



*Clark and Rae Peters Invitational
October 24-25, 2026*

September 2026

You and your students are cordially invited to attend the Clark and Rae Peters Invitational tournament, which will be held **in person** on **Saturday and Sunday, October 24-25, 2026**. We are honored to host this event on behalf of Clark and Rae Peters. Of all places, Clark and Rae first met in speech class while attending Pacific University. Their bond grew until they eventually married in 1965, shortly after graduating. Clark and Rae have been long standing supporters of Pacific's forensics, communication, education, and speech pathology programs, and the Nā Haumāna O Hawai'i club. If you wish to read about their enduring commitments to Pacific, feel free to read the following articles: [Modeling Success](#) and [Speech-Language Pathology Scholarship](#)

The Clark and Rae Peters Invitational is a two-day tournament that permits students to enter in IEs and IPDA. In addition to the traditional **11 NIET events**, we will also offer Editorial Commentary. Novice divisions will be offered in extemp, prose, impromptu, informative, and IPDA. The tournament will adhere to AFA guidelines (please review AI guidelines in Extemp) and Northwest Forensics Conference Codes of Ethics. Please note that **Unauthorized Recordings** of any judges or competitors during the tournament are **NOT Permitted**.

Please let us know if you have competitors, coaches, or critics who need ADA accommodation. Feel free to contact us with any questions you have about our tournament. We look forward to seeing you in Forest Grove this October!

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TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Entry Deadline: *Tuesday, October 20, at 10:00 pm*
Please enter and manage your entries on SpeechWire.com.

Drop Deadline: *Thursday, October 22, at 12:00 pm*
Fees are calculated based on entries at this time; any changes after this point must be emailed to jconner@pacificu.edu and will be charged full entry fees.

Hired judge registration: https://pacificu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_005YBPKTryoNC8C

GENERAL GUIDELINES

DIVISIONS: We will offer open divisions for all events and novice divisions in **extemp, prose, impromptu, informative, and IPDA**. Please use the following guidelines to determine the appropriate divisions for your students:

- **Novice** – Students in the novice division must be undergraduate students in their first two years of collegiate forensics and have fewer than three trophies per category (interp, debate, etc).
- **Open** – Students in the open division must be undergraduate students with less than four years of intercollegiate forensics experience.

ENTRIES: Students may *triple-enter* within either pattern of competition, except those in *Extemp*. Students are responsible for making it to every round with enough time left to perform before the next round begins. Students who fail to make it to a scheduled round will NOT be allowed to make up the competition.

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

- **Teams Limits** – We reserve the right to restrict team entries as needed for the tournament.
- **Division Limits** – If there are less than 5 entries in an IE event, we will collapse novice into open accordingly.

EVENTS

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

ALL Students are responsible for making it to their rounds on time – **competitors MUST arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the end of the current round to be given a chance to compete.**

- **Pattern A:** CA, DUO, ED COM, IMP, INF, PRO
- **Pattern B:** ADS, DI, EXT, PER, POE, POI

Novice divisions are offered in extemp, impromptu, prose, and informative.

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.

IPDA DEBATE

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 rules can be found at: <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

AWARDS & SWEEPSTAKES

AWARDS: Certificates will be awarded to all IE finalists. Awards will also be given to the top three teams and the top-placing two-year school.

	Gold/1st	Silver/2nd	Bronze/3rd	4th-6th
IPDA:	10pts	8pts	6pts	
IE's:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts

JUDGING & FEES

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS: Schools **MUST** provide qualified judges for the tournament. Teams will be restricted to a **maximum of eight uncovered IE entries** and **four uncovered IPDA entries**.

IE: one judge covers 8 IE entries.

Debate: one judge covers four IPDA entries.

We realize that many programs are still suffering budget issues, so please contact Jennifer Conner (jconner@pacificu.edu) should you need any special assistance with tournament fees.

ENTRY FEES

School fee	\$30 each school
IE Slots	\$10 each entry
IPDA Entry	\$40 each entry

UNCOVERED

Uncovered IE entry	\$20
Uncovered IPDA entry	\$80

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 24, 2026

7:45am	Registration - Washburne University Center
8:30am	Rd 1 A – CA, Duo, Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Ed Com
10:00am	Rd 2 A – CA, Duo, Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Ed Com
11:45am	Lunch Break
12:15 pm	Extemp Draw
12:30pm	Rd 1 B – ADS, DI, Extemp, Persuade, POI, Poetry
2:00pm	Extemp Draw
2:15pm	Rd 2 B – ADS, DI, Extemp, Persuade, POI, Poetry
4:00pm	Finals A
5:30pm	Extemp Draw
5:45pm	Finals B
ASAP	Awards

Sunday, October 25, 2026

7:45am	Registration - Washburne University Center
8:30am	Rd 1 IPDA
10:30am	Rd 2 IPDA
12:15pm	Lunch Break
12:45pm	Rd 3 IPDA
2:45pm	Rd 4 IPDA
5:00pm	IPDA Bronze Round
6:30pm	IPDA Gold/Silver Round
ASAP	Awards