination Rd 4: NPDA Debate
3:30	Extemp Draw
3:45-5:15	Finals: ALL Individual Events Semifinals: NFA LD Debate
5:25	Finals: NFA LD Debate
<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	<b>AWARDS CEREMONY – Crill Auditorium (about an hour)</b>

# 2020 Sunset Cliffs Classic British Parliamentary Debate Schedule

**\*\* REMINDER: BP TOPIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OCCUR AS SCHEDULED! \*\***

## Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**8:20 - 8:40** Registration for tournament – Cabrillo 101  
**8:30 – 9:30** Training Session for British Parliamentary Judges and debaters – Fermanian Business Center

**10:00** **Round One** Topic Announcement

10:15 Begin Speaking

11:20 Judge Deliberation

11:35 Ballots due back to judges table

**11:35 – 1:00** **Lunch**

**1:00** **Round Two** Topic Announcement

1:15 Begin Speaking

2:20 Judge Deliberation

2:35 Ballots due back to judges table

**3:00** **Round Three** Topic Announcement

3:15 Begin Speaking

4:20 Judge Deliberation

4:35 Ballots due back to judges table

**5:00** **Round Four** Topic Announcement

5:15 Begin Speaking

6:20 Judge Deliberation

6:40 Ballots due back to judges table

Go Home! If entries necessitate an additional elim round, we can move round 5 here)

## Sunday – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

8:00-8:30 Tournament Chapel Crill Performance Hall

8:30 **Round Five** Topic Announcement

8:45 Begin Speaking

9:50 Judge Deliberation

10:05 Ballots due back to judges table

10:30 **Round Six** Topic Announcement

10:45 Begin Speaking

11:50 Judge Deliberation

12:05 Ballots due back to judges table

12:20 – 1:20 Lunch Break

1:30 **Elimination Round One (possibly Semi Finals) Topic Announcement**

1:45 Begin Speaking

2:50 Judge Deliberation

3:10 Ballots due back to judges table

3:30 **Elimination Round Two (Possibly Final Round Topic Announcement)**

3:45 Begin Speaking

4:50 Judge Deliberation

5:15 Ballots due back to judges table

**AWARDS CEREMONY- 5:30 or ASAP – CRILL PERFORMANCE HALL**

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## ENTRIES

Any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a recognized two-year or four-year college program carrying 6 or more units is eligible to participate. All programs entering must be officially representing the schools in which they are enrolled. Any contestant may enter up to 2 IEs per pattern OR Lincoln-Douglas debate and one division of NPDA debate, or only BP debate! So LDers may do NPDA also, but not IEs. And BP debaters are restricted to just entering BP and must meet BP eligibility standards. These restrictions are all to help tournament time management. Thanks for understanding.

## RULES

AFA, NFA, BP and NPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere in this invitation or deemed necessary by Tournament Director in unique situations. Procedures described in this invitation will prevail over NPDA, NFA, BP, PSCFA and/or AFA and other organizational rules if conflicts exist. Please note that our divisional qualifications may be more restrictive than AFA, NFA, or NPDA. In debate, we will allow hybrid teams and three person teams to compete if necessary to allow more students to participate, though only two may compete during any given round. No individual may debate without a partner except in LD. Additionally NPDA requires that all participants be certified as having completed the anti-harassment training, so coaches and directors please be able to verify that this has been done.

## ENTRY DEADLINE

While we would like to encourage early entries, **all entries must arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020.** PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not have numerous changes beyond the deadline. **Please double-check the web registration list before you come! We will not add entries after Tuesday. Schools still owing fees from previous years must satisfy these debts before being accepted for this year's tournament.**

Web Page: you may enter the Sunset Cliffs Classic through  
[www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net)

E-Mail Address: (for special situations or questions for Skip, not for registration)  
skiprutledge@pointloma.edu

## PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE - NPDA Format

**Special note on debate judge registration: Please enter judges' e mail address for ballot dissemination, and Judging Philosophies for all Parli debate judges through registration. These added steps will help the tournament run more smoothly and on time, and provide a more pleasant round experience for debaters and judges alike.**

**Divisions** - There will be two divisions of NPDA Parliamentary Debate: Junior and Senior. Junior debaters may have up to 4 semesters of college debate and should not have advanced to more than three elimination rounds in Junior or Senior competition. Any debater that has advanced to the elimination rounds in debate at NPDA, NPTE, NDT, Phi Rho Pi or CEDA Nationals is considered to be a Senior Division debater, regardless of the other partner's experience. Senior debaters are limited to students with 10 or fewer semesters of collegiate competition and who still maintain NPDA eligibility. Divisional eligibility is determined based upon the most experienced partner. A semester means the student has competed in three or more

college tournaments of any style of debate. PLNU students may compete, but not be eligible for sweepstakes awards.

