



Scheller Forensics Invitational *January 23-25, 2026*

September 2025

Dear Colleagues:

The Pacific Forensics team cordially invites you and your forensics teams to attend the **online Scheller Forensics Invitational**, which will be held on **Yaaty from January 23–25, 2026**. This competition serves as the third designated tournament for the Northwest Forensics Conference. In addition to offering the traditional **11 AFA-NST events**, we are also including **Editorial Commentary** as our experimental event and three styles of debate: **NPDA, IPDA, and BP**. Please note that **Unauthorized Recordings** of any judges or competitors during the tournament are **NOT Permitted**.

We are proud to name our tournament after Dr. Fred Scheller. After earning his bachelor's degree in 1943 from Pacific University, Dr. Scheller pursued advanced degrees and most of his career was spent at Pacific, as a professor of speech and the director of forensics. Throughout his lifetime he remained a strong advocate and a good friend of our program. We know that his loving spirit will continue to shine down on all of us as we celebrate the weekend together.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information. We look forward to seeing you in January.

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TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Entry Deadline: **Monday, Jan. 19, at 8:00 pm**

Additional entries or substitutions will **not** be accepted after this point. Please indicate any judging conflicts or team affiliations, including unaffiliated judges, when registering online.

Drop Deadline: **Wednesday, Jan 21, at 12:00 pm**

Fees are calculated based on entries at this time; any drops after this point will be charged full entry fees, including hired judging fees. Email drops past this time to jconner@pacificu.edu

Note: Please use www.speechwire.com for tournament information and to manage team entries/drops.

DIVISIONS & RESTRICTIONS

DIVISIONS

Note: ballot ratings are based on the judge's discretion, regardless of division. Please use the following guidelines to determine appropriate divisions for your students:

- **Novice** – Students in the novice division are in their first full year of collegiate forensics. Students must have earned three or fewer 1st-3rd place finalist awards in IE's and/or three semi-finalist/finalist awards in debate at collegiate competitions to remain in the novice division. Please refrain from entering students as a novice that has significant high school experience.
- **Junior** – Students in the junior division are in their first or second year of collegiate competition. Students must have earned eight or fewer awards in IE's and/or debate events at intercollegiate forensics competitions to remain in the junior division.
- **Open** – Open to students with less than four years of intercollegiate forensics experience.

RESTRICTIONS

If we run into issues with entries, events, divisions or availability of rooms and judges, we reserve the right to impose the following restrictions as needed.

- **Entries** – If we have to limit team entries, decisions will be based on AFA-NST standards (66 entries or less per school) and then a first come first serve basis.
- **Divisions** – We will adhere to NFC guidelines to determine collapsed divisions. Additionally, the tournament director reserves the right to reassign students that have been improperly entered in novice or junior divisions, as needed.

DEBATE

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE (N, J, O)

Procedures will follow standard NPDA guidelines. We will use 7-8-8-8-4-5 time structure and 20 minutes of preparation. Topics will be centrally announced. There will NOT be a “warm room.” Scoring follows standard NFC rules. Information for NPDA may be found at: <https://npdadebate.com/>

IPDA DEBATE (N, J, O)

The IPDA divisions will use the rules as presented in the IPDA constitution with a 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format and 30 minutes of preparation. Debaters will be presented with 5 resolutions focusing on recent news and current events, and each side will have two strikes. IPDA best practices can be found at: http://www.ipdadebate.info/uploads/4/9/8/1/4981933/ipda_best_practices.pdf

BRITISH-PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE (J, O)

The BP division will use the WUDC rules with a 7-7-7-7-7-7-7 format and 20 minutes of preparation (including walk time). The topics will be centrally announced and they will vary per round. Scoring will be on a 50-100 scale. General information for BP can be found at: <https://www.debatingforeveryone.com/resources/how-debating-works/british-parliamentary>

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

MULTIPLE ENTRIES

Students may *triple-enter* within either pattern of competition. Students are responsible for making it to every round. Students who are triple-entered and fail to make it to a scheduled round will NOT be allowed to make up that round of competition.

