

“The Free” at Concordia – January 22nd & 23rd, 2010

The forensics teams from Concordia University, Irvine Valley College and Point Loma Nazarene University invite you to participate in “The Free” at Concordia, on **January 22-23, 2011**. There are no entry fees, but in order to participate, **ALL ENTRIES MUST** be covered. There can be no exceptions to this rule. As usual, one judge can cover two teams **and either** 5 IE slots per pattern or two LD debaters.

ENTRIES: Submit entries to <http://www.forensicstournament.net> by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 19th. You may drop and/or change entries until Friday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m. At that time, the entry page will be placed in shut-down mode.

DEBATE EVENTS

FORMAT: Four preliminary rounds will be offered 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). NPDA division & eligibility rules apply, except in Novice. Debaters with less than 30 competitive rounds in any debate format at any level may enter novice division.

TIE BREAKERS: Seeding will first be based upon wins, then total speaker points, adjusted points, opposition record, and finally z-score.

NPDA TOPICS: Motions will be selected exclusively from stories covered by *The Economist* magazine dated December 1st, 2010 through January 22nd, 2011.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

EVENTS: The tournament will offer two preliminary rounds and finals in two divisions of all eleven AFA events. Students will be limited to TWO events per pattern and may not compete in LD Debate. In Open division, one final round will be held. In novice, events with more than 30 competitors will hold festival finals.

DIVISIONS: The tournament will offer Open and Novice divisions. Novices should be in their first year of collegiate individual event competition (with no/limited high school experience) and have not place third of higher twice. If there are fewer than 6 entries in an event, it may be collapsed into Open division.

TIE BREAKERS: First ranks, then reciprocals and finally by ratings. In finals, lowest cumulative rankings first, then judge’s preference, followed by reciprocal scores and finally by ratings.

AWARDS: We will award certificates to individual events finalists, debaters advancing to eliminations rounds and NPDA speakers. Certificates for school sweepstakes will be awarded – IE’s, Debate, Small School & Overall. The PSCFA formula will be used. Overall awards will use percentages for IE’s & Debate.

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 be directed to the main parking lot, which is directly West of Grimm Hall. Tournament headquarters will be Grimm Hall.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, January 22nd, 2011

8:00-9:00	REGISTRATION & Prep Room Sign-Ups – Grimm 120
9:00	Topic Announced: Round 1 (Grimm Hall 120)
9:20-10:05	Round One: NPDA Debate (random matched)
10:25	Topic Announced: Round 2 (Grimm Hall 120)
10:45-11:30	Round Two: NPDA Debate (random matched)
11:30-1:00	LUNCH BREAK – On Your Own
1:00	Topic Announced: Round 3 (Grimm Hall 120)
1:20-2:05	Round Three: NPDA Debate (matched high-low)
2:45	Topic Announced: Round 4 (Grimm Hall 120)
3:05-3:50	Round Four: NPDA Debate (matched high-low)
4:30	Topic Announced: Quarterfinals (Grimm Hall 120)
4:50-5:35	Quarterfinals: NPDA Debates (Bronze Round)
6:10	Topic Announced: Semifinals (Grimm Hall 120)
6:30-7:15	Semifinals: NPDA Debates (Gold Round)
7:30 P.M.	AWARDS CEREMONY – Grimm Hall 120
ASAP	Senior Division Finals (as warranted)

SUNDAY, January 23rd, 2011

8:00-8:45	REGISTRATION – Grimm Hall 128
9:00	Extemp Draw
9:15-10:30	Round One: Pattern A (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE) Round One: NFA LD Debate (random-matched)
10:30-11:45	Round One: Pattern B (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO) Round Two: NFA LD Debate (random-matched)
11:45	Extemp Draw
12:00-1:15	Round Two: Pattern A (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE) Round Three: NFA LD Debate (matched high-low)
1:15-2:15	LUNCH BREAK – On Your Own
2:15-3:30	Round Two: Pattern B (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO) Round Four: NFA LD Debate (matched high-low)
3:30	Extemp Draw
3:45-5:00	Finals: Pattern A (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE) Quarterfinals: NFA LD Debate (Bronze Round)
5:00-6:15	Finals: Pattern B (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO) Semifinals: NFA LD Debate (Gold round)
6:30 P.M.	AWARDS CEREMONY – Grimm Hall 120
ASAP	Finals: Senior NFA LD Debate (as warranted)