

Dear Colleague,

The Chabot Gladiators are pleased to invite you to the Keeling Invitational Tournament, which will be held on January 29th and 30th, 2016. This is your first and ONLY full-service tournament in Northern California before Spring Champs!

The tournament hotel will be the La Quinta Inn on Hesperian Blvd. There is a dearth of hotels nearby, especially those on the “higher end”. However, the La Quinta is nice and the college has done business with them often. We have reserved a rate of \$84/night plus tax, for a total of \$92.88. Since Chabot is so close to a number of schools, there are no rooms blocked off. If you would like rooms, please ask for the “Chabot rate” at the front desk. If there are any problems or irregularities, ask for Kim or Michelle. There is more information on other rooms deeper within the invite.

We are offering two rounds of individual event competition in addition to four rounds of Parliamentary debate and 4 rounds of NFA-LD debate. The tournament will have group announcements for parli, and will allow the use of evidence and coaching during prep time. IE’s and NFA-LD will both be held Saturday. This year, only 2 rounds of NFA-LD will be double flighted and I promise to ease the burden on judges if possible. I have also modified the entry fees in order to accommodate the flighting. In order to keep the tournament on time, students entered in NFA and Extemporaneous speaking will not be allowed to enter any other events in Pattern A and are limited to only double entry of IE’s in Pattern B.

All entries must be received by Thursday January 28th, by 9 A.M. This time limit will be strictly enforced. Drops will be allowed after that time, but no new entries. All entries must utilize the web entry process found at forensictournament.net.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO “CLPCCD Foundation” with “Chabot Forensics” in the memo line or c/o line. Thanks!

Chabot students will be able to enter and advance in both individual and debate events, Chabot will NOT be eligible for sweepstakes awards. If you have further questions or require any assistance regarding the tournament, please e-mail Jason at james@chabotcollege.edu. We look forward to seeing you in Chabot College for two days “in the heart of the bay”.

Sincerely,

Jason Ames, Tony Bernacchi, and Daniel Lopez,
Tournament Co-Directors

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

9:00 REGISTRATION—ENTRY FEES: Executive Board Room, Building 200
Registration desk/Tab Room phone: (510) 684-3069

EVENT PATTERNS

PATTERN A (PHI RHO PI B/D): PROSE, POETRY, EXTEMP, POI, INFO, DI
PATTERN B (PRP A/C): STE, CA, IT, PERSUASIVE, DUO, IMPROMPTU

NFA-LD: NFA-LD will be double flighted until out-rounds. If a student is double entered in NFA and an IE event(s), they are to go to their IE's opposite their NFA flight. For example, if Patti Keeling is in Flight A of NFA and Pattern B: Impromptu, she should go to her NFA round first after signing in to her Impromptu round as DE/NFA since she is flight A of NFA.

There have been issues in the past of students missing their rounds!!

NFA/Extemp: Due to the nature of the tournament, if you are doing extemp and NFA, you will not be allowed to compete in another event in Pattern A. Extemp will have its final round separate from Pattern A finals during the lunch break on Saturday.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, January 29th, 2016

9:00	Parliamentary 1
10:15	Parliamentary 2
12:00	Parliamentary 3
1:30 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00	Parliamentary 4
3:15	Quarters
5:00	Semis
6:15	Final Round

SATURDAY, February 7th, 2015

7:45 AM	NFA Round 1	(single flighted)
8:40	NFA Round 2	(single flighted)
9:30	A1	
10:45	B1	Round 3: NFA (double flighted)
12:30	A2	Round 4: NFA (double flighted)
1:15 – 2:00	Lunch/ <u>Final round of extemp (draw at 2:00)</u>	
2:30 PM	B2	NFA quarters (if you break in both, go to IE first)
3:45 PM	A Finals	NFA semis (if you break in both, go to IE first)
5:00 PM	B Finals	NFA finals (if you break in NFA and "B", go to IE first)
7:00 PM	Awards	

LOCATION

Tournament Headquarters and Tab Room will be in the executive Board Room, Building 200.

IE Tab: Jim Dobson, Las Positas College

Debate Tab: Ryan Guy, Modesto Junior College

Postings will be in the Cafeteria.

Extemp Prep: Room 804

Parking is available in both parking lots (see campus map), although Lot B is the closest to tab and the cafeteria. You will need to buy a parking permit each day or you will be ticketed. I have no control over this. Permit machines are located in the various parking lots.

Food: The Cafeteria will be open for most of the day Friday and Saturday as well. They are doing this as a favor to the tournament and can accommodate some larger orders. Additionally, there are a number of chain/fast food places around the campus and the hotel.

DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION

Registration will be taken for three divisions of competition: Novice, Junior and Open.

- a) **Individual Events:** If entries do not warrant separate divisions in an event, (if there are not at least 10 entries in each division) the Tournament Director reserves the right to combine divisions prior to the start of the competition.
- b) **Debate:** The tournament will follow NPDA and NFA rules for their respective debate events regarding breaks and collapsing of divisions.

Eligibility: Any student that meets AFA, NFA, or NPDA requirements for their respective event is eligible.

Sweepstakes Divisions.

There will be two Sweepstakes Divisions: University and Community College. Permanent plaques will be given to the first, second, and third place schools in each division.

Sweepstakes Points.