**Constraints** - Although we strongly discourage judge strikes at a pedagogical level, we also recognize that in certain exceptional circumstances there may be extreme personal discomfort or disagreements or long-standing conflicts or perhaps even perceived personal animosity within such a community. As such, each school will be allowed, if they feel they really must, to lodge up to four unexplained constraints for their school from particular judges (not 4 per team), wherein we will attempt to keep a particular judge from hearing your Senior debate teams if you advise us of these constraints through the Contact the Tournament tab on the web registration program by Wednesday at noon PST prior to the tournament. No additional constraints will be added later even if new judges need to be added later. All regular school and divisional constraints are of course appreciated.

So please constrain your judges from listening to teams or debaters they have **recently** coached, dated, owed money to or are due money from, or been teammates or roommates with. Likewise, if your debater has a situation we should know about, or your significant other coaches another team and it might have even the appearance of bias, let us know that as well. Thanks for understanding. The tournament reserves the right to refuse the services of judges under unique and extreme circumstances or to remove them from the tournament if deemed necessary or advisable. Judges should be advised against ever berating or being rude or discourteous to others in the tournament environment, or behaving in ways contrary the school's or governing bodies' anti-harassment policies.

### **Logistics**

**Disclosure:** For time management reasons, oral critiques immediately following the debates, if provided, may not exceed 5 minutes from the end of the last speech. Ballots must then be returned immediately. Please help us keep on schedule. Delays attributed to coach/judges may at the tournament director's discretion result in penalties to that school's team(s), including automatic losses or removal from the tournament. The tournament will offer on line warm room disclosure in accordance with NPDA nationals practice as a further check of accuracy for the tab room and transparency for the competitors.

**Preparation Time:** Topics will be announced in, at or near Crill Performance Hall or Cabrillo Hall. We allow 20-minutes for preparation and travel time to the competition room. Pre-written materials may be used in preparation but not consulted in the debates. Whatever notes are consulted in the debate itself must have been written only by that debate's actual competitors either during the preparation period, or during the round itself. A written set of current NPDA rules may be referenced in round as at Nationals. While coaching is not banned, it can only occur once the coach has secured their ballot for that round and may not result in a delay of the commencement of the round. Judges must start their rounds on time. NPDA practice of Flex Time will be followed with two minutes provided for questioning by the other team following the first two constructives; one minute following the MG Constructive and one minute following the Opp block. Any remaining time after questions by the non-speaking team may be used as prep time at the decision of the team to speak next.

**Forfeiture:** A 5-minute forfeit rule will be enforced. If either partner is more than 5 minutes late (even due to participating in IEs) the critic is asked to forfeit that team immediately and to so notify the tabulation room. Participants or their representatives are all responsible to be present for timely topic announcements. Failure to be there on time will not result in longer

preparation time. Lateness due to IE or LD participation is a risk you take by entering or double entering in IEs or NFA LD.

**Preparation Rooms:** Government teams have no preferred access rights to the use of their preparation room during the preparation period, and prepping teams must allow them access during the last five minutes of the preparation period to set up. Likewise, judges should not enter until five minutes prior to prep time elapsing to allow the team or teams to prepare. Additionally, each team is responsible for maintaining clean rooms at all times, as these same rooms are used for IE competition. Teams may be charged a steep cleaning fee if rooms are left dirty. Tab will attempt to assign designated prep rooms, so let Mike know if you have a preference from past years so we can try to honor that.

**Judges and Ballots:** Judge changes from pushed ballots will be announced when possible and or posted on line, but in order to keep to schedule, it may be necessary to move ballots after prep time has started negating chances to notify effected parties in a timely manner. We hate this practice, but hate late delays more. Judges please pick up ballots in a timely manner, or your teams may be penalized or removed from competition. In fairness to teams who are encouraged to read your judging philosophies on line at [forensicstournament.com](http://forensicstournament.com), we wish to minimize pushed ballots. Such ballot pushes delay an already long day. Electronic balloting has helped to alleviate many of these difficulties. We do expect to post changes on line as well, if time allows.

## **BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE – Elaboration and Encouragement**

We encourage you to try British Parliamentary Debate if you have been considering it. BTW, if you have a team where both members are Novice, defined here as any student competing in his or her first year of intercollegiate debate of any format, please enter them as a Novice team. We may break out a separate Novice Division Final Round if numbers allow.

