

# **Pacific Meets the Delta Swing**

Invitational Forensics Tournament

November 6-8, 2020

## **Mustang Invitational Asynchronous Tournament**

IE-Only Tournament — November 2-8, 2020

Hosted by San Joaquin Delta College

## **Pat Kennedy Memorial Round Robin**

Round Robin Tournament — November 6, 2019

Hosted by University of the Pacific

## **Paul Winters Invitational**

IE/LD/NPDA Tournament November 6-8, 2020

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 will be held online comprised of the Mustang Invitational Individual Events Tournament (Asynchronous Nov. 2-8, 2020), the Pat Kennedy Parliamentary Debate Round Robin (Synchronous Nov. 6, 2020) and Paul Winters Invitational Full-Service tournament (Synchronous Nov. 6-8, 2020).

San Joaquin Delta College's **Mustang Invitational** will feature two preliminary rounds of competition in Novice and Open divisions of all eleven AFA/Phi Rho Pi individual events. The tournament will operate asynchronously with preliminary rounds judged during the week (Mon.-Fri.) and elimination rounds being judged over the weekend (Fri.-Sun.). Events with seven or more competitors will advance to a final round. All entries must be submitted with a link to the video no later than Monday, Nov. 2, 2020 by 5:00 PM PST.

On Friday, November 6, 2020, the University of the Pacific will also host the **Pat Kennedy Round Robin Tournament**, a modified Round Robin. Applications are due to Steven Farias ([sfarias@pacific.edu](mailto:sfarias@pacific.edu)) no later than October 23, 2020 by 8:00 PM PST. We will accept up to 12 teams and will alert teams ASAP about acceptance of their bid. A separate invite will be circulated for the Round Robin.

The University of the Pacific's **Paul Winters Invitational** is a full-service tournament featuring NPDA Debate, NFA LD Debate, and Individual events. NFA LD Debate runs on Friday evening through Sunday. NPDA Debate runs Saturday and Sunday and conflicts with IEs which will run concurrently with debate rounds on Sunday. 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. Five preliminary rounds of Novice and Open divisions of NPDA Parliamentary and NFA LD debate will advance to appropriate elimination rounds. If students wish to compete in both debate and IEs at the swing, we advise them to participate in the asynchronous tournament.

All entries for the Paul Winters are due Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020 by 8 PM PST. Entries will be taken electronically at [speechwire.com](http://speechwire.com). Changes and drops can be made but additions and/or replacements must occur on a case by case basis. If you have never used this method for submitting tournament entries, please email either myself ([sfarias@pacific.edu](mailto:sfarias@pacific.edu)) or Ben Stewart ([support@speechwire.com](mailto:support@speechwire.com)). The forensics teams from the University of the Pacific and San Joaquin Delta College look forward to hosting you and your students Nov. 6-8, 2020. We will be creating separate website that will contain information, FAQ, best practices documents, etc. If there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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# Paul Winters Invitational-Debate Schedule

2020 Schedule of Events (all times PST)

## Pat Kennedy RR

### **FRIDAY, Nov. 6**

#### **7:00-7:15 AM- ROUND ZERO**

7:15 AM Topic 1 Announce

7:40 AM Round 1

9:00 AM Topic 2 Announce

9:25 AM Round 2

10:45 AM Topic 3 Announce

11:10 AM Round 3 (Octos)

#### **12:30 PM LUNCH**

1:30 PM Topic 4 Announce

1:50 PM Round 4 (Quarters)

3:10 PM Topic 5 Announce

3:35 PM Round 5 (Semis)

5:15 PM Topic 6 Announce

5:40 PM Round 6 (Finals)

## NFA LD Debate

### **FRIDAY, Nov 6**

#### **2:30-3:00 ROUND ZERO**

3:00 PM LD Round 1

4:30 PM LD Round 2

6:00 PM LD Round 3

### **SATURDAY, Nov 7**

#### **7:00AM- ROUND ZERO**

7:30 AM LD Round 4

8:50 AM LD Round 5

10:10 AM LD ELIM 1

2:30 PM ELIM 2

### **SUNDAY, Nov 8**

#### **7:00 AM- ROUND ZERO**

7:30 AM ELIM 3

11:00 AM ELIM 4 (TBD based on Parli)

12:30 PM ELIM 5 (TBD based on Parli)

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NPDA ELIMS WHEN  
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## NPDA Debate

