

2018 Mills Invitational

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Dear Friends and Community Members,

It is with great pleasure that Palomar College and San Diego State University, invite you to the 2018 *Aztec/Mills Invitational*.

For a second year we will be hosting the Mills Invitational on Friday at Palomar College and the Aztec Invitational will be at SDSU on Saturday and Sunday. We have worked very hard to ensure optimal schedules to accommodate teams traveling from Palomar to SDSU.

This year the tournaments feature:

- 2 IE Tournaments (Fri and Sat)
- 4 prelim rounds of **IPDA and NFA LD** with 2 Elims (Fri)
- 6 prelim rounds of NPDA debate (Sat-Sun, breaking to doubles if warranted).
- 6 prelim rounds of WUDC “Worlds” debate (Sat and Sun)

Open and Novice divisions will be offered in all respective events, **where warranted**.

Mills Invitational Details

Registration

Mills Tournament

Registration on Friday will take place in H-212 at 8:30am.

General Guidelines

Tournament Rules – AFA and NFA regulations will govern their respective divisions, *unless specified elsewhere in this invitation.*

PLEASE NOTE :In IE's, no person who has competed for eight (8) or more semesters or has competed at a collegiate national tournament in four (4) different years may compete.

Divisions

The SDSU Aztec/Mills Invitational will offer novice and open divisions of all reasonably populated IEs and debate events (***see policy BELOW on collapsing divisions with less than 6 competitors***).

Students are considered to be novices in individual events when:

1. They are in their first year (defined as first two semesters of collegiate or high school individual event competition), and
2. They have not placed third or higher in a similar event (Public Address, Interpretation or Limited Preparation) two or more times in any division including high school. For example, a student may be novice in interpretation, but be open in public address events.
3. "Open" will be reserved for competitors of any year or level (assuming THEY ARE still eligible by national standards), and does not require unique qualification.

Entry Procedure-- Entries will be accepted electronically at <http://www.forensicstournament.net>. Registration must be completed by 11:00 pm on Tuesday October 2, 2018. After that, email all changes to mcookwhearty@palomar.edu.

Entry Limits- Participants will be limited to a maximum of 3 events per pattern in both tournaments. It is the sole responsibility of the participants to check in to rooms on time, write names and school codes on the board, communicate with judges, and make it to rounds within the time allotted. Late arrivals who have not "checked-in" will be subject to an automatic drop.

*** Competitors can compete in the debate tournament or IE's. You cannot do both

IE Patterns/Scheduling –

Pattern A = EXT, INFO, ADS, PRO, POE

Pattern B = IMP, PER, CA, DI, POI, DUO

Pattern C = IPDA/NFA LD

Financial Information

Fees will be assessed at noon on **Wednesday, October 3th**. In addition to a \$25.00 school fee, the following fees will be assessed for students competing in the tournament:

1. \$10.00 per IE slot.
2. \$65.00 per Team Debate slot (BP, NPDA).
3. \$ 25.00 per IPDA or LD competitor.

All checks, cash, or money orders for should be made payable to: Palomar College for the Mills portion of swing (Friday at Palomar).

Judge/Critic/Adjudicator Information

Judging Commitment

- One judge can cover two IPDA debaters –OR– up to five IE slots per pattern.
- The same judge cannot cover both Individual Events and IPDA Debate. Please specify whether a judge should be placed in the IPDA pool OR the IE pool when registering.

Please note:

- Debate judges are needed through the second elimination round, and one round beyond the squad's elimination.
- IE judges are committed through finals.

Meeting this commitment is essential for these tournaments.

Available Judges

We REALLY want you to bring your judges and will pay any of your judges \$15.00 per round for judging beyond their commitment. Please alert us to judges who are willing to judge beyond their commitment.

Uncovered judge fees will be assessed on the following basis:

1. \$20.00 per IE slot
2. \$75.00 per IPDA slot

Please bring judges!

