



September 13, 2021

Colleagues,

I cordially invite you to the first in-person tournament in over a year (at least regionally) to be held at California Baptist University in Riverside, California on Saturday, October 2nd. The tournament is named for the first Director of Forensics at Cal Baptist, Norene Hokett. The tournament will consist of all 12 PSCFA speech events, along with debate formats to align with demand. All debate rounds conflict with all speech rounds, so students can only do one or the other. Due to the ongoing health situation, masks will be required for all students who are both indoors and not currently performing. All classrooms should be large enough that students and judges can easily practice social distancing, and are asked to do so. Students who are not socially distancing in classrooms or not wearing masks indoors will be given one warning, and then removed from the tournament competition. This is not intended to discourage political voices, but to encourage those who may be hesitant about an in-person competition to feel as comfortable as possible attending. Awards will be outside in the grass near the Yeager Center (location D on the map), if weather permits. There are more details below, but the competition will have no entry fees and physical certificates for awards. Entries and tournament announcements will be available on www.forensicstournament.net. Please reach out to me with any questions or let me know if I've missed something at mmarse@calbaptist.edu. Thanks!

Sincerely,

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Schedule

8:00am - Send all drops and changes to mmarse@calbaptist.edu and the postings will be altered if possible. All ballots will be electronically distributed but go to the tab room with in-person issues.

8:30am - Extemp draw for Round 1A and Debate Draw for Round 1

8:45am - Round 1A (Info, Prose, Extemp, ADS, Poetry) and Debate 1

10:15am - Extemp draw for round 2A and Debate Draw for Round 2

10:30am - Round 2A and Debate 2

12:00pm - Lunch

12:45pm - Round 1B (Impromptu, Duo, CA, Drama, Persuasive, POI) and Draw for Debate 3

1:00pm - Debate 3

2:30pm - Round 2B and Draw for Debate 4

2:45pm - Debate 4

4:15pm - Finals of A and Debate Sems (or Bronze round for Novice/Jr)

5:45pm - Finals of B and Debate Finals (or Gold round for Novice/Jr)

7:00pm or ASAP - Awards

7:30pm - Possible debate finals based on entry size, everyone else is done

Entries

Given that this may be a small tournament, I will reserve the right to move around some entries. We may end up with something like “interpretation” as an event, and while I’ll ask for divisions, those may be collapsed. Also, if entries in NPDA or IPDA don’t seem sufficient, I’ll send an e-mail asking for coaches to switch from one to the other. I’m fine with both, but if there are two parl teams and six people in IPDA (for example), I may ask the NPDA teams to become 4 IPDA debaters. Divisions follow PSCFA guidelines, debate rules default to those various national entities. Entries have no cost, but judge coverage will be very important. One judge covers two NPDA teams, two IPDA debaters, or 5 speech events per pattern. I’ll be paying hired judges, but it will need to be on an as-requested basis to make sure I have enough. Undercovered entries will be \$15 per speech entry without a judge, and \$75 per uncovered debate entry. If you have judges in the area who would like to be hired, have them reach out as well. Entries will be finalized on Wednesday, September 29th at 7pm.

Parking and Location

You can find a campus map at:

https://cbulancers.com/documents/2015/6/24/CBU_Campus_Map_Brochures.pdf?id=1036

The address for navigation purposes is 8432 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504. The best

place to park is in the large (and free!) lot #1 just across the street from building 1 on the map. Basically, get off the 91 at Adams, and turn north. That's left for everyone coming from LA, Orange County, or the San Diego area. Then turn left on Magnolia Avenue, and turn left on Campus Bridge. If you'd like to stay in covered parking (who doesn't love napping between rounds?), then after turning left on Adams, turn left into the campus, then turn left after the security gate to go into the parking garage (building #40 on the map). Leave the garage and head to building #1, which is the Yeager Center. As this is a closed campus, you may need to tell the security guards at the entrance locations that you're with the speech tournament and let them know which parking lot you'll be heading toward (Yeager lot or Parking garage). Parking will be plentiful and large vehicles should be easily accommodated. More specific instructions concerning tab room and extemp prep room will be sent out the week before the tournament to those entered. All rooms will be in the Yeager Center, James, and the Business building.

Food, etc.

There will be no food provided by the tournament, but the CBU cafeteria will be open from 11:30am to 1:30pm, Wanda's (a walk-up diner and coffee shop) will be open from 9am to 8pm, Chick Fil-A will be open from 11:30am-8pm, and El Monte (basically like a Chipotle) will be open from 11:30am to 6pm. The first three are in the Yeager Center building, and El Monte is in Lancer Plaza (near the parking garage, it's #47 on the map). All of these options are within a 5-minute walk or less from rounds. Let me know if you'd like to hear about some local dinner options. CBU is a non-smoking and non-vaping campus, so feel free to walk off the property onto Magnolia if you would like to smoke or vape.

Internet

Free and fast, just look for the open WiFi entitled "cbu" and you should be good. It will be a Saturday, and the WiFi is plenty fast enough for a thousand students on a Monday morning, so it shouldn't be a problem. There's also a cell phone tower on campus and being freeway close, fast data should be accessible. Most classrooms have power on or near desks, but you may have to sit in an odd area of the classroom to make that work.

Other random details

Besides individual awards for all finalists, schools will earn 5 pts. for first place, 4 for a second, 3 for 3rd, and 2 for all other finalists in all events. NPDA earns double points, Duo doesn't. We will award school awards for the top 5 or top half of entries, whichever is smaller. Speaker awards will be offered for all debate events, but do not earn team points. CBU is not eligible for team awards, but CBU students are eligible for individual or debate awards.