Sweepstakes points will be awarded on the following basis:

- a) Individual Events ("single weight" events), NFA, and Duo Interp:
 - First Place.....10 points
 - Second Place7.5 points
 - Third Place5 points
 - Finalist3 points
- b) Parli Debate:
 - First Place.....20 points
 - Second Place15 points
 - Semi-Finalists10 points
 - Quarter Finalist5 points
 - Octo Finalist.....3 points

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS:

THE KEELING AWARD: Patti Keeling was known for her interpretation coaching, but she was also a great debate coach. Thus, this award is given to the top individual point getter who is entered in both interpretation of literature events and any debate event. Student **MUST** be entered in both types of event and this award is available to Novice or Open competitors.

THE MAXIMUS AWARD: This award is given to the top point getter at the tournament. This award is available to Open competitors only.

JUDGING

Judging commitment will be based on the following formulas: every 5 individual events entries requires one round of judging and every judge covers 2 parliamentary debate entry. Because the tournament is double flighted in NFA for some rounds, one NFA judge will cover 3 entries. *Judges are expected to judge one round beyond the point their students are eliminated from competition. **If Octofinals are held in debate, judges will be expected to judge two rounds beyond the point their students are eliminated from competition.***

It is vital that judges are present during the critical elimination rounds. Because of the difficulty of finding enough qualified debate judges, **we will allow schools only TWO uncovered debate entries.** These, as usual, will assess uncovered fees as well as the entry fee.

If you anticipate problems meeting your commitment, please let us know in advance and we will make efforts to assist you. Hired judges will be compensated. IE and Parli judges will be paid \$10/round, while NFA judges will be paid \$15 per double flighted round. Judges/coaches who do miss ballots without notifying the director of judges and without having had a previous ballot which may have delayed them may be charged the appropriate nuisance fee to compensate the judge/coach who did replace them.

QUALIFIED JUDGE

We will follow NFA, NPDA, and NIET guidelines for qualified judges. Other judges may be approved at the tournament director's discretion.

A) NPDA Format

1. The topic for each debate round will be announced in front of the cafeteria by postings. Teams will then have twenty minutes to prep and get to their respective rooms.
2. There will be no "Warm Room".
3. A 20 minute forfeit rule will be strictly enforced. Any team not ready to debate 20 minutes after the scheduled start time forfeits unless the delay is the fault of the tournament.
4. **Disclosure is allowed only AFTER the ballot has been submitted to the tabulation room.**

B) Alternative Style Teams

1. Three person Teams

Schools with an odd number of debaters may enter a three person team. The coach may select which two debaters participate in each round. For purposes of speaker awards, points will not be averaged for rounds the third member of the partnership misses. Teams will not be allowed to join other 3 person or "hybrid teams" after the tournament has begun.

2. Hybrid Teams

A hybrid team may be allowed, at the tournament director's discretion, if the directors of both programs involved in the partnership agree. If a hybrid team member is matched against a team from his/her own school in elimination rounds, the debate will proceed.

3. Maverick Debaters are NOT allowed.

C) Pairings

1. Debate rounds 1 and 2 will be set at random
2. Round 3 will be power matched after rounds 1 and 2, round 4 will be set after the first 3 rounds if possible.

**E) Elimination Round Advancement and Seeding will be based on the following
(Brackets will NOT be broken)**

1. won-loss record,
2. adjusted speaker points (dropping high-low)
3. overall speaker points
4. strength of opponents' record
5. opponents' points
6. coin flip

LODGING

Since Chabot College is centrally located, it is my assumption a number of schools will be commuting back and forth and not staying overnight. Thus, we have no blocked rooms. However, the La Quinta Inn on Hesperian has a "Chabot rate" of \$84/night plus tax, \$92.88 total. It is a hotel we have used before and many have been satisfied with it. It is located across the street from many food options, a Target, and a Starbucks.

Upscale

Hilton Garden Inn San Leandro: 510 Lewelling Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94579; 800-346-8357

Moderate

Hampton Inn: 24137 Mission Blvd; Hayward, CA 94544; 800-346-8357

Inexpensive

Super 8 Motel: 21800 Foothill Blvd; Hayward, CA 94541; 800-7

Directions to Chabot College:

No matter where you are coming from in the Bay Area, you must be on 880 to get to Chabot College.

From 880 North: Take 92 (San Mateo Bridge) exit towards the bridge. The second exit is Hesperian Blvd. Chabot College will be on your left.

From 880 South: Take 92 (San Mateo Bridge) exit towards the bridge. Stay right and follow the Hesperian Blvd. exit. Chabot College will be on your left.

Directions from the La Quinta Inn to Chabot College: Make a right on Hesperian Blvd. Keep driving. If you go over the freeway, you've gone too far.

If you are unable to stay at the La Quinta, there are some other options, all within 15 minutes of Chabot.

JUDGING & FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

School _____ Code _____

DOF _____

Office Phone _____ Home Phone _____ FAX _____

Judge's Name	Judging Competence			Availability	
_____	Debate	IE	Both	Fri	Sat
_____	Debate	IE	Both	Fri	Sat
_____	Debate	IE	Both	Fri	Sat
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Fee Calculation:

School Fee = \$ 25.00

Parliamentary debate teams x \$50.00 = \$ _____

NFA-LD x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Duos x \$16.00 = \$ _____

Individual Events entries x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Uncovered Parliamentary debate teams x \$50.00
(an additional fee on top of entry fee) = \$ _____

Uncovered NFA-LE debaters \$25.00
(an additional fee on top of entry fee) = \$ _____

Uncovered rounds of IE judging x \$15.00
(an additional fee on top of entry fee) = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____