### **SATURDAY, Nov. 7**

#### **11:00 AM ROUND ZERO**

11:15 AM Topic 1&2 Announce

12:00 PM NPDA Round 1

1:15 PM NPDA Round 2

4:00 PM Topic 3 Announce

4:25 PM NPDA Round 3

5:45 PM Topic 4 Announce

6:10 PM NPDA Round 4

### **SUNDAY, Nov. 8**

9:00 AM Topic 5 Announce

9:25 AM NPDA Round 5

10:45 AM ELIM 1 Announce

11:10 AM NPDA ELIM 1

#### **12:30 PM LUNCH**

1:30 PM ELIM 2 Announce

1:50 PM NPDA ELIM 2

3:10 PM ELIM 3 Announce

3:35 PM NPDA ELIM 3

4:55 PM ELIM 4 Announce

5:20 PM NPDA ELIM 4

6:40 PM ELIM 5 Announce

7:00 PM NPDA ELIM 5

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## **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TOURNAMENTS**

**2020 Schedule of Events (all times PST)**

### **MUSTANG INVITATIONAL**

**Monday, Nov. 2, 2020**

**Entries Dues @ 5:00 PM**

**Friday, Nov. 6, 2020 12:00 PM**

**Judging for Prelims of Individual Events due**

**Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 8:00 AM**

**Judging for Elims of Individual Events Due**

### **PAUL WINTERS IE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020**

7:30 AM Extemp Prep Start

7:45 AM Pattern A1

9:30 AM Extemp Prep start

9:45 AM Pattern A2

**11:30 AM LUNCH**

12:30 PM Pattern B1

2:00 PM Pattern B2

3:30 PM Extemp Prep Start

3:45 PM All IE Semis & Pattern A Finals

5:15 PM All Remaining IE Finals

AWARDS ASAP

# Pacific Meets the Delta Swing

University of the Pacific and San Joaquin Delta College

Nov. 6-8, 2020

## 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 Speechwire.com. Entries must be completed by the following deadlines: Pat Kennedy Round Robin submission by email, Friday, Oct. 23, 2020 by 5:00 PM PST; Mustang Invitational by Monday, Nov. 2, 2020 by 5:00 PM PST; Paul Winters Invitational by Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020 by 8:00 PM PST. Drops and name changes (but no adds) can be made until Thursday, November 5 at 12:00 pm. **ALL** Fees (judging and entry) will accrue as of Thursday at 12 noon. Both tournament directors reserve the right to refuse adds, name changes, and/or assess nuisance fees after this date and time.

***IE ENTRY CHANGES AFTER POSTINGS HAVE BEEN MADE: We all make mistakes. However, if you do not catch the mistake BEFORE 8 pm on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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!***

# **PART TWO: INDIVIDUAL EVENTS- GENERAL**

## **EVENTS OFFERED**

**Students MAY NOT enter more than THREE events per pattern.** It is the sole responsibility of competitors to ensure links work. 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.

**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.

## **ASYNCHRONOUS GUIDELINES FOR MUSTANG INVITATIONAL**

### ***ENTRIES FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS***

Due to the Asynchronous nature of Individual Events this year, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY and do your best to follow the steps.

### ***ENTRY PROCEDURE***

The tournament will exclusively use <http://www.speechwire.com>. Students should record their speech, upload to their own private (or a team) YouTube Channel, and marked as "unlisted" so that it cannot be found via a public search and only watched if shared. If you or your student have another cloud video service you would like to use, please let the tournament administration know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that we can attempt to accommodate your students. **NOTE:** Competitor videos only need to be set on "unlisted" for the duration of the tournament. After the tournament is over, competitors can adjust their video setting to "private" ensuring the link no longer provide access to the video.

When registering for the tournament, Speechwire will provide a space to enter a student name, event **AND** url for their video. Entries must be completed and uploaded with a link by 5:00 pm on Monday, Nov. 2, 2020. Speechwire will collect links for EVERY entry of your team and teams are responsible for making sure the links are correct and videos work.

After pairing and setting up digital ballots, judges will receive their dance cards/eballots, those links will be provided to them. These links will also be provided to the other competitors in the round. Due to privacy concerns, only judges and students participating in the specific round will have access to video links for that round. **PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THESE LINKS OUT OF RESPECT FOR PERFORMERS.**

The same video will be used for all preliminary rounds and finals. Preliminary rounds will be judged Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday with the deadline for ballots being (12:00 PM PST) to complete their ballots. Elimination rounds will then be paired and links will be sent to be judged by Sunday morning (8:00 PM PST). This means your judges will need to be available for the weekend to judge IEs as well.

