

Pacific Meets the Delta Swing

Invitational Forensics Tournament

November 3-5, 2017

Mustang Invitational

IE-Only Tournament – November 3, 2017

Hosted by San Joaquin Delta College

Paul Winters Invitational

IE/LD/NPDA Tournament November 3-5, 2017

Hosted by University of the Pacific

Pat Kennedy Memorial Round Robin

Round Robin Tournament – November 3, 2017

Hosted by University of the Pacific

Dear Colleague:

The Speech and Debate teams of the University of the Pacific and San Joaquin Delta College are pleased to invite you and your forensics squad to attend the **Pacific Meets the Delta** invitational forensics tournaments. The swing tournaments, held in Stockton, CA are comprised of the Mustang Invitational (November 3) and the Pat Kennedy Parliamentary Round Robin (Nov. 3)/Paul Winters Invitational (November 4-5).

San Joaquin Delta College's **Mustang Invitational**. Two preliminary rounds of competition in Novice and Open divisions of all eleven AFA/Phi Rho Pi individual events will be offered. Events with seven or more competitors will advance to a final round. Judging Pool will be separate with the Paul Winters Invitational.

The University of the Pacific's **Paul Winters Invitational** is a full-service tournament featuring NPDA Debate, NFA LD Debate, and Individual events. NPDA and IE's run on Saturday and Sunday, while NFA L/D is primarily on Friday with Semis- and Finals on Saturday. Two preliminary rounds of competition in Novice and Open divisions of all eleven AFA/Phi Rho Pi individual events will be offered, advancing to semifinals (as appropriate) or finals in each event. Six preliminary rounds of Novice, Junior, and Open divisions of NPDA Parliamentary Debate will advance to appropriate elimination rounds.

SPECIAL NOTE: This tournament will feature two minutes of flex time after the PMC and LOC, as well as one minute of flex time after the MGC, and LOR. This time may be used for prep, CX, drinking water, etc.

Additionally, four preliminary rounds of NFA L/D Debate (advancing to appropriate elimination rounds) will be offered. **NOTA BENE: ALL BALLOTS IN NPDA will be ELECTRONIC!** Judges will be expected to have an internet-capable device and have established a guest account on PacificNet_Guest PRIOR to Round One on Saturday morning. Postings will be at www.parlitournament.com ****NOTE: In the event of conflict, the resolution AS ANNOUNCED BY THE TD takes precedence over anything posted electronically****

INTERNET ACCESS IS **NOT guaranteed.** There are a series of steps to get internet access via PacificNet_Guest, but it does not work with all phones. You are **REQUIRED** to have a backup if you are judging Parli. We cannot help you with logging on as it is a confusing series of tubes that is beyond our arcane expertise.

On Friday, November 3, the University of the Pacific will also host the **Pat Kennedy Tournament**, a modified Round Robin. This one-day tournament will draw many of NPDA's best programs to compete against one another. Applications are due to Steven Farias (sfarias@pacific.edu) by October 16, 2017. All entries must be received by Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 11pm. Entries will be taken electronically at forensictournament.net. Changes (but no additions) may be made until Thursday at Noon. If you have never used this method for submitting tournament entries, you will find this page straightforward and efficient. The forensics teams from the University of the Pacific and San Joaquin Delta College Colleges hope to see you and your squad here on November 3-5. If there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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2017 Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, Nov 3–Mustang Invit (@Delta)

12:00PM Registration
12:45PM Extemp Prep Start (Prep Room in Library)
1:00PM Round 1 (Pattern A)
2:15PM Extemp Prep Start
2:30 PM Round 2 (Pattern A)
3:45PM Round 1 (Pattern B)
5:00 PM Round 2 (Pattern B)
6:15PM Pattern A Finals/Extemp Prep
6:45PM Pizza in Danner Hall
7:45 PM Pattern B Finals
Awards ASAP

NFA L-D DEBATE SCHEDULE--

FRIDAY, Nov 3–Paul Winters (at UOP)

**8:30-9:00 REGISTRATION –
REGENT'S DINING ROOM**
9:00-10:15 Round 1: NFA LD Debate (flighted)
10:30-11:45 Round 2: NFA LD Debate (flighted)
1:00-2:15 Round 3: NFA LD Debate (flighted)
2:30-3:45 Round 4: NFA LD Debate
4:00-5:15 Octofinals: NFA LD Debate
5:30-6:45 Quarterfinals: NFA LD Debate
7:00-7:20 LINCOLN DOUGLAS AWARDS

