

“The Free” at Concordia – January 21st & 22nd, 2012

Concordia University, Irvine Valley College and Point Loma Nazarene University invite you to participate in “The Free” at Concordia, on **January 21-22**. There are no entry fees, but **ALL ENTRIES MUST** be covered. There can be no exceptions to this rule. One judge can cover 2 teams **and either** 5 IE slots per pattern or two LD debaters.

ENTRIES: Submit at <http://www.forensicstournament.net> by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 18th. You may drop and/or change entries until Friday, January 20th 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. If entries warrant, each division will advance to Quarterfinals. 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, 2011 through January 20th, 2012.

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 or 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 rankings first, then judge's preference, reciprocal scores and finally ratings.

AWARDS: It's a free tournament, so everything is a certificate of varying sizes. All I.E. finalists, all advancing debaters and NPDA speakers will receive an award. Using the PSCFA formula, school sweepstakes will be awarded for IE's, Debate, Small School & Overall. Overall awards will use IE & Debate percentages.

FOOD: Concordia's cafeteria will be open from 10:30-1:00 on both days. All you can eat meals are available for purchase. The cost is \$7.00.

HOTEL: The *Best Western Orange County North* has a \$79.00/night rate. This includes two beds and breakfast. Call 714-432-8888, ask for the Concordia rate.

PARKING: Concordia is located just south of Interstate 405 at 1530 Concordia West, Irvine, CA 92612. Parking is free on campus. Inform the gate that you are with the tournament. Headquarters will be Grimm Hall.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, January 21st, 2012

8:00-8:50

REGISTRATION & Prep Room Sign-Ups – Grimm 128

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)

11:30-12:45

LUNCH BREAK – On Your Own

12:45

Topic Announced: Round 3 (Grimm Hall 120)

1:05-1:50

Round Three: NPDA Debate (matched high-low)

2:30

Topic Announced: Round 4 (Grimm Hall 120)

2:50-3:35

Round Four: NPDA Debate (matched high-low)

4:15

Topic Announced: Quarterfinals (Grimm Hall 120)

4:35-5:20

Quarterfinals: NPDA Debate

5:55

Topic Announced: Semifinals (Grimm Hall 120)

6:15-7:00

Semifinals: NPDA Debate

7:15 P.M.

AWARDS CEREMONY – Grimm Hall 120

ASAP

Finals: NPDA Debate

SUNDAY, January 22nd, 2012

8:30-9:00

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)

11:45-1:00

LUNCH BREAK – On Your Own

1:00

Extemp Draw

1:15-2:30

Round Two: Pattern A (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

Round Three: NFA LD Debate (matched high-low)

2:30-3:45

Round Two: Pattern B (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

Round Four: NFA LD Debate (matched high-low)

3:45

Extemp Draw

4:00-5:15

Finals: Pattern A (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

Quarterfinals: NFA LD Debate

5:15-6:30

Finals: Pattern B (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

Semifinals: NFA LD Debate

6:45 P.M.

AWARDS CEREMONY – Grimm Hall 120

ASAP

Finals: Senior NFA LD Debate (as warranted)