

THE 33rd ANNUAL GRIFFIN INVITATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE TOURNAMENT, NOVEMBER 15-16th, 2025

Dear Colleagues,

The Grossmont Community College Forensics Squad cordially invites you to join us on our campus for the 33rd Annual Griffin Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament. *Grossmont College is located approximately 15 miles east of San Diego, in El Cajon, California. 8800 Grossmont College Dr, El Cajon, CA*

Saturday, Nov. 15th: One Day Individual Events & NPDA Tournament.
Sunday, Nov. 16th: One Day IPDA Tournament

*And Palomar College is hosting a swing tournament **on its campus** this year:
140 W. Mission Road, San Marcos, CA 92069*

Friday, Nov 14th at Palomar, a One-Day Individual Events & IPDA Tournament
Palomar College hosts the Ray Dahlin Tournament. Go to forensicstournament.net for their invitation.

The Griffin Tournament offers your students:

Saturday, Nov. 15th

- **A One-Day Individual Events Tournament, with two rounds and finals** in Open and Novice Divisions (if entries warrant). **Students are allowed to triple-enter, except in the Extemporaneous Speaking category. And Duo (double entry only).** This allows your students to complete all their individual events in one day, including finals and awards.
- Our "Picket Fence" Award: A special trophy for the student with a "picket fence" in individual events.
- A One-Day NPDA Parli Tournament. Novice, Junior & Open Divisions, if entries warrant. NPDA conflicts with Individual events, so you must choose between the two events. 4 rounds of NPDA, with two rounds of Bronze and Silver/Gold.

Sunday, Nov. 16th :

- **A One-Day IPDA Tournament, with Open, Junior, and Novice Divisions (if entries warrant).** We will be using the four preliminary rounds and Bronze, Silver/Gold rounds model.

An Overall Sweepstakes Award for the top three colleges in both Individual Events and Debate will be awarded during the final ceremony on Sunday.

Great food for the judges, so they won't be too hungry to judge!

We look forward to seeing you at the Griffin Invitational Tournament at Grossmont College.
Sincerely,

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Griffin Invitational 2025 Schedule

Saturday, Nov 15th. *Registration Drops/Changes 7:30-8:00 (Student Center)*

8:30:		NPDA Round 1: Topic Strike in rooms
9:15		<i>Extemp Draw R1</i>
9:30		Pattern A, Round 1
10:00		NPDA Round 2: Topic strike in rooms
10:45		Pattern B, Round 1
12:00		NPDA Round 3: Topic strike in rooms
12:00		<i>Extemp Draw R2</i>
12:15		Pattern A, Round 2
1:30		NPDA Round 4 Topic strike in rooms
1:30		Pattern B, Round 2
3:00		<i>Extemp Draw Finals</i>
3:15		Finals Pattern A
3 30		NPDA Bronze Round: Topic strike in rooms
4:30		Finals Pattern B
5:00		NPDA Silver/Gold Round: Topic strike in rooms
7:15 or ASAP		Awards (Bldg. 26-Room 220)

PATTERN "A"	Extemp, Informative, Poetry, Prose, STE
PATTERN "B"	Impromptu, Duo, Persuasion, P.O.1., Drama, CA
PATTERN "C"	NPDA
PATTERN "D"	IPDA

33rd Griffin Invitational

Sunday, Nov. 16th, IPDA

Registration Changes 8-8:30 (Student Center)

Central topic selection in Bldg 26-220
Coaching is allowed. No laptops allowed.

8:00 Rd 1 IPDA Flight A
8:30 Rd 1 IPDA Flight B (9:00 debate)

9:45 Rd 2 IPDA Flight A
10:15 Rd2 IPDA Flight B (10:45 debate)

11:30 Rd 3 IPDA Flight A
12:00 Rd 3 IPDA Flight B (12:30 debate)

1:15 Rd 4 IPDA Flight A
1:45 Rd 4 IPDA Flight B (2:15 debate)

3:15 Elim 1 IPDA Flight A
3:45 Elim 1 IPDA Flight B (4:15 debate)

5:00 Elim 2 IPDA Flight A
5:30 Elim 2 IPDA Flight B (6:00 debate)

7:00 pm/ASAP Awards Room 26-220

GROSSMONT COLLEGE ADDRESS:

8800 Grossmont College Drive
El Cajon, CA 92020

PARKING: No fees for parking. Use Parking Lot 7 or the Parking Structure building 56.
Please do not park in any spots marked "staff".