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

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

***IF IN PATTERN A AND LD SEMIS,
GO TO IE ROUND FIRST!**

SATURDAY, Nov. 4– Paul Winters

**7:30-8:15 REGISTRATION – Grace Covell
Dining**

8:15 Topic Announced: Round 1
8:40-9:30 Round One: NPDA Debate
9:45 Topic Announced: Round 2
10:10-11:00 Round Two: NPDA Debate
11:15-Topic Announced: Round 3
11:40-12:30: Round Three: NPDA Debate
12:30-1:45 LUNCH (Provided)
1:00- Extemp Draw
1:15-2:30 Round One Pattern A Events
1:15-2:30 Semi Finals: NFA LD Debate
2:40- Topic Announced: Round 4
3:05-3:50 Round Four: NPDA Debate
4:05-5:20 Round One: Pattern B Events
4:05-5:20 Finals: NFA LD Debate
5:30- Topic Announced: Round 5
5:55-6:45 Round Five: NPDA Debate
7:05-8:30 Round Two: Pattern B Events

SUNDAY, November 5 –Paul Winters

8:00 Topic Announced: NPDA Debate Round 6
8:25-9:15 Round Six: NPDA Debate
9:15- Extemp Draw
9:30-10:40 Round Two: Pattern A Events
10:50 Topic Announced: Double Octo-Finals
11:15-12:05 Double Octo-Finals: NPDA Debate
12:05 Extemp Semis Draw (If Necessary)
12:20-1:35 Finals: Pattern B/ALL IE Semifinals
1:45 Topic Announced: Octofinals
2:10-3:00 Octofinals: NPDA Debate
3:00 Extemp Draw
3:15-4:30 Finals: Pattern A/remaining B Finals
4:40 Topic Announced: Quarter-Finals
5:05-5:55 Quarter-Finals: NPDA Debate
6:00 or ASAP AWARDS – Grace Covell Dining
ASAP Semis and Finals: NPDA Debate

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PART ONE: TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Tournament Rules – AFA, NFA, and NPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere in this invitation. Hybrid teams and three person teams may compete (although only two debaters may speak in a given round). Only NFA L/D debaters may compete without a partner.

Competitor Eligibility - Any undergraduate in a two-year or four-year college or university carrying 6 or more units is eligible. No person who has competed for 10 or more semesters or has competed at a collegiate national tournament in 5 different years may compete. UOP and San Joaquin Delta College students may participate, but will not accrue sweepstakes points.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Both tournaments will exclusively use <http://www.forensictournament.net>. Entries must be completed by 11:00 pm on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Drops and name changes (but no adds) can be made until Thursday, November 3 at

12:00 pm. **ALL** Fees (judging and entry) will accrue as of Thursday at 12 noon.

PART TWO: INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

EVENTS OFFERED

Students **MAY NOT** enter more than **THREE** events per pattern. It is the sole responsibility of competitors to complete **ALL** events in the time given. Failure to do so will result in a no-show score for that round. The following events will be offered in Novice and Open division:

Pattern A – Extemporaneous Speaking, Informative Speaking, After Dinner Speaking, Prose Interpretation and Poetry Interpretation.

Pattern B – Impromptu Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Communication Analysis, Duo Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, and Programmed Oral Interpretation.

DIVISION RULES

Eligibility Rules - Open Division is available to all eligible students, regardless of experience. Students are novices in individual events when they:

1. are in their first year (defined as two semesters) of collegiate individual event competition and
2. have not placed third or higher in a similar event two or more times in any division.
3. have limited high school experience. Directors should use discretion regarding appropriate divisions.

Novice division student whose success at the Mustang Invitational causes them to meet Open division standards do not lose their novice eligibility for the Paul Winters Invitational. ***ENTRY CHANGES AFTER POSTINGS HAVE BEEN MADE: We all make mistakes. However, if you do not catch the mistake BEFORE 10 pm on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, the changes will NOT BE MADE. You may drop the***

competitor, but no changes in events or Adds to events will be accepted. It only creates errors and delays the tournament. REMEMBER FEES (Judging & Entry) ACCRUE ON THURSDAY!

