



## 2012 University of Utah/California State University-Long Beach Great Salt Lake Invitational/Long Beach Classic

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the University of Utah and California State University, Long Beach, we invite you to return to the Mountain West for the Great Salt Lake Invitational/Long Beach Classic held at the University of Utah. We are pleased to once again host the GSL during its traditional and historic weekend, January 6-8, 2012. Winters in Salt Lake City are beautiful, as the city boasts access to the finest winter recreation in the West. From our Olympic ski resorts to the acres of snowshoeing country, Utah is sure to offer you a range of activities. On January 6-7, 2012, the GSL Invitational will offer a five-round parliamentary debate tournament, a four-round NFA Lincoln-Douglas tournament, and a two-round individual events tournament. The Long Beach Classic will begin on January 7 and conclude on January 8, 2012. The Classic will feature a five-round parliamentary debate tournament and a two-round individual events tournament. At both tournaments, parliamentary debate teams will advance to double-octofinals; IE competitors will advance to finals; and LD competitors will advance to quarterfinals. At the GSL, students may compete in parliamentary debate AND either LD or IEs; at the Beach Classic, students may compete in parliamentary debate OR IEs.

We hope the GSL/Long Beach Classic swing will continue to be one of your favorite tournaments of the season. In order to ensure a smooth running tournament, we look forward to providing contestants with lunch on all three days, in addition to light breakfast items earlier in the day and a well-stocked wellness room for all throughout the tournament. We hope you will join us Thursday, January 5, 2012 from 6-9 p.m. for pre-registration and tournament reception (with a cash bar for those interested). We've also reserved a block of rooms at the Red Lion Hotel Salt Lake Downtown at the discounted rate of **\$72 per night up to quad occupancy**. Be sure to mention the Great Salt Lake/Long Beach Invitational when you book your room. Directly contact our hotel sales coordinator, Jerry Mika, for reservations at [jerry.mika@redlion.com](mailto:jerry.mika@redlion.com) or at 801-524-0312.

We look forward to seeing you in January and wish everyone the best of luck and safety in the upcoming competitive season.

Warmest regards,

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**Tournament Information:**

Rules: AFA IE, NFA LD and NPDA regulations will be in effect for relevant events, unless otherwise specified in this invitation. Hybrid debate teams will be accepted for NPDA.

Competitor Eligibility: Any undergraduate in a two-year or four-year college or university carrying 6 or more units is eligible to compete. No person who has competed more than 8 or more semesters or has competed at a collegiate national speech or debate tournament in 4 different years may compete.

Entry Procedure: Both the GSL and Long Beach portions of the Swing will be using [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net) exclusively for entries. Entries must be completed by 5:00 PM MST on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. Drops and name changes (but not adds) can be entered no later than 5:00 PM MST on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Sexual discrimination: Please note that University of Utah takes a firm stance against sexual harassment and discrimination. As such, we will use the CEDA guidelines to address any sexual harassment or discrimination complaints.

**Individual Events:**

Events offered: Students may not enter in more than 2 events per pattern. It is the sole responsibility of the competitors to complete all events in the time given. Failure to do so will result in a no-show score for the round. We will offer the following events:

Pattern A – Extemp, Informative, After Dinner Speaking, Prose, and Poetry

Pattern B – Impromptu, Persuasive, Communication Analysis, Duo, Dramatic, and POI

Divisions: We plan to offer both Open and Junior divisions in all the above events. However, we will collapse divisions if there are fewer than twelve entries in a division. In such an event, the top two competitors from the Junior division will receive an award in addition to the Open division awards.

Elimination Rounds: Any event with 7 contestants or fewer will not have a final round. For events with more than 7 competitors, a final round will be held. At the GSL, any event with more than 30 entries will advance to semifinals.

Advancing to Elimination Rounds: No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by cumulative rankings, then by the highest speaker points. All attempts will be made to make a clean break (by cumulative rankings).