Here is a link provided by Dr. Robert Trapp to a chapter that will more fully explain the activity: [http://willamette.edu/cla/china\\_debate/doc/CurriculumDocs/PDF/Ch%202003%20BP%20DebateAsModelOfSocialAndEducationalDebate-ThirdDraft.pdf](http://willamette.edu/cla/china_debate/doc/CurriculumDocs/PDF/Ch%202003%20BP%20DebateAsModelOfSocialAndEducationalDebate-ThirdDraft.pdf)

Linked below is a document provided from Dr. Gary Rybold prepared by Professor Ian Lising, Dr. Steve Johnson and others on how to adjudicate BP debate. I hope these documents are helpful to those of you learning about this activity. Don't be intimidated by the length, it is actually very intuitive and easy to enjoy for even the freshest of beginners.

<http://www.pointloma.edu/experience/academics/schools-departments/department-communication-theatre/speech-debate/hosted-tournaments/camps>

## **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

Students may not have competed with the selections in any interscholastic competition prior to September 1, 2019. PLNU students may compete. **Students may not enter more than two events per pattern.** Due to the layout of the campus and the arrangement of the schedule, no exceptions can be made. If a student is mistakenly entered in more than two events and we are unable to clarify the error with the coach in a timely manner, we will randomly remove the student from one or more of the remaining events. In accordance with Phi Rho Pi and PSCFA regulations Duo Interp may include genres other than just drama.

## Novice Division I.E.'s

A student who has not won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Place twice in an event or like event in which a final round occurred. Students competing in an event which is similar; must be eligible for novice in all of those similar events. (Platform, Interp., Limited Prep). As an example; a student who must be in Open Division in Prose, must also be open in Poetry, even if they have never competed in Poetry. Anyone who has won Gold, Silver or Bronze (or the equivalent) at Phi Rho Pi or any other major national tournament (in college or high school) is not a novice in that event or similar events.

LD debaters may not enter any Individual Events at all, and if they mistakenly enter they will be removed from the individual event(s) by the tournament. Extempers may double enter in IEs at their own risk, but must compete in both events in the required time frame. We do not revise Extempers' speaking times to accommodate double entry, expecting instead that speakers will work their other speaking times around extemp. Since we only have two preliminary rounds we are adverse to averaging scores for missed rounds. The following events will be offered in open and novice divisions of competition (though this often maintains novice in only Imp, Ext and Prose:

**Pattern A – Extemp, Informative, After Dinner Speaking, Prose, Poetry.**

**Pattern B – Impromptu, Persuasive, CA, Drama, POI, and Duo Interp.**

**Computerized Debate or Extemp Files** – Debaters or Extemporaneous speakers may use any and all electronic information retrieval systems (that are legal of course) during preparation times (this will not include Flex time in Parli should we offer it at any time). Attempts will be made to provide guest access to the internet through the school's servers but no assurances of such access can be guaranteed. Access has been good in recent years. This rule may be inconsistent with other governing national forensics organizations, but due to rapidly changing tech advances and the inability to effectively police transgressions of alternative restrictions, we feel this approach is more realistic, and fair to providing a more even playing field. Extempers' preparation work is still to be their own of course, not coached or helped by friends, coaches or outside sources.

## LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

The 2019-2020 topic will be debated. Please note that NFA L/D is a communication-oriented event, and that a description of the event, topic, and rules may be found on the web at the NFA/LD home page. **L/D debaters may NOT compete in any other IE's in Pattern A or B.** This will help the tournament run on schedule and contribute to the wellness of those involved in LD. We will attempt to follow NFA LD rules and procedures.

## ENTRY FEES

The following fees will be assessed at the tournament:

\$30.00 School Fee	\$10.00 per Individual Events slot (Duo = one slot).
\$75.00 per NPDA Team	\$25.00 per LD Debater
\$75.00 per BP team	

## JUDGING

**Commitment** - Each Individual Events judge can cover up to five IE slots or portion thereof per pattern, and each debate judge can cover up to two NPDA teams or LD entries. Judges must be qualified to judge the level of competition at which their school's competitors are entered.

Judges with any remaining eligibility in a given division are not deemed qualified to judge within that division. Teams may not strike judges, but do read the constraint policy noted earlier. Please alert us to all judging constraints with registration, or in a separate E Mail. We need to know former coaches of your competitors, and competitors or schools which your judges cannot judge. We ask for a four year separation per NPDA requirements. If you have both IEs and LD, please let us know what your judges prefer to judge when these two conflict.

