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Dear Colleagues:

The College of Southern Idaho and the CSI Forensics Program are pleased to invite you to the sixteenth annual CSI Fran Tanner Invitational on September 28-29, 2012. Once again, we are happy to offer two full days of competition offering all 11 NIET events. We will also be offering NPDA, IPDA and **College Public Forum**.

We will offer three preliminary rounds of competition in all of the IEs including a final round. As has been the case for the past few years, we will not be having divisions in individual events this year. By eliminating divisions, we hope to allow students to see more competitors from more schools during the tournament. We also hope that this will allow students to be evaluated by a more varied pool of judges, and will make this tournament a more useful educational experience at this point in the season.

We will now be offering both novice and varsity divisions in Parliamentary and Public Debate with five preliminary rounds and one out round. New this year, we will also excited to offer College Public Forum. (Please see description inside.) Placement of students in these divisions will be left to coach's discretion, but coaches should keep certain philosophical guidelines in mind (see invitation).

We see this tournament as much more of an educational experience than a competitive experience. There is plenty of time throughout the rest of the season to focus on winning trophies. We hope that this will give your students a great opportunity to get the season started in a positive and educational way. Please keep this philosophy in mind when entering your students in this tournament.

Late September is usually beautiful in the Magic Valley and we hope our location will offer a chance for some schools from different regions to meet in the middle and begin to polish those new events early in the season.

We'll see you in September.

Sincerely,



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## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### CSI FRAN TANNER INVITATIONAL September 28-29, 2012

**ENTRY DEADLINE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 AT 5:00 PM**

### CONFLICT PATTERNS

PATTERN A: Extemporaneous, POI, Drama, Persuade, CA

PATTERN B: Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Duo, After-Dinner, Poetry

PATTERN C: NPDA, IPDA Public Forum (N,O)—entries permitting

**All competitors may enter two events in pattern A and B. Only one format of debate may be entered.**

All materials used in competition at this tournament shall not have been competed with prior to September 1, 2012.

**Debate Novice Division:** Coaches may enter their students in this division at their discretion. However, as you consider where you place your students please keep the following in mind. While we are trying to avoid placing strict limitation on our divisions, as a tournament we feel that, in general, novice competitors meet the following philosophical guidelines. They are students who are relatively new to debate and can benefit from competing with like students. While these students may have some competitive experience, they are certainly not seasoned debaters. Please do not abuse this opportunity by allowing debaters with significant high school, or college experience, to enter this division and exploit students new to debate who need a less intimidating atmosphere. When in doubt, please place students in the higher division. (The IPDA regulations state: a. have competed in eight debate tournaments in any capacity at any level in any combination (e.g., high school or college; novice, junior or open, CX, Policy, Value, NDT, CEDA, Parliamentary, NFA, or L-D). And/or b. have advanced to the semi-final round or better in three tournaments (in any capacity, at any level, in any combination).)

**Debate Varsity Division:** Any competitor who does not fit the guidelines of a novice.

## College Public Forum Notes

We are excited to be offering College Public Forum debate this tournament. **If the number of entries warrants, we will offer both novice and open divisions in Public Forum.** For the sake of consistency, we will follow the guidelines established by the Intercollegiate Forensics League. These guidelines are included below. We would ask you to study these carefully as you learn about this event and prepare your students for it. We will use the CPF topic for September which will be released by the IFL on or about September 1, 2012. When this happens we will send an addendum to this invitation including the September 2012 CPF topic.

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### College Public Forum

1. Philosophy: Public Forum focuses on advocacy of a position derived from the issues presented in the resolution. Competitors in this team event advocate or reject a position posed by a resolution (prepared by the College Public Forum committee and distributed via the IE-L). The clash of ideas must be communicated in a manner persuasive to the non- Public Forum should:

- a. Display solid logic, lucid reasoning, and depth of analysis.
  - b. Utilize evidence without being driven by it.
  - c. Present a clash of ideas by countering/refuting arguments of the opposing team (rebuttal)
  - d. Communicate ideas with civility, clarity, organization, eloquence, and professional decorum.
- This is not a debate event, per se, and as such, teams do not have prime facie burdens or the burden of rejoinder. Instead, teams are asked to advocate for (pro) or against (con) the ideas and policies represented within the resolution.

Since this is not a debate event, in the traditional sense, teams are prohibited from utilizing plans (formalized comprehensive proposals for implementation), counterplans and kritiks (off-topic arguments). Multiple competitive venues exist for the application of these argumentative strategies.

