

September 1, 2011

Dear PSCFA Friends,

The time has come for our first tournament of the season, the PSCFA Warm-Up at El Camino College September 30th and October 1st. We will offer four (4) rounds of debate (Parli & CEDA/NDT) on Friday. We will also offer Rookie Parli (if the numbers warrant). Remember, rookie is defined as ABSOLUTELY NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE (high school and IE's included) for either partner. Saturday will offer the usual two (2) rounds of all PSCFA individual events (including cultural artifact) for Open, Junior, and Novice competitors.

There are many reasons why you, your squad, and your school should participate at this year's Warm-Up. First, it is an excellent opportunity to introduce all of your new students to competitive collegiate forensics in a relaxed atmosphere. Second, it is a great way to reunite with all of your forensics colleagues and meet coaches new to our region. Third, it allows the chance to test the waters on new topics and approaches to our activity. Finally, the Warm-Up is a unique way to take advantage of free speech, because there are no entry fees at this tournament! **Each school must only pay their yearly membership dues and cover their judging commitment. You may only enter uncovered slots if prior tournament approval is granted.** Schools will still be responsible for ANY drop, no-show, nuisance fees, and uncovered judging fees.

Enclosed, you will find all the information and entry forms needed to participate in this year's competition. **All entries are due by 6:00PM on Tuesday, September 27th.** You may email your entries according to PSCFA rules.

Rally the troops and please contact any judges available for hire. In order for this to remain a fees-free tournament, we must have plenty of prepared judges on hand. **If you are bringing first-time judges remind them that they must read and sign the PSCFA judge's handbook, F.R.E.D. (this may be done online at www.pscfa.org) and remind them of the rules of etiquette in rounds and that there are to be no disclosures.** Please teach them how to do time signals for limited prep as this tends to be a common problem at the Warm-Up. Don't forget, judges may also be returning students not competing at the Warm-Up. If you know of any judges available for hire, please send me their contact information.

You can find directions to El Camino College at their website (www.elcamino.edu). Campus maps can be found at: <http://www.elcamino.edu/about/docs/ECC-Map-Fall-2011.pdf>. Attendees of the tournament can park in any of the students lots; however, you must purchase a parking ticket. There are several ticket machines throughout the student parking lots. The tournament headquarters and registration will be in the Music Building, which faces Redondo Beach Blvd.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

Email: spolk@occ.cccd.edu

Looking forward to seeing you!

Sherana Polk

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Entry Responsibilities

FEES:

All teams are responsible for ANY drop, no-show, or nuisance fees. Uncovered judging fees are available only with the prior approval of the tournament director. PSCFA rules state that all schools must cover their debate commitment and 75% of their individual event entries unless the Tournament Director believes there is a sufficient pool of judges to allow a school to pay additional judging penalties.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

All entries are due by 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 27th.

You can register for the PSCFA Warm-Up Tournament using www.forensicstournament.net:

You may make changes to your entry before Wednesday, September 28th at 6:00PM. Drops are free if reported by the Wednesday deadline. Any and all changes made after Wednesday will be subject to nuisance fees. Any changes made after the website closes should be sent to:

spolk@occ.cccd.edu

When you email your changes, I will email a response indicating that your entry was received.

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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

12:00 REGISTRATION/SIGN-IN
12:15 TOPIC ANNOUNCE FOR ROUNDS 1 & 2
1:00 ROUND 1
2:00 ROUND 2
3:15 TOPIC ANNOUNCE FOR ROUNDS 3 & 4
4:00 ROUND 3
5:00 ROUND 4
6:30 AWARDS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011

8:00 REGISTRATION
9:00 EXTEMP DRAW
9:00 ROUND 1 PATTERN A
10:30 ROUND 1 PATTERN B
12:00 EXTEMP DRAW
12:00 ROUND 2 PATTERN A
1:30 ROUND 2 PATTERN B
3:00 AWARDS

Schedule contingent on the number of entries. Awards will be moved up if everything runs on time.