Placement in Elimination Rounds: Students will be rank ordered first by cumulative rankings, then by judge's preference, followed by the highest reciprocal score (decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

## **NPDA Debate**

Divisions: Provided that there are at least 10 entries per division, both the GSL and LONG BEACH portions of the Swing will offer Junior and Open Division. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines. Eligibility is determined based on the partner with the most experience. A semester means that the student has competed in at least three tournaments of any style of debate. In the event divisions are collapsed, awards will be given to the top two Junior Teams.

Procedural Issues: Judging Philosophies need to be submitted on [forensictournament.net](http://forensictournament.net) no later than 5:00 PM MST Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 (entry deadline). Schools not turning in philosophies by that time will not be allowed to enter strikes or MPJ preferences, in addition schools WILL BE ASSESSED judging fees for all judges without philosophies submitted by the deadline. The use of **Strikes/MPJ** at the tournaments will be made at the discretion of the tournament director. As a general rule, an entry of more than 15 teams will warrant the use of strikes. An entry of more than 30 teams will provide the warrant for MPJ. Smaller entries will utilize randomly assigned judging. Team's **judging preferences** will be due no later than 9:00 PM MST Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The **GSL** will have **topic areas** which will be announced Wednesday Dec 7, 2012. Entries and judging preferences will be collected using [www.foresnsicstournament.net](http://www.foresnsicstournament.net).

Disclosure: Following the return of the ballot, critics may disclose as much or as little information as they see fit so long as it does not interfere with the tournament schedule. Delays caused by coaches/judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including removal from the tournament. We don't want to do it, so don't put us in a position where we would want to do it. **NOTE TO JUDGES:** All rounds must have one winner and one loser.

Preliminary Rounds: The computer will randomly match Rounds 1 and 2. Additional prelims will be paired based on the notation in the tournament schedule.

Elimination Rounds: Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon record, followed by adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by ZScore. In elimination rounds, brackets **will not** be broken.

## **NFA LD Debate**

Divisions: Provided that there are at least 9 entries per division, there will be two divisions of NFA LD Debate: Junior and Open. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines. Competition in at least three tournaments of any style of debate constitutes a semester. Eligibility is determined based on the partner with the most experience. A semester means that the student has competed in at least three tournaments of any style of debate. In the event divisions are collapsed, awards will be given to the top two Junior Teams.

Procedural Issues: NFA L/D Debate is a communication event that is debated in a stock issues paradigm. In deference to the intent of the event, we ask that all competitors and critics are mindful of these rules. Complete rules can be found at <http://www.nationalforensics.org>. MPJ will not be offered; judges will be randomly assigned.

Double Entry: The NFA LD portion of the tournament will occur during the first half of the swing. Competitors may enter EITHER NFA DEBATE OR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS, not both. In addition, competitors may participate in NPDA debate during the first half of the swing as NFA debate does not conflict.

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Preliminary Rounds:- The computer will randomly match Rounds One. Subsequent rounds will be power-matched high-low.

Elimination Rounds:- Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by total speaker points, followed by opposition record, then adjusted speaker points, and finally by ZScore. In elimination rounds, brackets **WILL NOT** be broken.

### **Financial Information**

Entry Fees: The fee schedule is the same for both tournaments. You may, at your option, pay with TWO checks, one for the Great Salt Lake Invitational and one for the Long Beach Classic, or ONE check for both tournaments. All checks MUST be made payable to University of Utah Debate. Fees will be assessed at 5:00 pm MST on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. The fee schedule is as follows (all fees per tournament):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per entry</u>
School Entry Fee	\$30
NPDA Team Entry Fee	\$50
NFA LD Entry Fee	\$25
AFA Individual Event Entry Fee	\$8
Duo Entry Fee	\$16
IE Drop Fee	\$20
Debate Drop Fee	\$50

So, that means that if you were entering 2 NPDA teams and 5 IE entries (none of which are Duo) for both halves of the swing your total cost would be \$340.00 (\$30.00 school fee x 2 [GSL and Long Beach] + \$140 GSL entry fees [2 debate teams x \$50 + 5 IE entries x \$8 = \$140] + \$140.00 Long Beach entry fees [2 debate teams x \$50 + 5 IE entries x \$8 = \$140] = \$340 Total Swing Cost).