ENTRY DEADLINE: 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12th, 2025.

Send your entry to: Forensicstournament.net

Payment Details: We have a credit card option on forensicstournament.net.
Or please make checks out to: Grossmont Speech/Debate Foundation.

FEES & DEADLINES

ENTRY FEES:

\$ 35.00 FACILITIES FEE
\$ 10.00 PER EACH I.E. SLOT
\$ 20.00 PER DUO TEAM
\$ 25.00 PER IPDA ENTRY
\$ 50.00 PER NPDA DEBATE TEAM

One I.E. judge covers five slots per pattern.
\$ 30.00 PER UNCOVERED, I.E., SLOT

One NPDA, IPDA judge covers two debate teams.
\$ 150.00 PER UNCOVERED NPDA ENTRY
\$ 125.00 PER UNCOVERED IPDA ENTRY

We need your judges. Please do everything you can to bring judges!!

NUISANCE FEES:

NO SHOW FEE I.E.'S: \$20.00 PER SLOT
NO SHOW FEE DEBATE: \$40 PER ENTRY
NO SHOW JUDGE: \$50 PER ROUND
DEBATE-LATE DROP MORNING OF \$10
I.E.-LATE DROP MORNING OF \$5

EVENTS AND RULES:

Individual Events:

11 individual events will be offered, in Open and Novice Divisions, if entries warrant.

Impromptu will consist of three quotations, not AFA style.

PATTERN "A" Extemp, Informative, Poetry, Prose, STE.

PATTERN "B" Impromptu, Duo, Persuasion, P.O.I., Drama, CA.

PLEASE NOTE: Individual Event competitors may enter three events per pattern, except for those entered in **Extemp. Or Duo. Extempers and Duo may not triple enter.** Anyone entering three events per pattern runs the risk of missing a round, and if you miss a round due to being triple-entered, you will forfeit that round.

Novice Division I.E.'s

A student who has not won two trophies (1st, 2nd, or 3rd Place) in an event in which a final round occurred. Students competing in a similar event must be novices in all of those similar events. (Platform, Interp., Limited Prep). For example, a student who is in the Open Division in Prose must also be open in Poetry, even if they have never competed in Poetry. Anyone who has won a Gold, Silver, or Bronze at Phi Rho Pi is not a novice. Significant previous high school participation is also not a requirement for novice competitors, although a coach's judgment is allowed.

Open Division I.E.'s

Any undergraduate in a two-year or four-year college may compete in the open division.

"THE PICKET FENCE AWARD": The purpose of this award is to recognize a student who ranks first in all their preliminary and final rounds of competition in an individual event (5 first places). Traditionally, a student is recognized for this achievement by an announcement at the awards ceremony or by the individual's coach. The Griffin Speech Tournament awards this student with that recognition, as well as with a special "award".

- Grossmont students may compete at the tournament.
- No material used in competition shall have been used by the student in intercollegiate competition before September 1, 2025.

JUDGING:

Electronic Balloting

Electronic balloting will be used for IPDA, NPDA, and IEs. Judges are required to have a phone, tablet, or laptop capable of receiving emails to qualify as judges. Please bring a charger. When signing up judges on forensictournament.net, please be sure to supply a telephone number and email address for each judge.

Judging Commitment: Judges must remain at the tournament one round beyond the elimination of their last participant. (All judges are committed to judging the first elimination round.)

IPDA RULES:

We will offer Novice, junior, and varsity divisions for IPDA if entries warrant.

Eligibility Differences:

Novices are allowed to be in 8 or fewer tournaments, including this one, and also including their high school experience.

Juniors may have competed in up to 16 tournaments, including this one, and high school competition.

The senior division is for those with a desire to go senior, or who must move up due to 16 prior tournaments. This means all formats of debate, not just IPDA. Any college student enrolled in a degree program may compete.