### ***JUDGES- ENTRY AND EXPECTATIONS***

- 1) Put full name and indicate what you intend for them to cover.

- 2) Provide email and phone number for each judge
- 3) One judge can cover up to 6 individual event or Duo slots per conflict pattern.
- 4) Also, indicate the events and days they can judge, and be sure to note any conflicts of interest or preferred divisions.

*Example judge entries:*

1) J. Doe, [jdoe@gmail.com](mailto:jdoe@gmail.com), 209-867-5309, IE's, Available Friday (Prelims), Prefers Open.

Double check that you receive entry confirmation and that you know if your "stand-by" entries are in.

**NOTE-** The tournament will be hiring judges for the weekend and may use qualified college students to judge speaking and/or debate events (qualifications pending). However, we would prefer schools cover their judging to minimize the amount of hiring and to keep fees low. We have tried to lower fees to accommodate schools and difficult moments for budget; however, the amount of uncovered fees has been increased to accommodate hired judging.

### ***IE JUDGING EXPECTATIONS***

Once we have all entries/videos registered, we will create the tournament on Monday. All judges should expect their dance cards (links to e ballots) shortly there after, but no later than noon, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. Judges are expected to watch their rounds, provide feedback and rankings. We would like for e-ballots to be returned to us as soon as possible. However, judges will have until Friday at noon to complete judging their assigned preliminary rounds. Friday evening, judges will receive their Final Round dance cards. While we would prefer e-ballots returned as soon as possible, Final round results must be returned by Sunday at 8:00 AM. We will hold semifinals if numbers necessitate it.

### ***GUIDELINES/TOURNAMENT RULES FOR SPEECHES:***

- All participants are required to use the appropriate naming convention within the online competition platform. Participants will change their name to their code - first name -pronouns (optional). Judges will change their name to judge - first name – pronouns (optional). Any participant failing to use the appropriate naming convention will be removed from the competition space by tournament officials.
  - o Example: judge - angelique - she/her.
- Competitors may not use green screens, virtual backdrops, on-screen text, or professional equipment enhancements such as professional lighting kits or professional grade camera recording and audio devices during their performance in any event. Professional equipment includes items like softboxes or an auditorium's lighting system; use of these items is not permitted. Backdrops of a solid color with no special markings may be used by competitors and judges. VIRTUAL VISUAL AIDS WILL BE ALLOWED.
- No virtual in-round observers will be permitted in any round. Because the tournament is only accessible via login information received by tournament competitors and judges, observers will not be able to access competition space. Any unauthorized persons will be immediately removed from that competition room by tournament officials. Tournament officials will make provisions for observers to watch late elimination rounds.

- Competitors may determine how close or distant the camera is set up in order to maximize both verbal and nonverbal communication. The camera being used must remain stationary throughout the entire performance, and no zooming or panning is permitted.
- Duo partners will not be allowed to perform in the same room for filming purposes
- Submissions or recordings may not be edited using any software; all submissions must be non-stop footage of the entire performance done through the permitted submission platform.

### ***EVENT GUIDELINES (LIMITED PREPARATION)***

- All Limited Preparation prompts will be released Saturday, Oct. 30 at 5:00PM PST and be available until registration deadlines. Videos must be submitted by the Monday evening deadline providing you and your student 48 hours to record and upload their speech.
- Extemp prompts will consist of questions. Students can choose any question from the provided options. From the moment of selection, students will have 30 minutes to prepare and then must immediately perform and record their speech. Impromptu prompts will be questions about ethical decision making. Students can choose from any question. From the moment of selection, students will have 7 minutes to prepare, perform, and record their presentation. (Prep time should not be filmed for Extemp but should be filmed for Impromptu).
- We recognize that asynchronous recordings beg the question of compelling some people to bend or even break the rules we have set. **WE ARE CONFIDENT** in our community. We trust the students and coaches to maintain the highest ethical standards in these difficult circumstances. By acting fairly and equitably, students learn valuable lessons that they can maintain the rest of their life. We are providing a 48-hour period so there is plenty of time to deal with any **technical** challenges that may arise. The video URL must be provided, by way of registration, before the close of the 48-hour period.
- The one provided video will be judged in preliminary round 1 & 2, and then again in Finals if that student advances. While we hope these LP rules will be compliant with various national standards, it is not yet clear if those standards can adapt to this moment. The Pacific coaches and tournament staff believe these are the fairest rules for asynchronous conditions. We trust you to be ethical. We also feel one video is sufficient for competition, as the act of recording and uploading 3 different videos for a single competition is an unfair and unique burden on LP students.