Judging: At the first half of the swing, one judge can cover up to two NPDA debate teams, and EITHER 6 IE slots per pattern OR 2 NFA LD entries. At the second half of the swing, because NPDA Debate and IE's run concurrently, judges can only cover debate or IE's not both. Debate judges are committed through octafinals and one round beyond their team's/debater's elimination. An I.E. judge is committed through finals. Meeting this commitment is essential in order for the tournament to run. Judges wishing to judge beyond their commitment should notify the Tournament director. Compensation may be available. Your generosity will be most appreciated.

Uncovered Fees: First and foremost, please, please, please, bring your judges. We only have a limited pool of available judges to hire. Uncovered judge fees will be assessed on the following basis:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per judge***</u>
Uncovered NPDA Judge	\$125 (covers 2 teams)
Uncovered IE Judge	\$35 (covers 6 entries)
Uncovered NFA LD Judge	\$100 (covers 2 entries)

\*\*\*Fees will be assessed at both halves of the swing.

### **Tournament Awards**

AFA Individual Events Awards: We will offer awards for the first three finishers, with certificates for finalists and semifinalists. In addition, we will once again award the prestigious Royal L. Garff Speaker of the Year Trophy.

The top overall competitor in AFA Individual Events at the GSL will be awarded the Royal Garff Award, a traveling trophy given out each year. The award was created in 1997 in memory of Prof. Royal Garff, a lifetime supporter of public speaking, forensics, and public debate. The trophy has been awarded at every GSL since 1997 and continues to honor the achievements of students who compete in short prep, platforms and interpretation events. The winner of the Garff Award will be determined based off the highest total accumulated in up to six events using the following scale: 1<sup>st</sup> place = 10 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 7 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 5 pts, Finalist = 3 pts.

NPDA Debate Awards: We will offer awards for every team advancing to elimination rounds as well as the top 10 speakers in each division (though we will recognize the top 20). Speaker awards will be determined in the following way: adjusted points, total points, double adjusted points, judge variance (Z-score).

In addition, two special awards are given to the top debate team and the tops speaker in NPDA debate at the GSL. First, the Malcolm O. Sillars Tournament Champion Award will be given to the team that wins the Open division of NPDA at the GSL Invitational. Second, the Richard Rieke Outstanding Debater award will be given to the top ranked speaker in the Open division of NPDA at the GSL Invitational.

NFA LD Debate Awards: We will offer awards for every debater advancing to elimination rounds.

Sweepstakes: The top two schools at each tournament as well as the top three schools competing in the swing will receive sweepstakes trophies.

Calculating Sweeps (borrowed with thanks from Marlin Bates):

*Individual Events* - Sweepstakes points will be issued to all participants in semifinals and finals based on the following scale. No points will be given for preliminary rounds. Only entries in the Open division will be counted toward tournament sweepstakes.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Finalist	Semifinalist
10 pts.	7 pts.	5 pts.	3 pts.	1 pt.

*NFA LD Debate* - Only entries in the Open division will be counted toward tournament sweepstakes.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Semifinalist	Quarterfinalists
15 pts.	13 pts.	11 pts.	9 pts.

*Parliamentary Debate*

- 3 points will be given for each preliminary round win IF the team has a 50% or better preliminary round win/loss record. Teams with less than a 50% record will receive no preliminary round points.
- 3 points will be given to each team that reaches the elimination rounds.
- Only entries in the Open division will be counted toward tournament sweepstakes.

*Equalization of Debate and Individual Events* - For team sweepstakes for both tournaments, debate and individual events will be equalized. This equalization is achieved by the use of percentiles. All sweepstakes points earned by all debate teams/entries are summed. The points earned by each squad are divided by the total number of points earned in debate in order to determine what percentage of all debate points were earned by the team. Similarly, all sweepstakes points earned by all individual events competitors are summed. A similar percentile score is calculated in individual events for each squad.

The two percentile scores for a school (debate and IE) are added together in order to determine an equalized aggregate sweepstakes score. Assuming a school earned all of the possible sweepstakes points in the tournament (a mathematical impossibility), the maximum score they could earn would be 200 points (100% for debate, and 100% for IE).

