

March 10, 2023

Dear PSCFA Community,

The 2022- 2023 season is coming to a close. On behalf of PSCFA I would like to invite you and your teams to the 2023 Cool-Off Tournament held at Los Angeles City College, April 29th- 30th.

A unique aspect of the Cool-Off is that it is for **novices and rookies only**. This allows for students with little or no competition experience to compete with students of their level.

This is also a great opportunity for coaches to take a break and give junior and senior competitors a chance to be on the other side of the ballot and judge a few rounds. Those junior and senior students that do judge will not sacrifice any competitive eligibility for later seasons since this is a novice only event. Remember, all judges must be certified for PSCFA tournaments so please have them go to the PSCFA website, read the Forensics Related Educational Document (F.R.E.D.), and certify online <https://pscfa.org/fred/>.

Key points:

- Registration is due Tuesday, April 25th by 6:00 pm PST on forensicstournament.net.
- This tournament will be held in person at Los Angeles City College.
- We will still be using eballots so all judges will need a device that allows them to access eballoting. Please, make sure that judge's emails are verified in the system.
- Judges are encouraged to accept ballots as soon as they are notified.
- Judges are encouraged to submit ballots ASAP after the round. Additional comments can be added to the ballots any time before the end of the tournament.
- Drops after the Wednesday deadline do not alter a school's judging commitment.
- The Tournament Director solicits submissions of Debate topics prior to Friday, April 21st. Please send them to Patricia Hughes phughes@riohondo.edu to be forwarded to the topic committee.
- **Each school is required to provide one judge for every 4 IE entries per pattern/2 debate teams. *Uncovered entries will not be permitted.* Please see HiredJudge.com if you need to arrange for judges.**
- The Coaches Meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 29th room TBA.
- We will offer four (4) rounds of Novice and Rookie NFA-LD, NPDA and IPDA debate on Saturday. Sunday will offer the usual two (2) rounds of all PSCFA individual events for Novice competitors.

Attached, please find more detailed tournament information, a description of tournament rules, and procedures and entry forms. Please refer to the PSCFA Handbook for the newest information on Rules, available at www.pscfa.org.

We look forward to seeing you at The Cool-Off! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

Patricia Hughes, Tournament Director, Rio Hondo Community College

Email: phughes@riohondo.edu

JUDGING

Each school must cover its judging commitment. Please bring your coaches to judge or contact any judges you know & trust who are available for hire. In order for this tournament, to succeed, we need to have plenty of prepared judges. If you are bringing first-time judges, let them know that they must read and sign the PSCFA judge's handbook and complete the F.R.E.D. certification (this may be done online at www.pscfa.org). Also, remind your judges of proper protocol in rounds. It is helpful to instruct them on how to do time signals for limited prep. Remember, judges may also be returning students who are not competing at the Warm-Up. If you know of any judges available for hire, please send me their contact information.

Debate Commitment: All schools must provide one judge for every two (2) team debate entries or fraction thereof. Penalty fees will be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director (If there is sufficient pool of Hired Judges).

Individual Events Commitment: All schools must provide one judge for every four (4) individual event slots per conflict pattern or fraction thereof. Judges for all events must meet qualifications outlined in the PSCFA Handbook and must complete the PSCFA Judge Certification BEFORE being able to judge. **Coaches shall insure the competency of all judges covering your commitment.**

****All judges are committed through all elimination/final rounds.**

Any school not meeting their judging commitment will be assessed the following fees:

Debate Judges \$75.00 per team (if allowed)

IE Slots Uncovered \$12.00 per slot

FEES: All teams are still 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, April 25th.

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

You may make changes to your entry before Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00 PM. Drops are free if reported by the Wednesday deadline. Any and all changes made after Wednesday will be subject to nuisance fees. Any requests for changes made after the website closes should be sent through the “contact tournament director” messaging on the entry site.