Judging Differences: IPDA could be judged by any critic at least 18 years old, regardless of experience or credentials. Some IPDA critics may have little to no experience, so debaters should thoroughly explain concepts and carefully weigh their impacts throughout the round. Stylistic Differences: Cleaner, clearer speaking styles seem to work better than quicker, tech, or higher speed styles for many traditional IPDA judges. Avoid gamey, techy tactics.

NPDA (Parliamentary Debate):

We will offer Novice, Junior, and Senior (if entries warrant).

Four rounds of NPDA will be provided, with two out-of-rounds. Bronze, Silver, and Gold will be awarded.

NOVICE DIVISION PARLI:

A team consisting of students in their first 2 semesters of competition, and neither team member has advanced to an out round twice. If either team member has competed in two out of the rounds,

they must be advanced to the Junior division. Students with significant high school or homeschool

team policy, LD, Parli, Ted Turner, or other similar formats of debate, should be advanced to Junior division. Although coaches' discretion is allowed. Eligibility violations will result in the removal of that team from the tournament.

JUNIOR DIVISION PARLI:

Junior debaters may have up to 4 semesters of college debate experience and should not have advanced beyond the second round in Junior competition.

OPEN DIVISION

Open debaters are limited to students with 10 or fewer semesters of collegiate competition.

Any debater who has advanced to the elimination rounds at NPDA Nationals is considered an Open Division debater, regardless of the partner's experience. Eligibility is determined based on the most experienced partner. A semester means the student has competed in three or more tournaments of any style of debate.

CHANGES TO PROCEDURES AT THIS TOURNAMENT FOR PARLI (NPDA) DEBATE:

Dear coaches, judges, and competitors:

Our PSCFA Region has recently (Sept 2025) passed several new rules for PSCFA Tournaments, mostly about NPDA Debate, but since some also impact IPDA, I wanted to address those here. PSCFA, for those of you outside the region, is a regional group of programs that runs four tournaments a year (Warm Up, Fall Champs, Spring Champs, and Cool Off). Their rules would govern those tournaments.

I have chosen to abide by our new rules for PSCFA regarding Parliamentary Debate at this tournament. I've also mirrored some practices from Phi Rho Pi for Parli. I understand that this will be a learning process for many coaches/judges and competitors. I believe it will bring back

more competitors to the Parli debate, so I hope many of you will try these “original” rules of Parli debate that have been revived. Here they are:

- **Coaching:** No coaching allowed for Parli Debate. (Coaching still allowed for IPDA)
- **Topic striking:** We will be using five resolutions to select from in the room with the judge. There will be two policies, two values, and one fact per round for the competitors to choose from. As soon as the competitors have selected their topic, the 20-minute prep time should begin.
- **Flex Time:** Remove flex time from Parli times. Therefore, we should see more Points of Information used during the debates. The rule should be that the first and last minute of each constructive speech are in protected time, but then the competitor may interrupt the speaker by saying, “Point of Information” and ask one question. POIs are not allowed during rebuttals, only points of order or personal privilege.
- **Laptops:** No laptops are allowed for use during debates, including flow rounds. This policy applies to all debates. Judges can flow NPDA rounds on laptops and work on their electronic ballots, but Nothing else.

Please enjoy these new styles and also be respectful to those who may not have heard about the changes. No coaching or laptops should be followed, but learning to use POIs and topic striking will take a little more practice.

SWEEPSTAKES INFORMATION

IE Sweepstakes:

10 points First
8 points 2nd
6 points 3rd
4 points finalist

NPDA, IPDA:

Each preliminary win = 5 points for NPDA,
4 points for IPDA preliminary win (regardless of how many teams are in a division).
Teams earning less than two wins in NPDA and IPDA debate receive no sweepstakes points.
5 additional points for each team advancing to the initial elimination round for NPDA and TPDA,
with 4 points for IPDA (regardless of how many teams advance per division).

Parli - only 2-2 teams count, and your four best teams per division. Non-winning record teams' wins do not count towards sweepstakes. Each team that earns a win gets 3 points. Regardless of division, for each advancing team that makes it to ELIM 1, irrespective of whether they win or not, they earn 3.0 points for each win.

Therefore, an undefeated team that advances to Elim 1 can earn up to 15 debate sweepstakes points (4-0, which is 12 points + another 3 points for advancing to Elim 1)

We look forward to seeing you at the Griffin!