Even if national standards are clarified after the release of this invitation, resulting in legs attained at our tournament not counting for nationals, we plan to maintain our rules for this year's tournament. Please keep this possibility in mind.

# **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>).

**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 ELIMINATION ROUNDS**

**Preliminary Rounds** - The computer will randomly match Round 1& 2. Rounds 3, 4 and 5 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, followed by opposition record,, then by total speaker points, then adjusted speaker points (dropping simply the lows), 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 10 minutes after the round was scheduled to start.

# **PART FOUR: NPDA DEBATE**

## **STRUCTURE**

Five preliminary rounds of parliamentary debate will be offered followed by necessary elimination rounds in all divisions. Competition will be administered according to the NPDA rules of Judging and Debating.

## **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:

*To be eligible for Novice:* The student should have no more than two semesters of high school debate experience. The student should be in the first two semesters of collegiate debate. Once the student has won six elimination rounds (including byes), they are no longer eligible for the Novice division.

*To be eligible in Junior:* The student should be in the first four semesters of intercollegiate debate. Once the student has won six elimination rounds (including byes) in Junior or Open, they are no longer eligible for the Junior 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: At this year's NPDA tournament, there will be a topic area from which all potential resolutions will be crafted. A more detailed set of information will be provided NO LATER than two weeks prior to the tournament start. This year's topic area shall be- Domestic and Foreign Policy Proposals of the Presidential Administration*

**Philosophies & Strikes:** When possible, strikes will be allotted but it will be determined based on the size of the judge pool and not necessarily guaranteed. Judging Philosophies need to be submitted to sfarias@pacific.edu no later than Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020 (Links will suffice in the email if you cannot copy and paste). 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 6, at 6:00 pm. Strikes will be entered electronically. 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 which will debate THE SAME TOPIC BACK TO BACK. Rounds 3 through 5 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 opposition record, next adjusted speaker points (drop low), then total speaker points, 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.

**PREPARATION AND TRANSIT TIME - PREP TIME IS A TOTAL OF 25 minutes!** This timing schedule includes potential issues with technology. More guidelines are listed below about issues with technology. It is the responsibility of each team to arrive in the room on-time. If, for some reason, there is an issue, please come to the tech assistance room that will be made available for you.

**PENALTIES FOR LATENESS** – At the expiration of preparation time, the judge will begin a timer. The team(s) who is/are not present will have the total of that time deducted from the speaking time of their first speech. If the late team(s) is/are not present by the expiration of their first speech's total time, they will receive a forfeit with zero speaker points. If neither team is present by 8:00 after prep time has expired, both shall be forfeited and both teams shall receive 0 speaker points.

Refusal by a judge to do this will result in the removal of the judge from the judging pool and an uncovered judge fee will be assessed to the team who the judge is representing. NOTE: The judge does NOT have discretion about whether to enforce this rule and their decision may be overturned by the Tournament Director if they refuse to enforce it. If a judge refuses to enforce this rule, the affected team should contact the tab room immediately. Furthermore, judges are also bound by the prep clock and must arrive at their debates on time. This means that judges must also walk during prep time and must NOT continue to prep until the end of prep time and then walk to their round. Debaters shall be afforded the opportunity to inform the tab room of judges who are late to their rounds. The Tournament Director shall have the discretion of imposing penalties, equivalent to those imposed for a missed round, for lateness.

## **PART FIVE: GENERAL GUIDELINES**

### **FOR COMPETING ONLINE**

**RULES-** Generally, all events will follow AFA, NFA, and NPDA Rules. However, for further clarification, please see below:

#### **GENERAL:**

- No persons may participate or contribute to students who are competing during the round.
- Single camera set-up only is allowed.
- Video and/or audio manipulation is prohibited.
- Physical audiences are prohibited from being present for the performance, with the exception of: involuntary audiences (ex: individuals/families who happen to be in the same room), and assistants/aids for individuals with disabilities. Enforcement is up to the discretion of the TD.
- Prohibit practices that would not be possible in a face-to-face environment (such as motion, video transitions, or audio manipulation) while allowing for the use of screen sharing and virtual visual aids in Individual Events.