2. Resolutions: Resolutions will be distributed five times in this year. Topics will be announced on the IE-L.

3. Procedure and order of speeches: Prior to EVERY round and in the presence of the judge(s), a coin is tossed by one team and called by the other team. The team that wins the flip may choose one of two options: EITHER the SIDE of the topic they wish to defend (pro or con) OR the SPEAKING POSITION they wish to have (begin the debate or end the debate). The remaining option (SIDE OR SPEAKING POSITION) is the choice of the team that loses the flip. Once speaking positions and sides have been determined, the debate begins (the con team may lead, depending on the coin flip results). Note: The round begins at the conclusion of the coin flip/sides/positions discussion. Contestants may not leave the room or consult with coaches after the coin flip, which begins the round.

- a. First Speaker – Team A 5 minutes
- b. First Speaker – Team B 5 minutes
- c. Crossfire (first question by speaker A1) 3 minutes
- d. Second Speaker – Team A 5 minutes
- e. Second Speaker – Team B 5 minutes
- f. Crossfire (first question by A2) 3 minutes
- g. Summary – First Speaker – Team A 3 minutes
- h. Summary – First Speaker – Team B 3 minutes
- i. Closing Arguments – Second Speaker – Team A 3 minutes
- j. Closing Arguments – Second Speaker – Team B 3 minutes
- k. Prep Time 2 minutes per team

4. Timing: Judges and/or debaters should keep track of speaking time.

5. Plans/Counterplans: In College Public Forum, neither side is permitted to offer a plan nor a counterplan (formalized comprehensive proposal for implementation). Instead, each team should offer reasoning to support a position of advocacy. Debaters may offer generalized, practical solutions.

6. Oral Critiques: No debate ballot may be turned in without a reason for decision. Oral commentary is not considered a substitute for the written ballot. CPF and the ICFL discourage judges from disclosing decisions in preliminary rounds of competition. The ballot serves as a valuable educational tool to the teams and their coaches. Comments made by a judge (orally or written) should be constructive and professional.

7. Judges: The use of community judges is strongly encouraged.

8. Governance: College Public Forum is sponsored by the Intercollegiate Forensics League (ICFL) and all matters not covered in this description will be clarified by the ICFL committee.

9. National Tournament and Qualifications: Each school in attendance at the College Public Forum National Tournament will be allowed to enter two at-large teams. All additional entries from each school must qualify for the national tournament by being ranked in the top half of teams (with no more than 8 qualifications at any tournament) at a sanctioned Public Forum Tournament during the regular season.

10. Sanctioning: All College Public Forum participants are encouraged to be active members of this new forensics community and any and all suggestions and concerns should be directed to the ICFL committee. All College Public Forum tournaments must use the appropriate resolution and must be sanctioned by the ICFL. Sanctioning is available to all schools at the fee of \$1 per team College Public Forum Team entered into competition. To receive sanctioning, a tournament must:

- a. Have a minimum of three schools competing in public forum
- b. Have a minimum of 4 teams in attendance.
- c. Hold a minimum of 4 rounds of competition.
- d. Use the appropriate CPF topic.
- e. Submit a completed sanctioning form (attached)
- f. Submit a complete set of tournament results (prelim rounds as well as a completed elim bracket, clearly identifying first and last names as well as school affiliations of all competitors).
- g. Pay the sanctioning fee.
- h. NOTE: Any school in attendance may complete the sanctioning process for a tournament.

11. A guide to competing in Public Forum can be found at:

[http://www.nflonline.org/uploads/AboutNFL/cr103pf\\_instr.pdf](http://www.nflonline.org/uploads/AboutNFL/cr103pf_instr.pdf)

Note: This guide was written for high school Public Forum, and the events have slight differences.

12. A guide to judging Public Forum can be found at:

<http://www.nflonline.org/uploads/CoachingResources/Public%20Forum%20Judge%20Overview.pdf>

Note: This guide was written for high school Public Forum, and the events have slight differences.