Collapsing Divisions – Every effort will be made to protect novice competitors. However, if there are fewer than seven (7) 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

Criteria for Elimination Round - Any event with less than 7 contestants will not have a final round. For events with 7 to 29 competitors competing in all preliminary rounds, a final round will be held. In events where more than 30 students compete in all preliminary rounds, semifinals will be offered. This rule is NOT applied to the Mustang Invitational. Events that break to an elimination round at the Mustang Invitational will go directly to finals.

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, then by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion) and finally by the highest cumulative ratings. In larger events, preference will be given to clean breaks versus larger numbers in elims.

Placement/Advancement in Elimination Rounds - Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by judge's preference, followed by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion) and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

PART THREE: NFA L/D DEBATE

PROCEDURAL ISSUES

Paradigm – NFA L/D Debate is a communication event that is debated in a stock issues paradigm. In deference to the intent of the event, we ask that all competitors and critics are mindful of these rules. Complete rules can be found on the NFA webpage (<http://www.nationalforensics.org>).

Double Entry – Two divisions (Junior/Open) will be offered and run separately on Friday. This means that L/D debaters may enter into individual events in either Pattern A or Pattern B without conflict!

Disclosure - Please help us keep **on schedule**. Following the return of the ballot, critics may disclose as much information as they see fit. Delays caused by coaches/judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including removal from the tournament.

PAIRINGS AND TOPICS

Preliminary Rounds - The computer will randomly match Round 1. Rounds 2, 3 and 4 will be paired high-low within win-loss brackets based upon the results of all previous rounds. Lag powering may be employed, if necessary, to keep the tournament on schedule.

Elimination Rounds - Seeding in elimination rounds will be based first upon wins, then by total speaker points, followed by opposition record, then adjusted speaker points, and finally judge variance (Z-Score). In

elimination rounds, brackets will NOT be broken (as per NFA practice). A partial elimination round will be held, as necessary.

Forfeit Rule – Debaters will be forfeited if they fail to arrive at their competition room more than 5 minutes after the round was scheduled to start. The tournament is not responsible for double-entered students failing to appear on time.

PART FOUR: NPDA DEBATE

STRUCTURE

Six preliminary rounds of parliamentary debate will be offered followed by double-octafinals in open division. Competition will be administered according to the NPDA rules of Judging and Debating. Time limits are 7 minutes for the 1st government constructive, 8 minutes for all other constructive speeches, 4 minutes for the leader of opposition rebuttal, and 5 minutes for the prime minister rebuttal.

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DIVISIONS

Provided that there are at least 18 entrants per division, Novice, Junior and Senior divisions will be offered. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines. Eligibility is determined based upon the most experienced partner. For collegiate eligibility: A semester means the student has competed in at least three tournaments of any style of debate. To be classified as a novice: **The student should have no high school debate experience. This includes high school or home school team policy, LD, Parli, Ted Turner, and/or Public Forum).** The student should be in the first two semesters of collegiate debate. Once the student has advanced to elimination rounds 3 times, the student should be advanced to the junior or open division. Eligibility violations will result in the removal of the team from the tournament and forfeit wins awarded to any opponents in rounds taking place prior to the removal of the team. In the event of conflict, the resolution AS ANNOUNCED BY THE TD takes precedence over anything posted electronically.

PROCEDURAL ISSUES

Topic Areas: There are no announced topic areas.

Philosophies & Strikes: Judging Philosophies need to be e-mailed and acknowledged no later than Thursday, November 2, 2017. Schools not turning in philosophies by that time will not be allowed to enter strikes. Strikes for OPEN DIVISION TEAMS ONLY will be due no later than Friday, November 3, at 11:00 pm. Strikes will be entered electronically and information will be sent to the email address stored with your account on Forensictournament.net. Philosophies MUST be entered at the correct place in FTN. Philosophies should not be entered with the conflicts/availability information.

Disclosure – Please help us keep **on schedule**. Following the return of the ELECTRONIC ballot, critics may disclose as much information as they see fit. Delays attributed to coach/judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including removal from the tournament.

