

Southern and Northern Atlantic Forensics Union

The Southern and Northern Atlantic Forensic Union (SNAFU) cordially invites you and your students to join/attend our 2025 - 2026 SNAFU Season Tournaments. For the 2025-26 season, SNAFU is offering four in-person tournaments and one online asynchronous tournament. SNAFU tournaments are part of swings, paired with another SNAFU or the host school. At all tournaments, we will offer all 11 AFA events at both halves of the swing, as well as IPDA Debate - with the exception of SNAFU 2 (asynch). In addition, we may offer a novice breakout round in an event at the tournament director's discretion. What follows is information that should make your trip to the swings easier to plan.

2025-2026 Season

October 26	SNAFU 1: @ Queens College, CUNY
October 27 – 31	SNAFU 2: Asynchronous Tournament hosted by SUNY Dutchess Comm. College
November 8	SNAFU 3: Ed Leonard Memorial Tournament
November 9	SNAFU 4: Charity Ball Tournament (Both tournaments @ Seton Hall University)
February 8	SNAFU 5: @ Cornell University

If you have any questions about this invitation, please contact Abigail Thow by email (abigail.thow@gmail.com) or at 360-930-4183. We hope you will join us for a fun and competitive event! See you in October and beyond!

Sincerely,
The SNAFU Board

Abigail Thow, Seton Hall University (President/Tournament Director)
Randy Perez, Queens College & Baruch College, City University of New York (CUNY) (Treasurer)
Margeaux Lippman, Dutchess Community College
Mallory Marsh, James Madison University

Membership Fees

For the 2025-26 season, \$300.00 covers entry into all SNAFU tournaments; swing partner fees are separate; any uncovered slot judging fees are in addition to entry fees as outlined later in this invitation. Please direct ALL fee/financial questions to our treasurer, Randy Perez at gcspeechteam@gmail.com.

Tournament Schedules

All times listed are in Eastern Time (ET). The schedules are subject to change as needs arise.

Schedule for In-Person Tournaments (SNAFUs 1, 3, 4, and 5)

8:00am	Registration
8:30am	Extemp Draw/IPDA Draw
9:00am	IA (Extemp/POI/Duo/Per/Informative/Pro) and Debate 1
10:00am	IPDA Draw
10:15am	IB (Impromptu/DI/ADS/CA/Poetry) and Debate 2
12:00pm	Extemp Draw/IPDA Draw
12:30pm	IIA and Debate 3
1:30pm	IPDA Draw
1:45pm	IIB and Debate 4
3:15pm	Extemp Draw/IPDA Draw
3:30pm	Finals A (IPDA Semifinals at 3:45pm)
4:30pm	IPDA Draw
4:45pm	Finals B (IPDA Finals at 5:00pm)
6:30pm	Awards

Schedule for Asynchronous Tournament (SNAFU 2)

LP Prompts Released via SpeechWire	Wed, Oct 22	
Registration Deadline <i>(Video links must be submitted via SpeechWire at this time. Any entries without links will be dropped.)</i>	Mon, Oct 27	6 pm
Preliminary Round Ballots Released	Mon, Oct 27	ASAP
Preliminary Round Ballots Due	Wed, Oct 29	9 pm
Final Round Ballots Released	Wed, Oct 29	ASAP
Final Round Ballots Due	Fri, Oct 31	Noon
Final Results Posted on SpeechWire	Fri, Oct 31	ASAP

Entry Information

Please note: Swing partners MAY have different rules from SNAFU. Please see the separate invitation from the host school for details on their tournament. For SNAFU tournaments:

1. Teams are limited to 6 entries per event.
2. Students may enter a maximum of 3 events per bracket; 2 duos count as 2 events.
DEBATERS MAY ENTER ONE INDIVIDUAL EVENT IN EACH BRACKET BUT MAY NOT ENTER EXTEMP.
3. The entry deadline for in-person SNAFU tournaments is the Wednesday before the tournament at 3 pm Eastern time.
4. The entry deadline for asynchronous SNAFU tournaments is Monday at 6 pm Eastern time.
5. Schools choosing to pay per entry rather than establish membership in SNAFU will be charged \$10 per covered speech entry and \$20 per covered debate entry.
6. Please provide a qualified judge for every eight IE slots and every 2 IPDA slots.
7. Hired judges are available at \$20 per uncovered slot.
8. Drop fees are the original entry fee plus \$15 penalty after the entry deadline, plus \$25 if dropped on Saturday or Sunday.
9. Dropped judges after the entry deadline will each be assessed a \$150 fee in addition to standard judge fees.
10. The SNAFU tournament director will assess tournament entries and begin enforcing drop fees by the established entry deadline.

Nuisance Tardiness Fees

Competition rounds are expected to run on time. The Tournament Director has the discretion to apply nuisance fees to a team when their competitor(s) and/or judge(s) neglect their responsibilities. Double and triple-entered competitors will be given as much time as possible to make their appointed rounds within a scheduled flight pattern.

Qualification Entry Drops

Schools will not be charged drop fees for dropping a slot between tournaments during a swing if the slot earned an AFA-NST qualification during the first half of the swing. These drops must be communicated to the Tournament Director ASAP following the Saturday awards assembly.

Judge Coverage

When entering a tournament, schools will be expected to provide one judge for every eight individual event entries and one judge for every two debaters in an individual debate format. The obligation for judge coverage is determined as of each tournament entry deadline.

- Please provide a qualified judge for every eight IE slots and every 2 IPDA slots.
- Hired judges are at \$20 per uncovered slot.

Entry Confirmation

You will receive a confirmation email detailing your entry in the evening after the entry deadline or soon thereafter. Please check the entry you submitted and immediately correct any errors directly at the Speechwire website.

Novice/Varsity IPDA Definitions

A novice is defined as a student in their first two semesters of debate of any format, including high school. Please make sure you enter students in the appropriate division. The Tournament Director reserves the right to collapse divisions based on entry size.

“Open Door” Policy

SNAFU will use an open-door policy at its tournaments. Students should feel free to prioritize their mental health at tournaments. As such, students may leave a round at any time before, during, or after performances without penalty from judges.

Sweepstakes Points

We will award sweepstakes points as follows: 6 points for 1st place, 5 points for 2nd place, 4 points for 3rd place, 3 points for 4th place, 2 points for 5th place, 1 point for 6th place, and all remaining finalist placements.

For IPDA, sweepstakes points are awarded as follows: 2 points per prelim win, 4 points for reaching semifinals (if applicable), 5 points for 2nd place, and 6 points for 1st place.

Please note: Novice divisions/breakout rounds in IE or IPDA do NOT count towards sweepstakes.

Competition and Awards

1. SNAFU tournaments will offer two rounds of preliminary competition and a final round (except in the case of single-section events).
2. Any event with more than 50 entries competing in both preliminary rounds will feature a semifinal round.
3. We will offer an award for the top six entries in each individual event (two awards for duos).
4. The top three individual sweeps winners will each receive an award (students must be entered in four events to be eligible).
5. The top three schools will each receive an award.
6. We will use AFA-style rules in tabulation.
7. For IPDA, we will offer 3 or 4 preliminary rounds with the appropriate number of outrounds. Both finalists will receive an award.