All competitors must arrive at least 15min prior to the start of a new round to be given the chance to compete each round.

PATTERNS

Pattern A: CA (J,O), Duo (J,O), Ed Com (O), Imp (N,J,O), Info (N,J,O), Prose (N,J,O)

Pattern B: ADS (J,O), DI (J,O), Ext (N,J,O), Per (N,J,O), Poetry (J,O), POI(J,O)

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

AFA-NIET rules apply to individual events. For information please see:

<https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/event-descriptions>

EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

The purpose of the event is to emulate an editorial commentary for broadcast television or radio. Students should prepare a 3:45-4:00 min persuasive manuscript on a current affair that attempts to influence audience perceptions on the selected topic. Competitors are responsible for timing themselves and should deliver from their manuscript. Time limits must be strictly followed. Judges should evaluate the effectiveness of: a) verbal delivery, b) use of time, c) persuasive appeals, d) creativity and relevance of topic.

AWARDS & SWEEPSTAKES

We will offer digital certificates to all finalists in IE's and Debate. Additionally, we will offer digital certificates for:

- The top three teams in Division I and Division II, based on overall team entry size.
- The top five competitors in each category of debate
- The top five competitors earning the most IE points in open

SWEEPSTAKES POINTS

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd/SF	4th/QF	Finalist/OF
BP:	15pts	12pts	9pt	7pt	6pt
NPDA:	15pts	12pts	9pt	7pt	6pt
IPDA:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pt	2pt
IE's:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts	4pt

JUDGING & FEES

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

Schools **MUST** provide judges for the competition. Restrictions may be imposed for schools that do not adequately cover their team entries or provide judges that are usable by the tournament.

IE's: One judge covers 10 IE entries

Debate: One judge covers two NPDA entries, OR two BP entries, OR two IPDA entries.

Please note, IPDA judge requirements are based on single-flighting. If the tournament double-flights, one judge will cover four entries.

****We realize that many programs may be facing budget strain, so please contact Daniel Broyles (dsbroyles@pacificu.edu) should you need any reductions to fees.****

ENTRY FEES

School fee	\$ 50	
NFC/Yaatly Fee	\$ 15	per student
Debate	\$ 35	per debater
IE's	\$ 10	per entry

HIRED JUDGE FEES

NPDA:	\$150 per uncovered entry
BP:	\$150 per uncovered entry
IPDA:	\$ 75 per uncovered entry
IE judge	\$ 20 per uncovered IE entry

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Friday, January 23, 2026

8:00am	Round Zero (Check-in)
8:30am	Rd 1 A – CA, Duo, Ed Com, Impromptu, Informative, Prose
10:15am	Rd 2 A – CA, Duo, Ed Com, Impromptu, Informative, Prose
11:30am	Lunch Break
12:00 pm	Extemp Draw
12:15pm	Rd 1 B – ADS, DI, Extemp, Persuade, POI, Poe
1:45pm	Extemp Draw
2:00pm	Rd 2 B – ADS, DI, Extemp, Persuade, POI, Poe
4:00pm	Finals A
5:30pm	Extemp Draw
5:45pm	Finals B
ASAP	Awards

Saturday, January 24, 2026

8:00am	Round Zero (Check-in)
8:30am	Rd1 - IPDA/NPDA
10:30am	Rd2 - IPDA/NPDA
12:00pm	Lunch Break
12:30pm	Rd3 - IPDA/NPDA
2:30pm	Rd4 - IPDA/NPDA
4:30pm	Rd5 - IPDA/NPDA

Saturday, January 24 (BP Schedule)

8:00am	Round Zero (Check-in)
8:30	RD 1 – BP
10:30	RD 2 – BP
12:00	LUNCH
1:00	RD 3 – BP
3:15	RD 4 – BP
5:30	RD 5 – BP

Sunday, January 25, 2026

9:00	Round Zero (Check-in)
9:30	Elim 1 – Debate
11:30	Elim 2 – Debate
1:30	Elim 3 – Debate
ASAP	Additional elims as needed

EVENT KEY

Debate:	BP (J,O), IPDA (N,J,O), NPDA (N,J,O)
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