PSCFA COOL-OFF 2023 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - DEBATE	SUNDAY - INDIVIDUAL EVENTS
<p>8:30-9:00 Registration and Sign-In*</p> <p>9:30 Judges Orientation</p> <p>1:00 PSCFA Coaches Meeting</p> <p><i>LD & Parli Schedule</i></p> <p>9:15 Topic Announced for Rounds 1 and 2</p> <p>10:00-11:00 Round 1 NFA-LD/NPDA</p> <p>11:15-12:15 Round 2 NFA-LD/NPDA</p> <p>12:45 Topic Announced for Rounds 3 & 4</p> <p>1:30-2:30 Round 3 NFA-LD/NPDA</p> <p>2:30-3:30 Round 4 NFA-LD/NPDA</p> <p>4:00-5:00 Elim Round NFA-LD/NPDA</p> <p>5:15 Debate Awards</p> <p><i>IPDA Schedule</i></p> <p><i>There will be a central strike location.</i></p> <p>10:00-11:15 Round 1</p> <p>11:30-12:45 Round 2</p> <p>1:00-2:15 Round 3</p> <p>2:30-3:45 Round 4</p> <p>4:00-5:00 Elim Round IPDA</p> <p>5:15 Debate Awards</p> <p>* Each individual student must sign-in before the end of the registration period. If they don't sign-in they will be dropped.</p>	<p>9:00 Round 1: Pattern A</p> <p>10:30 Round 2: Pattern A</p> <p>11:45 Round 1: Pattern B</p> <p>1:15 Round 2: Pattern B</p> <p>2:30 Finals: Pattern A</p> <p>4:00 Finals: Pattern B</p> <p>5:30 Awards</p> <p>Pattern A: Extemp, Prose, Poetry, Informative, STE, Cultural Artifact</p> <p>Pattern B: Impromptu, Persuasive, Duo, POI, CA, Drama</p> <p>NOVICE COMPETITORS MAY NOT DOUBLE ENTER</p>

DEBATE (Saturday)

- There will be four prelims, followed by elims, on Saturday.
- 1 Judge is required for every 2 debate entries.
- A 5-minute forfeit rule will be put in place for all debate rounds.
 - In accordance with NPDA Bylaws, Electronic/laptop flowing by debaters in a round is also acceptable for the season. This excludes cutting and pasting previously prepared material as well as flowing done by anyone not in the round on a shared spreadsheet. As with the previous interpretations (2020-2022).

NPDA:

- Students will receive the topic in the NPDA general topic announce
- Reminder that there will be one topic for Rounds 1 and 2. Different topics will then be used for each subsequent round.
- NPDA rules will be followed.

IPDA:

- Students will conduct topic strikes at central strike.
- Judges will have the prompts available on the eBallot.
- IPDA rules will be followed.

NFA-LD:

- Standard NFA-LD procedures will be followed unless noted.
- Case disclosure is not required by the tournament nor will be facilitated by tournament staff.
- No speaker awards will be given.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (Sunday)

- All 11 IE events will be offered (Informative, After Dinner, Comm Analysis, Persuasive, Extemp, Impromptu, Prose, Poetry, Drama, POI, Duo)
- 1 judge is required for every 4 IE entries.
- Two prelims and finals will be held on Sunday.

Limited Prep Events:

- Impromptu topics will be provided to each student in the room.
- Each student will receive a different set of impromptu topics.
- Extemp questions will be provided for all speakers in a separate Extemp Prep Room TBA

EVENT GUIDELINES

The tournament will be run consistent with the rules and regulations in the PSCFA handbook. If there is any ambiguity or inconsistency in this invitation the handbook takes priority.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Pattern A

Extemporaneous: Contestants will be given three topics in the general area of current events. They will choose one and have 30 minutes to prepare a speech. The maximum speaking time is 7 minutes.

Speech to Entertain: A speech designed to entertain the audience. This speech should not be a series of jokes, but should emphasize wit and creativity following a central theme. The use of a manuscript is discouraged. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Poetry: Students will prepare a selection or selections of poetry of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Use of a manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Informative: An original, factual speech on a realistic subject to fulfill the general goal of informing the audience. Visuals may or may not be used to reinforce the message. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Prose: A selection or selection of prose materials of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Play cuttings are prohibited. Use of a manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Cultural Artifact Speech: To offer a discussion of some tangible aspect of culture. Five minutes maximum. Visual or audio aid required.