13. Sample resolutions: Listed below are resolutions used in High School Public Forum. College Public Forum will use resolutions similar to the ones listed below:

- a. Resolved: That, by 2040, the federal government should mandate that all new passenger vehicles and light trucks sold in the United States be powered by alternative fuels
- b. Resolved: That the United States government should implement universal health care modeled after the French system."
- c. Resolved: That the United States should significantly increase its use of nuclear energy.
- d. Resolved: That the United States should implement a military draft.
- e. Resolved: That the US Government should increase social services for indigenous peoples in America.
- f. Resolved: That eliminating United States government budget deficits should be prioritized over increasing domestic spending.
- g. Resolved: That the Fairness Doctrine should be reinstated.
- h. Resolved: That the private ownership of handguns should be banned in the United States

14. For more information: If you are interested in competing in College Public Forum, there are many resources available at the National Forensics League at <http://www.nflonline.org>

## TOURNAMENT NOTES

**Tournament Headquarters Has Changed!!!: Tournament headquarters will be in the SUB (Taylor)! Students may want to set up in the Student Union Building as it is centrally located. Postings, Extemp prep and debate topic announcements will be in the SUB.**

### **Sweepstakes Points:**

<b>IE:</b>	1st Place:	10 points	<b>Debate:</b>	1st Place:	15 points
	2nd Place:	8 points		2nd Place:	12 points
	3rd Place:	6 points			

**Awards:** Awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in all individual events. IE awards will be based on finals rankings, followed by preliminary ratings and then followed by the student with the greatest number of "1" rankings in preliminary rounds. Should things get more complicated than that, we'll figure something out. Awards will also be presented to first and second place both debate divisions in each format. Sweepstakes awards will be given to the top 2 schools at the tournament.

### **Registration Fees:**

School Fee:	\$20
Lunch Fee:	\$8/person
Covered Individual Events:	\$8 per slot
I.E. Entries not covered by a judge:	\$16 per slot
(1 judge = 8 slots)	
Covered IPDA Teams:	\$20 per slot
IPDA Teams not covered by a judge:	\$40 per slot
(1 judge = 4 slots)	
Covered NPDA or Public Forum Teams:	\$30 per slot
NPDA or Public Forum Teams not covered by a judge:	\$60 per slot
(1 judge = 2 teams)	

### **Entries:**

We will be utilizing [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net) for tournament entries. This is a wonderful and efficient tool for entering your school! Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this procedure.

## CAMPUS AND AREA NOTES

**Directions to Campus:** Assuming most attendees will be arriving via I-84, the directions are the same whether you are eastbound, or westbound. Take I-84 exit 173 and turn south onto US 93. After traveling about 4 miles, you will cross the famous Perrine Bridge (not a bad spot for a tourist stop) and the road you are on will turn into Blue Lakes Boulevard North. Follow this through the first stoplight (Pole Line Road) and continue on Blue Lakes until you reach the second stoplight (Falls Avenue). Here you will turn right and travel about one-half mile, past the marquee sign, to the main entrance of campus. The [campus map](#) located on the CSI web site should guide you the rest of the way to tournament headquarters. If you need any assistance please feel free to contact us.

**Motels:** We have chosen the **Shilo Inn Suites** as our tournament hotel this year. It is located on Blue Lakes Blvd. and is only a couple of blocks from campus. They have given us a flat rate of \$65 for up to four people in a room and have set aside a block of rooms for the tournament. **Reservations must be made by September 10<sup>th</sup> in order to secure this rate.** Please contact Darlene Kulhanek at 208-737-6280 and mention the tournament when making a reservation.

**Food:** Some food options will be available during the tournament through our on-campus food service. There are also many fine eating establishments in Twin Falls and we will be happy to provide you with suggestions.

**Parking:** Parking is free and no permits are needed.

**Smoking:** There is a no smoking policy on the entire campus. Please ask your students to respect this policy.

**Judges: We need judges so please bring as many qualified judges as possible. However, the judges that you bring must be college graduates (Bachelor's degree), or must have exhausted their collegiate eligibility.**

## Description of Events

### A EVENTS:

**Extemporaneous Speaking:** Contestants will be given three topics in the general area of current events, choose one, and have 30 minutes to prepare a speech that is the original work of the student. Maximum time limit for the speech is 7 minutes. Limited notes are permitted. Students will speak in listed order. Posting of topics will be staggered.

**Persuasive Speaking:** An original speech by the student designed to inspire, reinforce, or change the beliefs, attitudes, values, or actions of the audience. Audio-visual aids may, or may not, be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and sighted in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

**Program Oral Interpretation:** A program of thematically-linked selections of literary merit, chosen from two or three recognized genres of competitive interpretation (prose/poetry/drama). A substantial portion of the total time must be devoted to each of the genres used in the program. Different genres means the material must appear in separate pieces of literature (i.e., a poem included in a short story that only appears in that short story does not constitute a poetry genre). Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including original introduction and/or transitions.

