



Welcome to The DVC Thing 2021

Dear colleagues and friends,

The Diablo Valley College Vikings are excited to invite you to The DVC Thing, an online forensics tournament to be held **November 19th-21st, 2021** that will provide high quality competition and a diverse community to our friends across the country.

In the Viking Age, a “thing” was an assembly where people gathered for their voices to be heard. This early form of the modern-day Parliament served as a forum for open public debate, personal advocacy, and lawmaking, as well as a gathering to share and collect poetry, history, and stories. So, as you can see, our name is not only cute but also clever.

The tournament features a 2-day swing speech and will have separate debate competitions on each day. This gives our speech-focused competitors two separate opportunities for competition, while debate-focused competitors will be able to compete in NPDA, IPDA, *and* LD; and competitors whose focus are a combination of speech and debate have the opportunity to do both (competitors must choose between LD and IEs on Saturday, and between NPDA and IE’s on Sunday).

Our tournament opens with a full day of competition in IPDA on Friday, followed by awards. Saturday will be Day 1 of our speech swing as well as the LD portion of the competition, followed by a joint award ceremony. Finally, Sunday will be Day 2 of the speech swing as well as our competition day for NPDA, followed by our final award ceremony which will acknowledge awards earned that day as well as 2-day swing awards.

All entries, ballots, postings, and awards will be available at

Friday (IPDA): <https://forensicstournament.net/DVCThingFriday/21>

Saturday (IE and LD): <https://forensicstournament.net/TheDVCThing/21>

Sunday (IE and NPDA): <https://forensicstournament.net/TheDVCThingSunday/20>

All Entries are due on 11/17/21 by 11:55 p.m.

Welcome to the 2021 DVC Thing, and thank you for joining us for what is sure to be a fantastic tournament experience.

Blake Longfellow

Co-Director of Forensics

Paul Villa

Co-Director of Debate

Sasan Kasravi

Co-Director of Debate

Robert Hawkins

Co-Director of Forensics

Andrew Morgan

Director of Individual Events



IPDA Schedule (FRIDAY 11/19)

9:00 – Coach Check-in

10:00 – Round 1

11:15 – Round 2

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 – Round 3

2:15 – Round 4

3:45 – Bronze

5:00 – Gold

Awards ASAP

All times are listed in Pacific Standard Time

IE Schedule (SATURDAY 11/20)

7:00 - 7:45 – Registration
7:45 – Extemp Draw
8:15 – Round A1
9:30 – Round B1
10:45 – Extemp Draw
11:15 – Round A2
12:00 – LUNCH
1:15 – Round B2
2:30 – Extemp Draw for Finals
3:00 – Pattern A Finals
4:15 – Pattern B Finals
6:15 pm – Awards (ASAP)

LD Schedule (SATURDAY 11/20)

7:00 -7:45 – Registration
7:45 – Pairings released
8:00 – Round 1
9:15 – Round 2
10:30 – Round 3
12:00 – LUNCH
1:00 – Round 4
2:30 – Elimination Rd 1
3:45 – Elimination Rd 2
5:00 – Elimination Rd 3
6:15 pm Awards (ASAP)

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IE Schedule (SUNDAY 11/21)

7:00 - 7:45 – Registration
7:45 – Extemp Draw
8:15 – Round A1
9:30 – Round B1
10:45 – Extemp Draw
11:15 – Round A2
12:00 – LUNCH
1:15 – Round B2
2:30 – Extemp Draw for Finals
3:00 – Pattern A Finals
4:15 – Pattern B Finals
6:00 pm – Awards (ASAP)

NPDA Schedule (SUNDAY 11/21)

7:00 - 7:45 – Registration
8:00 – Rd 1 Topic Announce
9:45 – Rd 2 Topic Announce
11:30 – Rd 3 Topic Announce
1:00 – LUNCH
1:30 – Rd. 4 Topic Announce
3:15 – Elim 1 Topic Announce
4:45 – Elim 2 Topic Announce
6:00 pm – Awards (ASAP)
6:30 – Elim 3 Topic Announce

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Questions, comments, concerns, complaints? Feel free to reach out!

Tournament Address: 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Fee Calculation:

School Fee _____ \$25

Individual Events entries _____ x \$15.00

Uncovered slots of IE _____ x \$30.00

IPDA/LD entry _____ x \$40.00

Uncovered IPDA/LD _____ x \$80

NPDA _____ x \$70.00

Uncovered NPDA _____ x 140

All payments should be made out to:

Diablo Valley College Forensics Trust.

While our tournament will be hiring judges through HiredJudge.com, Hired Judge operates at a loss to provide these judges in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

AWARDS

School Sweepstakes

1. Overall Sweepstakes for 2 and 4 year colleges: Top three schools for each division

2. There will be two Sweepstakes Divisions: University and Community College.

Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place schools in each division.

