The Sacramento State University speech & debate team and the Department of Communication Studies invite you to participate in the 2023 **Nicholas F. Burnett "Hornet Cup" Invitational** to be held on March 24-26, 2023.

This tournament is named to honor Professor Emeritus Dr. Nicholas F. Burnett, who was the Director of Forensics at Sacramento State from 1987 to 1996. Dr. Burnett coached Sacramento State teams to consecutive quarter-finals appearances at CEDA Nationals in 1988 and 1989 in addition to leading the team as it won many regional and national debate awards. After his nearly 10 years coaching the Sac State team, Dr. Burnett served as chair of the Communication Studies Department for five years and finally retired as the Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Letters in 2012. Dr. Burnett was a major supporter of this great activity and has touched the lives of many college debaters through the years. He had an enthusiasm for nurturing novices while at the same time coaching varsity debaters as they sought national titles. And as an administrator, he was a staunch supporter of the debate program, ensuring continued funding through the years of economic strain that hurt so many programs in the CSU. Sadly, Dr. Burnett passed away on December 1, 2021. To recognize him for his dedication and service to debaters across the nation, we host this tournament in his name.

The Hornet Cup will feature:
- NFA-LD Debate
- IPDA Debate
- All 11 NFA individual events
- Our own limited-prep "Triathlon"

We will have a novice and open division in all Individual Events and a novice, junior, and open division offered for all forms of debate. This year we will be using Forensic Tournament (forensicstournament.net) for all entries. Please make sure that everyone on your team has a verified account and that their ballot preference is set for email.

We hope you will join us as we continue to grow this tournament!

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Tournament Information

The Hornet Cup will be ON CAMPUS this year! For registration, postings, and ballots we will be using is ForensicsTournament.net

https://forensicstournament.net/HornetCup/23

You can also find more information on our website at Hornetdebate.com

Deadlines:
The deadline for entry is 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 22nd. (Pacific Time)

Fees & Judging:

School Fee - $25
Debate - $30
IE - $10/slot
Each school is expected to provide one judge for every two debaters (LD/IPDA) entered. And one judge for every 5 (or fraction thereof) individual events entries.
The uncovered debater fee will be $70.00.
The uncovered individual event fee will be $30.00.

Tournament Procedures

NFA LD
We will use the current NFA-LD topic and adhere to NFA rules.
Divisions may collapse if necessary, but we will make every effort to preserve a novice division. This may mean that we don't break brackets and students from the same team may debate each other. There will be no breaking of brackets in elimination rounds. We will, if necessary, have partial-elimination rounds in order to break all winning records.

We will utilize *the RKS Decimal scale for speaker points; points are awarded in one-tenth increments and no ties are allowed.*

Tie breakers - All winning records will break, **power-matching and seeding will be determined by opponent wins**, starting at the break line.

IPDA Debate
We will adhere to the norms and structures of IPDA for speech times, prep, topic strike, and other structural norms. However, please note that this is NOT an IPDA sanctioned tournament so there may be some differences.

For the 2023 Hornet Cup we will proved policy claims in the general area of International Alliances, Treaties, and Organizations.

- Students will be provided 5 topics at the beginning of the round.
- Students will rotate striking one topic from the list, beginning with the opposition speaker.
- IPDA prep will begin 30 minutes before the debate begins.
- All winning records will break to festival elims (bronze round, gold/silver round).
- We will use speaker points for seeding/tie breaks

Individual Events
We are offering all 11 NFA individual events. Please see NFA bylaws for event descriptions.
Collapsing Divisions: Every effort will be made to protect novice competitors; however, if there are fewer than 8 entries in a division, that event may be collapsed. If this occurs, top non-advancing novices will be recognized at the awards ceremony. Additionally, "in order to best utilize judges, when the total of all three divisions of an event is 12 or fewer contestants, with no division having 6 or more contestants, the divisions could be mixed in the same room with the same judge, and the contestants ranked separately.
Forfeiture Rule: Competitors not fulfilling their obligation to comply with the tournament schedule will be subject to forfeiture. Individual events competitors, regardless of double entries, must arrive to rounds within 45 minutes of a round's scheduled start time or risk forfeiture.
Criteria for Elimination Rounds: Any event with less than seven entries will not have a final round. Events with thirty-four entries should have semi-final round, if possible.
Advancement to Elimination Rounds: No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank-ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, finally by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.
Placement/Advancement in Elimination Rounds: Students will be rank-ordered by lowest cumulative rankings, then by judge's preference, then by the highest cumulative ratings, and finally by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion).
Pattern A: POI, Drama, Info, Impromptu, Duo, CA
Pattern B: ADS, Poetry, Prose, Persuasion, Extemp

Limited-Prep Triathlon:

Students entered in triathlon will be entered in Impromptu, Extemp, and Declamation. The triathlon winner is determined by the cumulative scores across all three events, there will be no "final round". Students will compete in both Impromptu and Extemp with the rest of the field, regardless of whether they are also entered in triathlon, however, only students who are entered in triathlon may enter Declamation. There will be two rounds each of Impromptu and Extemp, with one round of Declamation. The lowest cumulative score will win the triathlon.