#### **INTERNET LOSS DURING COMPETITION:**

- IE competitors who are giving a speech and lose their internet connection are allowed 3 minutes to reconnect before they forfeit their opportunity to finish the speech. They will then be judged on what was presented before they lost internet.
- For debate Competitors, the judge will start a running clock until they return to the round and the amount of time over 3 minutes will be deducted from their speech time. If the time for the speech has expired, the debate round will continue with the following speech. In partnered debate, partners cannot finish the speech for the person who dropped.

#### **NPDA DEBATE:**

- In accordance with NPDA Bylaws, electronic/laptop flowing by debaters in a round is allowed. Cutting and pasting previously prepared material as well as flowing done by anyone not in the round on a shared spreadsheet is prohibited. Parli partners may communicate with each other during the round by phone or electronically.
- Partners in debate rounds are allowed to communicate with their partner through other lines of communication such as chats, phone calls, other video conferencing platforms, etc.

## **PART SIX: FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **ENTRY FEES**

You must have TWO checks (or online payments)—one payment for the Mustang Invitational made out to San Joaquin Delta College and one payment for the Paul Winter's Invitational and/or Pat Kennedy Round Robin made out to Pacific Forensics. Fees will be assessed at noon on Thursday, Nov 5, 2020. Because we need to finalize our trophy order, we cannot accommodate last minute reductions in fees. The following fees will be assessed:

#### *Mustang Invitational*

- \$50 per institution (for administrative costs)
- \$10.00/Individual Events slot

#### *Paul Winters Invitational*

- \$50 per institution (for administrative costs)
- \$10.00/Individual Events slot
- \$25.00/NFA LD Debate slot.
- \$50.00/ NPDA debate team.

### **Uncovered Fees –**

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

- \$20.00 per I.E. slot.
- \$100.00 per L/D Debate slot.
- \$150.00 per Debate team

### **HARDSHIP CONSIDERATION**

Teams expecting that fees may result in a financial hardship to their team should email tournament directors to discuss fee waivers. Waivers between 50-100% will be made available where possible and necessary to ensure equitable access.

### **NUISANCE/DROP FEES**

In order to provide a balanced field for all competitors, we reserve the right to assess a nuisance fee if any of your competitors fail to show to their event or are dropped the day competition is set to begin for 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. Finally, schools failing to meet elimination round commitments due to early departures will be assessed uncovered judge fees *for each judge who fails their commitment*.

### **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 competing in NPDA, then your payment is due no later than the end of Saturday. If only in IEs on Sunday, then by end of Sunday). Failure to

pay may 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 Speechwire.com**

## JUDGING

### **Commitment –**

Asynchronous IEs- One judge can cover up to **six** IE slots

Debate- One judge can 2 entries in debate. Judges can cover BOTH LD and NPDA.

Synchronous IEs- One judge can cover up to **five** IE slots per pattern. IE judges may not cover debate.

Because of the nature of a tournament, we will attempt to honor half-commitments, but cannot guarantee it; especially when schools bring novice/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 –** We will be working with Hired Judge and can work to charge your school for full time judges for the days we will need judges. We will pay \$120 per day to hired judges and no more than \$360 for the entire weekend (meaning your judge is available to judge asynchronous IEs on Friday, Round Robin debates, LD Debate, NPDA Debates, and Synchronous IE events).

## **PART SEVEN: AWARDS**

**PURCHASED AWARDS ARE STILL BEING DETERMINED. WE ARE TRYING TO CREATE SOMETHING STUDENTS AND TEAMS WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING.**

### **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 and we will recognize the top 5 speakers in each division of debate.

**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 (drop low), 2. total points; 3. Twice adjusted points (drop hi-lo); 4. judge variance (Z-score); 5. Random

### **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.

<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>	<b>Finalist</b>	<b>Semifinalist</b>
10 points	7 points	5 points	3 points	1 point

#### **Parliamentary and L/D**

- 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/individual that reaches the elimination rounds.
- 1 point will be given to each team/individual who wins a debate in a full-elimination round

**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 ACROSS THE SWING. Competitors must be competing in at least five individual events ACROSS THE SWING. 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 2 events.

**Tournament School Awards –Tournament School Awards** –The top three 4-year and the top three 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 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.