

2013 IVC Winter Classic

Welcome to the sixth annual "**IVC Winter Classic.**" We wish to express our appreciation to our host: **The Irvine Valley College Speech and Debate Team.** As always, the purpose of this tournament is to provide students with an opportunity to debate with their peers on a topic, which is both significant and controversial. Students will be given an opportunity to debate twice on each side of the topic.

Topic: **Elementary:** Resolved: Corporations and unions have too much power in American politics.

Middle & High: Resolved: On balance, the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission harms the election process.

Tournament Information:

Contact: **Magnet Learning Academy: Anna Jung**
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Date: January 12, 2013

Schedule: 08:30 am Registration & Voluntary Training for Students (BSTIC 101)
 09:00 am Round 1 (A & B Flights - Preset)
 10:30 am Round 2 (A & B Flights - Preset)
 11:30 am Lunch (Provided for Debaters and Judges only)
 12:30 pm Round 3 (A & B Flights - Power Matched)
 02:30 pm Round 4 (A & B Flights - Power Matched)
 04:30 pm Awards Ceremony - Performing Arts Center

Location: **Irvine Valley College**
(Campus Map: http://www.ivc.edu/maps/pages/campus_map.aspx)
Address: 5500 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine, CA 92618
Please enter using Parking Lot 5 located on Jeffrey Street
Building: Business Science and Technology Innovation center (BSTIC)
Note: Please don't contact the college with tournament related questions.

Fees: \$30 School Fee
 \$60 per individual (Includes Lunch)
Please make checks payable to "MLA" (or Magnet Learning Academy)

Events: Public Forum Debate (Open, Elementary School; 4-6)
 Public Forum Debate (Open, Middle School; 7-8)
 Public Forum Debate (Open, High School; Grades 9-12)

Awards: Trophies awarded for 1st-5th place team in each of the three divisions
 Trophies awarded for 1st-3rd place speaker in each of the three divisions

Registration: 1. Enter your school's teams using <http://www.forensicstournament.net/>
 or send an email to magnetacademy@gmail.com with your entry.
 2. Entries must be submitted by 5pm, December 28, 2012

Any drops or substitutions must be submitted by 5pm, January 2, 2012. Note: All entries are assigned on a first come, first serve basis!

(Teams submitted after the deadline(s) will be put onto a 'wait list')

3. Call 714/731-2055 or send an email to make or change a reservation

We will send your confirmation ASAP via email and/or by telephone.

Space is limited so please don't delay!

Driving Directions:

405 Freeway

From the North (southbound 405):

- ⤴ Exit Jeffrey Road
- ⤴ Turn Left onto Jeffrey Road (N)
- ⤴ Turn Right into Parking Lot #5
- ⤴ Entrance is before Irvine Center Drive!

From the South (northbound 405):

- ⤴ Exit Jeffrey Road
- ⤴ Turn Right onto Jeffrey Road (N)
- ⤴ Turn Right into Parking Lot #5
- ⤴ Entrance is before Irvine Center Drive!

5 Freeway

From the North (southbound 5):

- ⤴ Exit Jeffrey Road
- ⤴ Turn right at stop sign
- ⤴ Turn Left onto Jeffrey Road (S)
- ⤴ Go past Irvine Center Drive
- ⤴ Turn Left at the next light (Lot 5)

From the South (northbound 5):

- ⤴ Exit Jeffrey Road
- ⤴ Turn Left onto Jeffrey Road (S)
- ⤴ Go past Irvine Center Drive
- ⤴ Turn Left at the next light (Lot 5)

NFL Rules:

NFL Rules for Public Forum Debate will be followed, except for whatever has been contradicted in this invitation, the tournament website, or the information packet written for this tournament. The format is considered a “crossfire” style, yet debating will be a bit more academic in focus rather than attempting to imitate the popular news program. This tournament will not make use of any “coin flips.”

Eligibility:

This tournament is unrestricted, so technically anyone of the appropriate grade level can enter the tournament regardless of experience; however many of our competitors will have limited debate experience. In the future we will attempt to separate by both grade level and by experience. Currently we do NOT have a “novice” division.

For this tournament, there will be three “open” debate completion levels:

Elementary Division (grades 4-6), ***Middle School Division*** (grades 7-8) and ***High School Division*** (grades 9-12).

Evidence is Encouraged!

Students are allowed to bring ANY research materials with them and allowed to read from printed materials. As per the tournament invite, this is a tournament that uses the public forum topic and the public forum format but with a more academic focus than is typical. Thus, the expectation is that in-depth, evidence-based debates SHOULD occur, but teams are not encouraged to just read pages of evidence without providing some context or organization to their speeches. Source citations should be similar to school.

No Electronic Retrieval

Do not access the internet during the tournament. This includes cell phones, calling friends, etc. Use what you have and use it well; however, all research should be done **before** the tournament. Anyone caught using the internet will be reprimanded and may be dropped from the tournament! No refund will be provided to person's dropped in this manner. If you observe someone using the internet to research, please report them.

Note: Why are you checking emails and/or using Facebook?!? Even the appearance of “cheating” should be avoided. Just don't do it. If you must cheat to win what does that say about your character?

Final Note on “Cheating”: Please tell your teacher BEFORE reporting anyone. Let your teacher handle it for you. If your teacher is unavailable then find an adult. Thanks.

Changes to the Judging Form:

The judge's ballot will be slightly altered so that each debater receives an individual score, in addition to the team score. We will be awarding speaker awards in addition to team awards, which would not be possible without modifying the ballot. This is a minor change, which will not directly impact the students' actual debating (as the above changes have done). A copy of the modified judging ballot can be made available upon request - it is not a big change. Ballots are simple and there is nothing that can be learned from studying it.

Debate Format (NFL Public Forum)

Team A:	First Speaker: Constructive Speech	4 Minutes
Team B:	First Speaker: Constructive Speech	4 Minutes
	Crossfire (Between first speakers)	3 Minutes
Team A:	Second Speaker: Constructive Speech	4 Minutes
Team B:	Second Speaker: Constructive Speech	4 Minutes
	Crossfire (Between second speakers)	3 Minutes
Team A:	First Speaker: Rejoinder/Summary Speech	2 Minutes
Team B:	First Speaker: Rejoinder/Summary Speech	2 Minutes
	Grand Crossfire (All speakers)	3 Minutes
Team A:	Second Speaker: Final focus/Last shot	2 Minute
Team B:	Second Speaker: Final focus/Last shot	2 Minute
Team A:	Preparation Time Total	2 Minutes
Team B:	Preparation Time Total	2 Minutes
Grand Total Time		37 Minutes