

2016 SDSU “Aztec Invitational”

September 30, Oct 1, Oct 2, 2016

Dear Friends and Community Members,

It is with great pleasure that San Diego State University, the SDSU School of Communication, and the SDSU Forensics Team, invites you to the 2016 *Aztec Invitational*.

This year we are once again hosting the Mills Invitational on Sunday. This one-day tournament is a “modified” swing. Competitors have the option of doing a team debate event and pattern B IE events, or competing in a second complete IE tournament.

Our hope is that this format advances your students towards their national-circuit goals over the span of one weekend.

This year the tournaments feature:

- 2 IE Tournaments (Sat and Sun)
- 4 prelim rounds of IPDA with 2 Elims (Sun)
- 6 prelim rounds of NPDA debate (Fri-Sat, breaking to doubles if warranted).
- 4 rounds of rookie NPDA debate (*Fri*)
- 6 prelim rounds of WUDC “Worlds” debate (Fri and Sat)
- 5 prelim rounds of *CEDA/NDT* debate (Fri and Sat)

Open and Novice divisions will be offered in all respective events, **where warranted**.

Registration

Registration on Friday September 30, will be at 11am-1230pm on the grassy plaza between the School of Communication and Hardy Tower. Saturday and Sunday registration will from 7am-10am in front of the Little Theatre near the grassy plaza.
Look for the red canopy

General Guidelines

Tournament Rules – AFA, NFA, WUDC, CEDA/NDT, and NPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, *unless specified elsewhere in this invitation.*

In NPDA debate, hybrid teams and three person teams may compete. In WUDC debate and CEDA hybrid teams may participate.

PLEASE NOTE: In NPDA, no person who has competed for ten (10) or more semesters or has competed at NPDA or NPTE in four (4) different years may compete.

In IE’s, no person who has competed for eight (8) or more semesters or has competed at a collegiate national tournament in four (4) different years may compete.

Divisions

The SDSU Aztec Invitational will offer novice and open divisions of all reasonably populated IEs and debate events (***see policy BELOW on collapsing divisions with less than 6 competitors***).

Students are considered to be novices in individual events when:

1. They are in their first year (defined as first two semesters of collegiate or high school individual event competition), and
2. They have not placed third or higher in a similar event (Public Address, Interpretation or Limited Preparation) two or more times in any division including high school. For example, a student may be novice in interpretation, but be open in public address events.
3. “Open” will be reserved for competitors of any year or level (assuming THEY ARE still eligible by national standards), and does not require unique qualification.
4. In “Rookie” NPDA debate no person who has competed in a tournament either prior to or during college will be eligible (the Cool Off being the only exception).

Entry Procedure-- Entries will be accepted electronically at <http://www.forensictournament.net>. Registration must be completed by 11:00 pm on Tuesday September, 27. After that, email all changes to mcwhearty@gmail.com.

Entry Limits- Participants will be limited to a maximum of 3 events per pattern in both tournaments. It is the sole responsibility of the participants to check in to rooms on time, write names and school codes on the board, communicate with judges, and make it to rounds within the time allotted. Late arrivals who have not “checked-in” will be subject to an automatic drop.

IE Patterns/Scheduling –

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

Pattern B = IMP, PER, CA, DI, POI, DUO

Pattern C = IPDA

Pattern D = NPDA

Pattern E = CEDA/NDT

Pattern F = WUDC

Lower Entry Fees/Financial Information

Fees will be assessed at noon on **Wednesday, September 28th**. In addition to a \$25.00 school fee, the following fees will be assessed for students competing in the tournament:

1. \$10.00 per IE slot.
2. \$65.00 per Team Debate slot (BP, NPDA, CEDA/NDT).
3. \$ 25.00 per IPDA competitor.

All checks, cash, or money orders for both tournaments should be made payable to: SDSU Forensics Team. Our address is: San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA. 92182-4560.

Judge/Critic/Adjudicator Information

Judging Commitment

- One judge can cover up to two NPDA debate teams.
- One judge can cover up to two CEDA/NDT debate teams.
- One judge can cover two IPDA debaters –OR– up to five IE slots per pattern.
- The same judge cannot cover both Individual Events and IPDA Debate. Please specify whether a judge should be placed in the IPDA pool OR the IE pool when registering.
- In BP format debate, the adjudicator requirement is n-1 (e.g., 4 teams would require 3 judges).