For swing sweepstakes, points from both tournaments are pooled to determine the winners.

## **Lodging and Directions:**

### Tournament Hotel:

We will be having pre-registration, the tournament reception (with cash bar), and pairings released at the Red Lion Hotel Salt Lake Downtown. The tournament hotel is located in downtown Salt Lake City and boasts convenient access to/from the University by TRAX, our local light rail.

Red Lion Hotel Salt Lake Downtown

161 West 600 South

Salt Lake City Utah, 84101

Reservations: Call Jerry Mika at (810) 524-0312 or email him at [jerry.mika@redlion.com](mailto:jerry.mika@redlion.com).

Be sure to mention the **Great Salt Lake Long Beach Invitational** to secure the discounted rate.

Rates: \$72 (up to quad occupancy)

Please join us on Thursday, January 5 at the Red Lion for a tournament reception. When you register, we'll give each coach two coupons for complimentary adult beverages at the bar. All attendees are welcome to join us at the reception; those wishing to drink must be 21+ and pay for their own drinks. Likewise, the hotel offers a downtown shuttle for those wishing to make dinner arrangements, etc. Also, teams wishing to arrive early or stay late will be offered the tournament rate for 3 days before and 3 days after the tournament.

### Alternative Lodging:

Both of these hotels are literally right across the street from the Red Lion:

Motel 6 Downtown Salt Lake City

176 W 600 S

Salt Lake City, UT 84101

(801) 531-1252

Super 8 Salt Lake City/Downtown

616 S. 200 W.

Salt Lake City, UT 84101-2705

(801) 534-0808

## **Driving Directions**

From the Airport: Out of airport, follow signs toward Park City/Cheyenne. You will pass through downtown on the freeway as it curves right and then left. When you arrive at 1300E, exit the freeway and turn left onto 1300E. Go north until you reach 100S and turn right at the northwest corner of campus. Follow this street onto the U of Utah campus. The street winds around the north side of campus (it changes as it winds, ending up as North Campus Drive). Take a right following signs to Olpin Union or OSH (Orson Spencer Hall, the Tournament HQ), the Street is Central Campus Drive (you can park in the pay lot and we will provide vouchers for you, upon request).

From the Hotel: From the Red Lion, turn right out of the parking lot onto 600 South. Follow 600 South and turn left onto State Street. Continue forward until you reach 400 South and turn right. Continue on 400 South, noting that it will curve to the right and then to the left as you head up the hill. When you reach the top, turn left onto 1300 East. Take 1300 East until you reach 100 South; turn right onto 100 South. . Follow this street onto the U of Utah campus. The street winds around the north side of campus (it changes as it winds, ending up as North Campus Drive). Take a right following signs to Olpin Union or OSH (Orson Spencer Hall, the Tournament HQ), the Street is Central Campus Drive (you can park in the pay lot and we will provide vouchers for you, upon request).

From Airport to Hotel: Exit the airport and head on I-80 east toward downtown/Park City/Cheyenne. You will curve through downtown reaching an exit for 600 South. Exit here. Immediately upon exit you will see the Red Lion to your right as you head east on 600 South.

# 2012 Utah Swing Tournaments – Schedule of Events

Co-hosted by the University of Utah and California State University, Long Beach

(Subject to Change)

## FRIDAY, January 6<sup>th</sup> – Great Salt Lake

### 7:50 OPENING ASSEMBLY

8:00 Topic Announced: Round 1  
 8:20-9:05 Round One: NPDA Debate  
 9:25 Topic Announced: Round 2  
 9:45-10:30 Round Two: NPDA Debate  
 10:45 Extemp Draw  
 11:00-12:15 Round One: Pattern A  
 Round One: NFA Debate

### 12:00-1:00 LUNCH SERVED

12:40 Topic Announced: Round 3  
 (hi/hi)  
 1:00-1:45 Round Three: NPDA Debate  
 2:00-3:15 Round One: Pattern B  
 Round Two: NFA Debate  
 3:25 Topic Announced: Round 4  
 (hi/lo)  
 3:45-4:30 Round Four: NPDA Debate  
 4:45 Extemp Draw  
 5:00-6:15 Round Two: Pattern A  
 Round Three: NFA Debate