Points are awarded as follows:

A) Individual Events: First = 10 pts; Second = 8 pts; Third = 6 pts; Finalist = 3 pts.

B) IPDA: Gold = 10 pts; Silver = 8 pts; Bronze = 6 pts.

C) LD and NPDA: First = 10 pts; Second = 8 pts; Semifinalist = 6 pts, Quarterfinalist = 4 pts.

DVC will not be eligible for school sweepstakes awards, but all its students may compete for all other awards.

Kevin Twohy IE Top Speaker Award

Kevin Twohy was a former coach at DVC who made a tremendous contribution to the Speech & Debate world. This award will be given to the speaker who accumulates the most **open** division sweepstakes points for her/his school. We value achievement in novice division, as reflected in our awarding sweepstakes points without distinction between divisions. However, in this instance, we wish to recognize the highest accomplishment for individual excellence in the open division.



INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

We offer two preliminary rounds of Pattern A and Pattern B accompanied by the appropriate number of final rounds.

IE PATTERNS

Pattern A: Extemp, Informative, ADS, Prose, Poetry

Pattern B: Impromptu, Persuasive, CA, POI, Drama, DUO

General Tournament Procedures for Individual Events:

1. There will be a novice and open division for all events. We reserve the right to collapse divisions if entries warrant. We will follow AFA and NCFE protocol regarding collapsed divisions.
2. AFA rules will govern each event.
3. Novice division is limited to students who are in their first year of college competition and have not placed in the top three at three tournaments. A student may go novice in a non-like event even if they are in a higher division in another event category. For example, a student who is in open division in platforms event may still go novice in an interpretation event. **Students with any high school experience should be in open.**
4. Competitors may enter up to three events in each pattern, but be warned: the tournament will make **no** special accommodations for double or triple entered students who are late to a round. If you miss the judge because you are double or triple entered you will **not** be able to make it up. Students may compete in two duos with two different partners.
5. One critic covers 5 IE slots, per pattern. One critic covers 2 IPDA/LD/NPDA entries. A single judge on Saturday/Sunday **may not** cover both NPDA or LD debate and Individual Events because these run concurrently. They must be designated as IE or Debate.

IPDA

1. Our tournament is governed by IPDA rules. Rules for IPDA can be found at <http://www.ipdadebate.info>.
2. IPDA will be self-prep. Competitors may not consult any other person during prep time (coaches, teammates, etc) but they are still free to research the internet or use any files that were prepared ahead of time.

NFA-LD DEBATE (governed by NFA-LD rules)

1. For NFA-LD the debate proposition for the current academic year will be used.
Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its counterterrorism operations in one or more of the following areas: statutory authorization for use of military force, air and/or drone strikes, combat and/or 127e programs.
2. The format will be: 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with 4 minutes running prep time per person.
3. There will be 4 preliminary rounds and three elimination rounds.
4. There will be two divisions (Novice and Open). We will follow NFA-LD rules for eligibility. Divisions may collapse if necessary.
5. A 5 minute forfeit rule will be strictly enforced. Any competitor not ready to debate 5 minutes after the scheduled start time forfeits unless the delay has been created by the tournament.
6. Time blocks are 1 hour and 15 minutes for each round. This includes debating, submitting the ballot, and any oral critique **after** submitting the ballot. Disclosure of decision is permitted. Please, observe these time requirements.

NPDA (governed by NPDA rules)

- a. NPDA will break to a full quarters so long as it does not exceed half the field. In the event that a division does not reach 16 teams, half the field will be broken. Brackets will be broken in NPDA per NPDA guidelines.
- b. Mavericks will NOT be allowed, however 3 person teams will be allowed at the director's discretion. We encourage you to seek out a hybrid with another school in the event that you have an extra debater.
- c. We will use the following tie-breaks: win/loss, total speaker points, adjusted speaker points, judge variance, opp record.
- d. Prep time is 25 minutes.

All debate elimination round advancement and seeding will be based on the following (Brackets will be broken for debate events.)

1. Win-loss record
2. Overall speaker points
3. Adjusted speaker points (dropping high/low)
4. Opponents' wins
5. Opponents' points

Judging

1. Judges must be qualified to judge college competition, meaning they must be graduated from college or well beyond the typical college age.
2. Teams that supply unreliable judges may be subject to being banned from elimination rounds and finals. Any team that fails to accept 20% or more of their collective ballots will forfeit any students that would've advanced to elimination rounds. We do not charge nuisance fees or missed ballot fees, as that does not actually help us solve the problem of unreliable judges. Rather, if you have ANY concern that your judges will not be reliable you are strongly encouraged to leave your entries uncovered and we will provide one for you.