**Communication Analysis:** An original speech by the student designed to offer an explanation and/or evaluation of a communication artifact such as a speech, speaker, movement, poem, poster, film, campaign, etc., through the use of rhetorical principles. Audio-visual aids may, or may not, be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Manuscripts are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

**Drama Interpretation:** A cutting which represents one or more characters from a play, or plays, of literary merit. This material may be drawn from stage, screen, or radio. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including introduction.

### B EVENTS:

**Impromptu Speaking:** An impromptu speech, serious in nature, with topic selections varied by round and by section. Topics will be quotations. Speakers will have a total of 7 minutes for both preparation and speaking. Timing commences with the acceptance of the topic sheet. Limited notes are permitted. Each speaker in a given section will choose to speak from one of these topics offered. Each student will have a separate choice of topics, so contestants are encouraged to watch other speakers.

**Informative Speaking:** An original, factual speech by the student on a realistic subject to fulfill the general aim of informing the audience. Audio-visual aids may, or may not, be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time is 10 minutes, including introduction.

**Prose Interpretation:** A selection, or selections, of prose material of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Play cuttings and poetry are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time is 10 minutes, including introduction.

**Dramatic Duo:** A cutting from a play, humorous or serious, involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. This material may be drawn from stage, screen, or radio. This is not an acting event; therefore, no costumes, props, lighting, etc., are to be used. Presentation is from the manuscript and the focus should be off-stage and not to each other. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including introduction.

**Poetry Interpretation:** A selection, or selections, of poetry of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Play cuttings and prose works are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including introduction.

**After-Dinner Speaking:** An original, humorous speech by the student, designed to exhibit sound speech composition, thematic coherence, direct communicative public speaking skills, and good taste. The speech should not resemble a nightclub act, an impersonation, or comic dialogue. Audio-visual aids may, or may not, be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

### **PATTERN C:**

**IPDA:** Offered in both novice and varsity divisions. Novice competitors *cannot* have competed in eight debate tournaments in any capacity at any level in any combination (e.g., high school or college; novice, junior or open, CX, Policy, Value, NDT, CEDA, Parliamentary, NFA, or L-D). **And/or** *cannot* have advanced to the semi-final round or better in three tournaments (in any capacity, at any level, in any combination). Time limits will be:

5 Minutes Affirmative Constructive  
2 minutes Cross Examination  
6 minutes Negative Constructive  
2 minutes Cross Examination  
3 minutes 1st Affirmative Rebuttal  
5 minutes Negative Rebuttal  
3 minutes 2nd Affirmative Rebuttal  
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26 minutes Total (approximate)

Topics will be announced by the judge 20 minutes prior to the start of the debate. This tournament chooses to follow IPDA guidelines on the use of evidence and consultation during the 20 minute preparation period. This, in essence, means there are no restrictions on the use of materials during preparation time, or on “coaching”, during preparation time. **Remember, no pre-printed material may be brought into the debate round.**

**NPDA:** Offered in both novice and senior divisions. Novice teams have no collegiate experience and less than two semesters of high school experience. Senior teams are any teams that fail to meet the above criteria. A team's classification is based on the experience of the most experienced member of the team. Time limits will be 7-8-8-8-4-5. Topics will be announced by the judge 15 minutes prior to the start of the debate. This tournament chooses to follow NPDA guidelines on the use of evidence and consultation during the 15 minute preparation period. This, in essence, means there are no restrictions on the use of materials during preparation time, or on “coaching”, during preparation time. The use of these resources is entirely left to the discretion of individual program directors. While it has become practice at some tournament to provide contestants with results as the tournament progresses through the use of a “warm room,” this tournament does not support such practices and, therefore, the practice will not be followed. **PLEASE NOTE:** Our judges are communication judges. Students will be expected to adapt to their audience.

## TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### **Friday, September 28, 2012**

1:00-2:00	Registration
2:00	Extemp Draw
2:15-3:30	Round 1A
3:30	Extemp Draw
3:45- 5:15	Round 2A
5:15	Extemp. Draw
5:30-6:45	Round 3A
6:45-8:15	Debate Round 1
8:15-9:30	Debate Round 2

### **Saturday, September 29, 2012**

8:00-9:15	Round 1 B
9:15-10:30	Round 2 B
10:30-12:00	Round 3 B
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-2:00	Round 3 Debate
2:00-3:30	Round 4 Debate
3:30-5:00	Round 5 Debate
5:00-6:30	Debate Finals
6:30	Extemp Draw Finals
6:45-8:00	IE Finals
TBA	Awards

**Please contact the tournament director, Beth Hewes, at 208-751-3488 or the tab room director, Jeff Stoppenhagen, at 208-440-1794 for questions or concerns.**