### 6:00 PM DINNER SERVED

6:25 Topic Announced: Round 5  
 (hi/lo)  
 6:45-7:30 Round Five: NPDA Debate  
 7:45-9:00 Round Two: Pattern B  
 Round Four: NFA Debate

## SATURDAY, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Great Salt Lake

8:00-8:45 Quarterfinals: NFA LD Debate  
 9:10 Topic Announced: Doubles  
 9:30-10:15 Double Octos: NPDA Debate  
 10:30 Extemp Draw  
 10:45-12:00 Finals: Pattern A  
 Semifinals: NFA LD Debate  
 12:10 Topic Announced: Octos  
 12:30-1:15 Octofinals: NPDA Debate  
 1:30-2:45 Finals: Pattern B  
 Finals: NFA LD Debate  
 2:55 Topic Announced: Quarters  
 3:15-4:00 Quarterfinals: NPDA  
 Debate  
 4:15 Topic Announced: Semis  
 4:35-5:30 Semifinals: NPDA Debate  
**5:30 DINNER SERVED**  
 5:30 Topic Announced: Finals  
 5:50-6:40 Finals: NPDA Debate

## SATURDAY, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Long Beach Classic

6:50 Topic Announced: Round 1  
 7:10-8:00 Round One: NPDA Debate  
 8:10 Topic Announced: Round 2  
 8:30-9:15 Round Two: NPDA Debate

## SUNDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Long Beach Classic

8:00 Topic Announced: Round 3  
 (hi/hi)  
 8:20-9:05 Round Three: NPDA Debate  
 9:25 Topic Announced: Round 4  
 (lag hi/lo)  
 9:45-10:30 Round Four: NPDA Debate  
 10:50 Topic Announced: Round 5  
 (lag hi/lo)  
 11:10-11:55 Round Five: NPDA Debate  
**12:00-12:45 LUNCH SERVED**  
 12:40 Topic Announced: Doubles  
 1:00-1:45 Double Octos: NPDA  
 Debate  
 2:25 Topic Announced: Octos  
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 4:05 Topic Announced:  
 Quarters  
 4:25-5:10 Quarterfinals: NPDA  
 Debate

### 5:30 PM AWARDS CEREMONY

ASAP Semis & Finals: NPDA Debate

## SUNDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Long Beach Classic

8:00 Extemp Draw  
 8:15-9:30 Round One: Pattern A  
 9:30-10:45 Round One: Pattern B  
 10:45 Extemp Draw  
 11:00-12:15 Round Two: Pattern A  
**12:15-1:00 LUNCH SERVED**  
 12:45-2:00 Round Two: Pattern B  
 2:00 Extemp Draw  
 2:15-3:30 Finals: Pattern A  
 3:30-4:45 Finals: Pattern B  
**5:30 P.M. AWARDS CEREMONY**

**Pattern A = EXT, INFO, ADS, PRO, POE**

**Pattern B = IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO**

## TOURNAMENT NOTES:

- NPDA TOPIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE HELD IN WPRA (OSH Auditorium)
- TOURNAMENT HOSPITALITY AND MEALS WILL BE SERVED IN OSH 113
- EXTEMP PREP IS LOCATED OSH 104
- BALLOT TABLES ARE LOCATED OSH LOBBY
- NPDA TAB IS IN OSH 229; IE/LD TAB IS IN OSH 230
- ALL AWARDS WILL BE HELD IN WPRA
- ALL JUDGES ARE COMMITTED THROUGH THE FIRST OUT-ROUND. JUDGES FROM SCHOOLS WITH TEAMS ADVANCING WILL BE COMMITTED, AT MINIMUM, THROUGH QUARTERFINALS
- COMPETITORS MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES LATE TO ANY ROUND WILL FORFEIT THAT ROUND

**-PLEASE, DO NOT LEAVE FOR LUNCH, ETC. WITHOUT TURNING IN YOUR BALLOT**