Pattern B

Dramatic Duo: A cutting (scene) from a play (either humorous or serious), involving the portrayal of at least two characters presented by two individuals. This is not an acting event. No costumes, props, lighting, etc., are permitted. Manuscripts are required. Focus should be off-stage. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Persuasive: The speech must be the work of the student and be persuasive or inspirational in nature. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Programmed Oral Interp (POI): A Program of thematically linked selections of literary merit, chosen from two or more of the recognized genres of competitive interpretation (prose;poetry;drama). A substantial portion of the total time must be devoted to each genre used in the program. Use of a manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including the original introduction and transitions.

Impromptu: Topic selection is varied by round using brief quotations, personalities, events, etc. Speech should not exceed 7 minutes; time begins when topic is drawn.

Communication Analysis: A speech which is carefully researched and developed which applies a student's knowledge of rhetorical communication principles to a communication event such as a speech, speaker, movement, campaign, etc. This speech should pay primary attention to the analysis and less attention to description. The student may deliver the speech in any manner (memorized or manuscript). Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Drama: A cutting from a play or plays of literary merit. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

ENTRY DEADLINE is Tuesday, April 25th at 11:59 PST through forensicstournament.net. Changes may be made through Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00pm PST at no charge.

Fees will be assessed on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00 PM. Changes after that time will not reduce your fees and may result in nuisance fees.

FOOD, LODGING, PARKING, AND DIRECTIONS

Food	Water & light snacks will be available for both students and judges.
Off Campus Food	Places will be updated
Map	LACC Campus Map or find one with a legend on FTN
Housing	There is not an official tournament hotel.
Parking	Lot 4 - off North Heliotrope Drive – No pass is needed
Registration	Jefferson Hall 2 nd Floor Room TBA
Judge Check-in	Jefferson Hall, 219
Judge Orientation	Jefferson Hall, 219 – 9:30 am
PSCFA Meeting Room	TBA – Saturday 1:00 pm

COOL-OFF STAFF

Tournament Director:

Patricia Hughes, phughes@rioehondo.edu

Tournament Host - LACC

Nichole Barta, bartana@lacitycollege.edu

Debate Tab:

IE Tab:

Judges Table:

PSCFA COOL OFF FEE SHEET

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PSCFA." This fee sheet might be updated by March 25th. Since we are back in person, I want to make sure the fees are correct

Facilities Fee	\$35.00	x	1	=	\$35.00

Mandatory School Fee <i>(Choose your number of students below)</i>		
1-5 students - \$ 25.00	6-10 students - \$ 30.00	11 + students - \$ 35.00

Entry Fees	Fee		Entries		Total
LD Debate	\$ 10.00	x		=	\$
IPDA	\$ 10.00	x		=	\$
Parliamentary	\$ 20.00	x		=	\$
Pattern A IE Slots	\$ 6.00	x		=	\$
Pattern B IE Slots	\$ 6.00	x		=	\$
Duo Interp	\$ 12.00	x		=	\$

Judging Fees	Fee		Entries		Total
Per any uncovered team(if allowed)	\$ 75.00	x		=	\$
IE's Pattern A	\$ 12.00	x		=	\$
IE's Pattern B	\$ 12.00	x		=	\$

Nuisance Fees	Fee		Entries		Total
No-Show IE	\$ 10.00	x		=	\$
No-Show Debate	\$ 20.00	x		=	\$
Nuisance IE	\$ 5.00	x		=	\$
Nuisance Debate	\$ 10.00	x		=	\$
Judge Nuisance (per rd)	\$ 25.00	x		=	\$
Drop after Wed deadline	\$ 5.00	x		=	\$
Late Add Fee	\$ 50.00	x		=	\$

TOTAL FEES \$ _