Preliminary Rounds – Power-matching for all preliminary rounds will be high-low in win-loss brackets. The computer will randomly match Rounds 1 and 2. Rounds 3 through 6 will be power-matched (high-low

within win-loss brackets) based upon the results of all previous rounds. The tournament, in extreme cases, reserves the right to lag power.

Elimination Rounds – Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by judge variance. In elimination rounds, brackets **WILL** be broken. Partial elimination rounds will be held, as necessary. The number of teams advancing to elimination rounds will be dictated by NPDA's guidelines regarding appropriate breaks.

Forfeit Rule – Debaters will be forfeited if they fail to arrive at their competition room more than 5 minutes after the round was scheduled to start. The tournament is not responsible for double-entered students failing to appear on time.

PART FIVE: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ENTRY FEES

The fee **schedule** is the same for both tournaments (and has not changed for six years! ;-). However, you must have **TWO** checks (or cash). One made out to San Joaquin Delta College, and one made out to Pacific Forensics (or some permutation thereof) for the Pat Kennedy/Paul Winters Tournament. Fees will be assessed at noon on Thursday, November 2. Because we need to finalize our trophy order and order lunch for both days, we cannot accommodate last minute reductions in fees. In addition to a \$50.00 school fee, the following fees (unchanged from 2009) will be assessed:

- \$10.00/Individual Events slot
- \$25.00/NFA LD Debate slot.
- \$15.00/Duo Interpretation slot.
- \$75.00/ NPDA debate team.

Uncovered Fees –

Uncovered judge fees will be assessed on the following basis (on top of standard fees):

- \$20.00/I.E. slot.
- \$50.00/L/D Debate slot.
- \$150.00/ Debate team

NUISANCE/DROP FEES

In order to provide a balanced field for all competitors, we will be assessing a nuisance fee if any of your competitors fail to show to their event, or are dropped the day of the tournament, This will be assessed equal to the entry fee of the event. This is **IN ADDITION** to the entry fees that were accrued at the drop deadline. Additionally, any drops past the drop deadline will not change your uncovered entry fees.

PAYMENT

Payment is due and payable no later than the end of competition on the first day of **YOUR** involvement in the tournament (e.g., if your school is competing in LD **or at the Mustang Invitational**, payment is due no later than the end of Friday, If you are just competing in IEs and/or NPDA, then your payment is due no later than the end of Saturday). Failure to pay will result in all of your teams being pulled from the tournament. No, we cannot bill you. Purchase orders are **NOT** acceptable. **WE CAN accept payment via credit**

card and before the tournament via a stable link that will be posted on forensicstournament.com.

JUDGING

Commitment – One judge can cover up to two L/D debaters or up to **five** IE slots per pattern. Each judge can also cover up to two NPDA teams. Because of the nature of a tournament, we will attempt to honor half-commitments, but cannot guarantee it. Especially when schools bring nov/junior only judges. Debate judges are needed through the first TWO elimination rounds **and** one round beyond their team's/debater's elimination. An I.E. judge is committed through finals. Meeting this commitment is essential for this tournament.

Available Judges – In 2016, we paid over \$2000.00 to hired judges. We would like to reduce this amount a bit, so we REALLY want you to bring your judges. We make no money on these fees and are willing to either reduce a school's fees or pay any of your judges with bachelor's degree \$15.00 for an NPDA Debate round or \$10.00 for an Individual Event/NFA LD Debate round. Please alert us to judges who are willing to judge beyond their commitment. **We will guarantee \$225 and shared lodging for anyone willing to commit to the ENTIRE weekend! IF you do not require lodging, we will pay \$250.**

PART SIX: AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Individual Events – First through third place receive handsome trophies while all other finalists receive finalist award paperweights. NFA L/D debaters advancing to an elimination round will receive awards, but will not receive speaker awards.

NPDA Debate – Each debate team advancing to an elimination round will receive an award. In NPDA debate, the top ten speakers in each division will receive speaker awards. Speaker awards will be determined by: 1. Adjusted points, 2. total points; 3. double adjusted points; 4. judge variance (Z-score).

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

Individual Events - Sweepstakes points will be issued to all participants in semifinals and finals based on the following scale. No points will be given for preliminary rounds.