**BP judges** are handled differently than most other events. Entries must provide at least one judge per school, and beyond that the number of judges can be one less than the number of teams entered by a given program (N-1). All critics are responsible for judging all rounds, including elimination round(s). BP judges may not cover any other events in the tournament due to the time conflicts with BP rounds. BP debate tradition allows undergraduates to judge that still have eligibility. We will honor that tradition.

**Judging Fees** - Uncovered entries will be assessed on the following basis:

- \$10.00 per uncovered Individual Events slot.
- \$100.00 per uncovered NPDA debate team, and BP debate team.
- \$50.00 per uncovered LD spot. LD judges may need to be assigned IE ballots from larger entry schools to help the pool to cover these events efficiently.
- \$50.00 per judge drop fee in addition to any uncovered fees for late judge drops, following the tournament entry deadline.

**Notice on Judge Shortage** - We REALLY want you to bring your judges, not your money. We will even try to hire some qualified judges that you bring beyond your commitment. Please alert us to the availability of these additional judges for hire with your entry. Due to a shortage of debate judges it will be necessary for each school to cover at least your first two teams (with rare exceptions). We will attempt to find judges to cover additional teams, but we reserve the right to refuse uncovered teams. We will pay \$15.00 per NPDA debate round and \$15.00 per individual event round and NFA LD round for judges we hire. We will need your hired judges W-9s and the payment checks will be sent to hired judges within 30 days, hopefully much sooner.

**Reminder** - All judges are obligated to fulfill judging requirements. This means NPDA Parli debate judges are needed until at least Octo-Finals and at least one round beyond their last remaining team's elimination. An individual events judge is committed through finals. Meeting your professional commitment is essential to this tournament. In the rare instance when a judge cannot attend Sunday for elimination rounds, clear it first through the tournament director. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to topic announcement time for debate and 15 minutes prior to the commencement of IE rounds. Thank you all.

## SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES

Sweepstakes Awards will be presented to schools in both two-year and four-year school divisions. Sweepstakes points will be based on the following formula:

IE:	1 <sup>st</sup> Place = 10 points	Finalist = 4 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place = 8 points	Semifinalist = 2 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place = 6 points	

LD Double the IE formula above (based on longer speaking time, more rounds, and further restrictions against double entry placed upon LD debaters.

- NPDA: -- Each preliminary win = 3 points (regardless of how many teams per division) . Teams earning less than 3 wins in NPDA debate receive no sweepstakes points.  
-- 3 additional points for each team advancing to the initial elimination round (regardless of how many teams per division).
- BP: Teams will be awarded 2 points for every team preliminary ranking of 1<sup>st</sup>, and 1 point for every preliminary ranking of 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with no points being awarded for 3<sup>rd</sup> and or 4<sup>th</sup> place rankings in preliminary rounds. Each team advancing to elimination round(s) will receive an additional 4 points for their schools sweepstakes total.

## **INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES**

Awards for the top five open competitors will be presented for the most aggregate number of sweepstakes points earned by individual events competitors. The formula used for calculating individual sweepstakes is identical to the formula used for school sweepstakes for individual events.

## **PARKING**

Stop at the main gate as you enter the campus. You will be directed to the commuter parking lot and will be given a map of the campus. Please do not to use the main commuter lot on Sunday Morning. We must reserve it for the use of First Church members, per our university's contractual agreement for shared use of facilities between the University and First Church. There are many other free parking spaces.

## **FINAL NOTE**

There were some past incidents where a few students abused the campus rules. In subsequent years, we have had increasing difficulty securing permission for the use of many rooms we needed based on these incidents. Further such transgressions may imperil our ability to offer this tournament at all in future years. Please encourage your teams to respect the rules and the facilities. Please also alert us to any problems you observe early enough for us to resolve them before potentially irate professors or staffers discover them on Monday. Thanks so much for your cooperation. Please also do not move any furniture between rooms, and do not attempt to relocate any podiums, tables, etc. that are wired in place. It is very expensive to have these repositioned and reconnected by our media technicians.

**POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY POLICY PROHIBITS THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND/OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, OR SMOKING ON CAMPUS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION. This year we have been told that we can no longer allow for a smoking area on campus. We sincerely apologize to those who will be inconvenienced by this policy. We realize this is a very stressful activity covering long hours, and we appreciate your understanding.**

**Hotel Lodging Information – Use an App. It will be cheaper**