Please note:

- Debate judges are needed through the second elimination round, and one round beyond the squad's elimination.
- IE judges are committed through finals.

Meeting this commitment is essential for these tournaments.

Available Judges

We REALLY want you to bring your judges and will pay any of your judges HOLDING A bachelor's degree \$15.00 per round for judging beyond their commitment. Please alert us to judges who are willing to judge beyond their commitment.

Uncovered judge fees will be assessed on the following basis:

1. \$20.00 per IE slot
2. \$75.00 per IPDA slot
3. \$100 per Team Debate Slot (BP, NPDA, CEDA/NDT)

Please bring judges!!!

Schedule for both tournaments

Friday Schedule (Aztec Invitational)

1:00-2:20 RD 1 NPDA, Rookie Rd 1
 2:30-3:50 RD 2 NPDA, Rookie Rd 2
 4:00-5:20 RD 3 NPDA, Rookie Rd 3
 5:30-6:50 RD 4 NPDA, Rookie Rd 4

2:00-4:00 RD 1 BP, CEDA 1
 4:00-6:00 RD 2 BP, CEDA 2
 6:00-8:00 RD 3 BP, CEDA 3

Saturday Schedule (Aztec Invitational)

8:00-9:20 – RD 5 NPDA, RD 1 Pattern A,
 9:30-10:50 – RD 6 NPDA; RD 2 Pattern A,
 11:00-12:20 – Rd 1 Pattern B, Partial Octs (overlap 30min) 12:00-1:00- Break BP
 12:30-1:50 – Octs Parli
 1:30-2:45 –RD 2 Pattern B
 3:00-4:30 – Quarters Parli, Finals Pattern A
 4:45-6:15 – Semi’s Parli, Finals Pattern B
 5:45-7:00 – Final B (overlap 30min)
 7:00/ASAP Awards, Finals Parli

8:00-10:00 – RD 4 BP, CEDA 4
 10:00-12:00 – RD 5 BP, CEDA 5
 1:00-3:00 – RD 6 BP, CEDA Elim 1
 3:30-5:30- BP Elim 1, CEDA Elim 2
 5:30-7:30- BP Elim 2, CEDA Elim 3

Sunday Schedule (Mills Invitational)

8:00-9:20 RD 1 Pattern A, IPDA Round 1
 9:30-10:50 RD 2 Pattern A, IPDA Round 2
 11:00-12:00 LUNCH Break
 12:00-1:20 RD 1 Pattern B, IPDA Round 3
 1:30 – 2:40 RD 2 Pattern B, IPDA 4
 3:00-4:20 Finals Pattern A, IPDA Elim 1
 4:30-5:50 Finals Pattern B, IPDA Elim2
 6:15/ASAP Awards Ceremony

Tournament Specifics

Limited Preparation Events

This year, impromptu will be “AFA-style,” with the same two quotations used for each new round, with speakers waiting outside the room for their turn to enter and perform. Additionally, extemporaneous speakers **will be allowed** full use of the internet, and not restricted to hardcopy, or digital files. **Please register under Guest with SDSU wireless.

Policy on Collapsing Divisions

If there are fewer than six (6) entries in an event, *it may be collapsed into the next* highest division. If this occurs, top novices will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony.

ELIMINATION ROUNDS/IE's

Criteria for Elimination Round – IN NOVICE, any event with less than seven (7) contestants ***may not have a final round***. For events with 7 or more competitors competing in all preliminary rounds, a final round will be held. In open division, a final round of less than seven (7) contestants will STILL be held in each event.

Advancement to Elimination Rounds – No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, and then by the highest cumulative ratings.

Advancement in Elimination Rounds - Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings in the final round, then by judge's preference and finally by the highest cumulative ratings in the final round and preliminary rounds.

PROCEDURAL ISSUES/NPDA

Disclosure – Disclosure is at the judge's discretion. Oral critiques are fine but please keep on schedule!

Preliminary Rounds –

- Power-matching for all preliminary rounds will be high-low in win-loss brackets.
- When brackets are uneven, teams from the middle of the lower bracket will be pulled up to the next bracket.
- Rounds One and Two will be random-matched.
- Rounds Three and Four will be power-matched based upon the results of all previous rounds.

Elimination Rounds - Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon record, followed by total speaker points, then adjusted speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by Z-Score.
Per NPDA rules, brackets WILL be broken in elimination rounds.