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place Finalist Semifinalist

10 points 7 points 5 points 3 points 1 point

Parliamentary, LD, and CEDA/NDT Debate

- 3 points will be given for each preliminary round win IF the team has a 50% or better preliminary round win/loss record. Teams with less than a 50% record will receive no preliminary round points.
- 3 points will be given to each team that reaches the elimination rounds.

Equalization of Debate and Individual Events - For team sweepstakes for the Paul Winters Invitational, debate and individual events will be equalized. This equalization is achieved by the use of percentiles. All sweepstakes points earned by all debate teams are summed. The points earned by each squad are divided by the total number of points earned in debate in order to determine what percentage of all debate points were earned by the team. Similarly, all sweepstakes points earned by all individual events competitors (LD is considered an IE) are summed. A similar percentile score is calculated in individual events for each squad.

The two percentile scores for a school (debate and IE) are added together in order to determine an equalized aggregate sweepstakes score. Assuming a school earned all of the possible sweepstakes points in the tournament (a mathematical impossibility), the maximum score they could earn would be 200 points (100% for debate, and 100% for IE). For swing sweepstakes, individual events points from both tournaments are pooled to determine the IE percentiles.

Small School Status - Team entries are aggregated with an NPDA team being the equivalent of 2 IE slots, and an NFA-LD entry being the equivalent of 1.5 IE slots. After ranking the entries of the teams entered in the pool, the bottom 1/3 of entries are classified as small schools.

Individual Events Sweepstakes - Awards will be presented to the top five open division individual events competitors. Competitors must be competing in at least four individual events. The school formula noted above will be used for the allocation of points. For the purposes of this award, Open Lincoln-Douglas will count as one event.

Tournament School Awards –Tournament School Awards –The top two 4-year and the top two 2-year schools for overall tournament sweepstakes awards will be presented for the Mustang Invitational and Paul Winters Invitational. Additionally, we will recognize the top three small schools in overall sweepstakes at the Paul Winters Invitational.

Swing School Awards – The Swing will be divided into two equal parts – debate and individual events. Each school's points will be calculated as a percentage of the total points earned by all schools in each portion of the tournament. The percentage scores for both halves will be added together to determine rankings for each school. NFA L/D debate contributes to the IE portion of the tournament. Awards will be presented to the top three two-year and four-year school, respectively as well as three Small School sweepstakes awards. Schools who are the in the lower 1/3 of aggregate entries are considered small schools. An NPDA debate team will count as 2 IE slots and an NFA L/D debater counts for 1.5 slots.

PART SEVEN: LODGING AND DIRECTIONS

LODGING

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The full service Hilton Stockton is a great location with very nice rooms, restaurant, coffee bar, etc. A little pricier, but well worth the cost. 209-957-9090, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd, Stockton, CA 95207.

Tournament rates are currently available at the Best Western Plus Heritage Inn located at 111 E March Lane, CA 95207. \$78 (+tax)/night with a hot breakfast and internet included. Call 209-474-3301 and ask for the "UOP Speech and Debate College" rate.

Finally, rates are also available at the La Quinta Inn in Stockton—similarly located off Interstate 5. The rate for La Quinta is \$85.50 per night for 1-4 people. Free Breakfast! Free Internet!! In-room hair dryer!!! ☺ To make a reservation please call 209-952-7800 and use "University College Tournament" DEADLINE to reserve at this rate is Oct. 12, 2017! Book now to get the lowest rate!

DIRECTIONS

To the University of the Pacific Campus – From Interstate 5, take the March Lane Exit and head East on March Lane. Make a right on Pacific Avenue. The University of the Pacific will be on your right. The campus map is available at <http://www.pacific.edu/about/pacific-maps-directions/campus-map.asp>

PARKING: Buses must park and unload in Lots 1 and 2 next to the tennis courts (previously where the football stadium existed). On Friday, please do not park in “A” spots, (B or N) is acceptable. On Saturday & Sunday, all vehicles may park in any available and legal spot.

To the San Joaquin Delta College- From Interstate 5, take the March Lane Exit and head East on March Lane. Make a left on Pacific Avenue. The San Joaquin Delta College will be on your left, just past Target. The campus map is available at http://www.deltacollege.edu/info/general/map/campusmap_lg_pkg.html

September 20, 2017