Limited Prep Declamation:

In the eighteenth century, a classical revival of the art of public speaking, often referred to as The Elocution Movement was underway. While elocution focused on the voice—articulation, diction, and pronunciation—declamation focused on delivery of the speech. For this event, we have modified the idea of declamation as a limited preparation event. Similar to the model of an extemp round, speakers will enter a common prep room to await their prompt. When their speaker number is drawn, the student will be given three speech transcripts to choose from. These transcripts will be available in a speechdrop.net room and the student will be given the code at draw time. Students will also have access to one printed copy of their transcript if they want it. The students will then have 30 minutes to select their speech, cut/edit, and practice the speech. Before the end of their 30 minute prep time, the student should go to their competition room and deliver a five minute speech (walking time is part of prep time). This five minute cutting should adhere to the original manuscript much in the way an interp cutting would. The student does not need to rewrite or paraphrase the speech.

Judges should evaluate the declamation speech based on delivery and effectiveness of the cutting.

Awards:

We will have awards for all participants in elimination rounds. In debate, we will also recognize the top 5 speakers in each division.

Sweepstakes
The Hornet Cup is a sweepstakes award recognizing the top team based on the results of the top 3 participants from each team (*.5 points for each debate prelim win, 1 point for first elim win, 2 points for subsequent elim wins. IE's will count 2 points for 1st, 1 point for 2nd, .5 point for 3rd, and .25 points final round participants outside of the top 3*) Sacramento State debaters will compete but will NOT be eligible for sweepstakes awards.

Internet:
While on campus, connect your devices to our official wireless network, **eduroam**. To keep campus securely connected, we support over 1,600+ Wi-Fi access points, offer guest and event access, continue to upgrade buildings and structures to Wi-Fi 6 speed, as well as expanding Wi-Fi coverage to meet the growing needs of our campus community.

Parking:
Students and community visitors to Sacramento may use this convenient payment service to purchase daily parking from their smartphones — no need to visit a physical permit machine.

This service is only valid for student spaces. **We recommend Parking Structure 2!**

You may also download the free PaybyPhone app from your smartphone app store.

The PayByPhone parking permit is linked to the vehicle's license plate number (or VIN) that you specify. When the vehicle's license plate number is checked by the parking officer, it will show the PayByPhone permit purchase.

- Be sure to include the location code: **5115**
- New cars with no license plate number can enter the last 7 digits of the vehicle identification number (or VIN).

Sac State Mobile App

1. Download Sac State Mobile App
2. Tap "Commute"
3. Tap "Pay By Phone"
4. Tap "Register"
5. Follow on-screen instructions to register your phone number and enter credit card information
6. Tap "Start New Parking"
7. Enter your license plate (use last seven digits of VIN if no license plate is available)
8. Use the Sac State location code: **5115**
9. Choose daily or two-hour parking

Tournament Schedule (All times are Pacific)

Friday	Saturday
9:00 am: Registration	8:00 am: Registration & Pairings released
10:00 am: IPDA Round 1	8:30 AM: IPDA Gold/Silver Round
11:30 am: IPDA Round 2	9:30 AM: Pattern A Round 1 – *POI, DI, Info, Imp, Duo, CA*
LUNCH (on your own)	11:00 AM: LD - Round 1
2:00 pm: IPDA Round 3	12:00 PM: Lunch
3:30 pm: IPDA Bronze Round	1:00 PM: Pattern A Round 2 - *POI, DI, Info, Imp, Duo, CA*
	2:00 PM: LD - Round 2
	3:00 PM: Pattern A Finals – *POI, DI, Info, Imp, Duo, CA (DECLAMATION)*
	4:00 PM: LD – Round 3
	5:15 PM: LD – Round 4

Sunday
8:00am: Extemp Draw (round 1)
8:30 AM: Pattern B Round 1 – ADS, Poetry, Prose, Pers, Extemp
9:45AM: LD – Round 5
11:00 AM: Extemp Draw (round 2)
11:15 AM: Pattern B Round 2 – ADS, Poetry, Prose, Pers, Extemp
12:30 PM: Lunch
1:30 PM: LD Round 6
2:45 PM: Extemp Draw (finals)
3:00 PM: Pattern B Finals – ADS, Poetry, Prose, Pers, Extemp   LD ELIM 1
4:30 PM: LD ELIM 2
AWARDS ASAP

This schedule should allow students to cross enter in any events they choose. We would like to encourage you to try events you may not have tried before.