Schedule for Mills

Friday Schedule (Mills Invitational)

9:30 Extemp prep

10:00-11:20 RD 1 Pattern A, IPDA Round 1, LD Round 1

11:00- Extemp Prep

11:30-12:50 RD 2 Pattern A, IPDA Round 2, LD Round 2

1:00-1:30 LUNCH Break

1:30-2:50 RD 1 Pattern B, IPDA Round 3, LD Round 3

3:00 – 4:20 RD 2 Pattern B, IPDA 4, LD Round 4

4:00- Extemp Prep

4:30-5:50 Finals Pattern A, IPDA Elim 1, LD Elim 1

6:00-7:20 Finals Pattern B, IPDA Elim2, LD Elim 2

7:30/ASAP Awards Ceremony

**** Extemp prep to begin 30 minutes before round- Those competing in extemp your judges will know to release you after you speak from the previous round.**

Tournament Specifics

Limited Preparation Events

This year, impromptu will be “AFA-style,” with the same two quotations used for each new round, with speakers waiting outside the room for their turn to enter and perform.

Additionally, extemporaneous speakers **will be allowed** full use of the internet, and not restricted to hardcopy, or digital files.

Policy on Collapsing Divisions

If there are fewer than six (6) entries in an event, ***it may be collapsed into the next*** highest division. If this occurs, top novices will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony.

ELIMINATION ROUNDS/IE's

Criteria for Elimination Round – IN NOVICE, any event with less than seven (7) contestants ***may not have a final round***. For events with 7 or more competitors competing in all preliminary rounds, a final round will be held. In open division, a final round of less than seven (7) contestants will STILL be held in each event.

Advancement to Elimination Rounds – No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, and then by the highest cumulative ratings.

Advancement in Elimination Rounds - Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings in the final round, then by judge's preference and finally by the highest cumulative ratings in the final round and preliminary rounds.

AWARDS

- All finalists for IEs and all advancing debate will receive awards for each respective tournament.
- Additionally, sweepstakes awards will be issued to the top 2 institutions for debate and the top 2 institutions for IEs. These awards will be given separately for 2-year and 4-year divisions.
- Combined tournament sweepstakes awards will be offered for top 2-year school and top 4-year school competing in both tournaments.
- ***Finally, a limited amount of speaker awards will be issued for all debate events, with no less than the top-5 speakers in each respective division, recognized.***

Sweepstakes Awards

Sweepstakes Points – Points will be assigned by this formula:

Event: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd/SF, 4th/QF, Finalist/OF

- **IE's/IPDA/LD:** 10, 8, 6, 4, 2
- **Duo:** 20, 16, 12, 8, 4

SPECIAL AWARDS

Dr. Patrick Mills Award (Palomar): This award is given in memory of the greatest limited prep speaker to ever compete for SDSU. Dr. Mills served as a Professor of Communication at Palomar for over 26 years. This award is presented to the top limited preparation speaker in the Mills Invitational.

LOGISTICS

Parking –

Mills: All parking for the Aztec Invitational will take place in **Lot 12**.

Food

Food will be supplied to all judges, adjudicators, and tournament staff. Afternoon Pizza will be supplied to competitors ***on Friday***.

Lodging

There is no official tournament hotel. Please take advantage of the hotel and motel packages throughout the area.

Nearby Lodging Suggestions:

Mills: Please see link for comparison of nearby lodging options, current availability, and discount inquiries (e.g., AAA, Veteran Status, and other affiliated discounts at: https://www.tripadvisor.com/HotelsNear-g33028-d8268772-Palomar_College-San_Marcos_California.html)

We hope you consider attending the 2018 Mills Invitational taking place on the Palomar College campus on Friday and the Aztec Invitational at SDSU on Saturday and Sunday. These tournaments are sure to provide incredible early-season competitive experience and point opportunities to schools that choose to attend.

We look forward to seeing you and your squad in San Diego in October!

Sincerely,

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Appendix A: Campus Map

Printable map of Palomar College:

http://www2.palomar.edu/telescope/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/campus-map-10_23_14-3.pdf