PROCEDURAL ISSUES/WUDC

Preliminary Rounds

- Power-matching for all preliminary rounds will be compliant with WUDC procedures (Round 1 randomized, Rounds 2+ power-matched)

Preparation Time

- In compliance with the WUDC guidelines, competitors **are not** allowed to use electronic devices during prep time. Also, competitors **are not** allowed to prep with their coaches and other staff.

Novice Division

- **A novice speaker is a speaker that has competed in intercollegiate speech and debate (aka Forensics) for less than one calendar year (12 months).**
- We will have awards for the top novice team as well as the top novice speaker.
- To register your team/speakers as novice, you must contact the tab director by the end of the first day of the tournament.

AWARDS

- All finalists for IEs and all advancing debate teams will receive awards for each respective tournament.
- WUDC will be giving awards to finalists, semifinalists, top speaker, top novice speaker, and top community college team.
- Additionally, sweepstakes awards will be issued to the top 2 institutions for debate and the top 2 institutions for IEs. These awards will be given separately for 2-year and 4-year divisions.
- Combined tournament sweepstakes awards will be offered for top 2 year school and top 4 year school competing in both tournaments.
- ***Finally, a limited amount of speaker awards will be issued for all debate events, with no less than the top-5 speakers in each respective division, recognized.***

Sweepstakes Awards

Sweepstakes Points – Points will be assigned by this formula:

Event: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd/SF, 4th/QF, Finalist/*OF*

- **BP:** 20, 16, 12, 8, 4
- **NPDA*:** 20, 16, 12, 8, 4
- **CEDA:** 20, 16, 12, 8, 4
- **IE's/IPDA:** 10, 8, 6, 4, 2
- **Duo:** 20, 16, 12, 8, 4

SPECIAL AWARDS

Dr. Paul Gaske Award (SDSU): This monetary award is given in memory of a former SDSU Director of Forensics, who sought to blur the lines between debate and individual event competition. This award is given to the **single top-performer** competing in any version of team debate and also in individual events in the Aztec Invitational.

Dr. Patrick Mills Award (Palomar): This award is given in memory of the greatest limited prep speaker to ever compete for SDSU. Dr. Mills served as a Professor of Communication at Palomar for over 26 years. This award is presented to the top limited preparation speaker in the Mills Invitational.

NPDA Debate Information

NPDA Central Topic Announcement – NPDA topics will be announced in front of the Little Theatre outside of Hepner Hall and the School of Communication, near the grassy plaza where registration was held. Debaters will be given 20 minutes from the time the topic is announced, to make it to their room. Participants should take care to know the main buildings on campus, utilize the maps that will be issued, and take advantage of the many students who will be directing competitors to their assigned buildings.

LOGISTICS

Parking – All parking for the Aztec Invitational will occur in **Parking 12** (formerly PS-4), where no special passes are required, and ticketing will not occur. Please refer to map (embedded in the invite below) for specific location and directions.

Food

Food will be supplied to all judges, adjudicators, and tournament staff. Afternoon Pizza will be supplied to competitors ***on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday***. Please plan accordingly for any special dietary restrictions and note that there **are NO** supermarkets in the immediate vicinity around the campus.

Closest Market Options:

1. Ralphps: 6670 Montezuma Road
2. Vons: 6155 El Cajon Boulevard

Lodging

There is no official tournament hotel. Please take advantage of the off-season hotel and motel packages throughout the area. The Hotel Circle area tends to be most common for teams coming to the area, but there are many options to choose from in almost any direction from campus within a 10-15 minute driving range.

Nearby Lodging Suggestions: Please see link for a comparison of nearby lodging options, current availability, and discount inquiries (e.g., AAA, Veteran Status, and other affiliated discounts at: <http://www.hotels.com/de1653953/hotels-near-san-diego-state-university-san-diego-united-states-of-america/>

Tax Exemption #

You might also inquire about prices using the tax exempt number of your institution. Frequently there is a single form faxed to you to fill out and send back to the hotel. It takes only a minute to do and can save you California tax charges.

We hope you consider attending the 2016 Aztec Invitational and Mills Invitational on the SDSU campus. These tournaments are sure to provide incredible early-season competitive experience and point opportunities to schools that choose to attend.

We look forward to seeing you and your squad in San Diego in October!

Sincerely,

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Appendix A: Campus Map

Printable SDSU Colored Map Link:

https://sunspot.sdsu.edu/map/sdsu_map.pdf

*As always, maps and more detailed information about tournament navigation will be issued to teams at registration.