



November 10, 2013

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Orange Coast College and Mt. San Antonio College are pleased to invite you to Southern California for our 2nd annual "Close to the Coast" swing on January 18-19, 2014. This year's tournament will be held in Costa Mesa, CA on the beautiful campus of Orange Coast College. We have partnered up again year to host this tournament in Southern California to give your teams an excellent January tournament in Southern California.

The two tournaments will offer similar schedules and fees. Both tournaments will have sweeps awards for the top three teams and top community college team. Saturday competition also includes a novice division and/or top novice awards while Sunday is an open division free-for-all. We will award a top speaker of the swing tournament as well.

In addition to the individual events we will host a one-day parliamentary debate tournament on Saturday and a one-day NFA-LD debate tournament on Sunday. For both days the Open division will be a standard 4/2 format but in novice we will have a six prelim tournament with Gold/Silver/Bronze awards given to the top teams. NOTE: Students **may not** enter both debate and IE events on the same day. Students are more than welcome to mix and match on different days. OCC will be the official host on Saturday and Mt. SAC will be the host on Sunday.

So c'mon Close to the Coast for some great competition and even better memories. Our tab staff will be top notch so you can expect a well-run tournament. Let us know how we can help with your travel plans or anything else that will make this a special weekend for your team.

Hope to see you there!

The Coaching Staff at Orange Coast College and Mt. San Antonio College

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

>>Postings will be at the Literature and Language Building

>>Because of the swap meet on campus no parking is available in the Adams lot

>>Please email OCC Director of Forensics Chris DeSurra at chrisdesurra@gmail.com for more information about the tournament.

IE SCHEDULE/ENTRIES:

Pattern A: Persuasion, DI, POI, Impromptu, Duo, CA (Sat: Nov Platform, Nov Imp)

Pattern B: Extemp, Informative, Prose, Poetry, ADS (Sat: Nov Interp)

Schedule (both days)

8:00	Registration (First floor, Literature & Languages Building)
9:00	Round 1A
10:15	Round 2A
11:15	Extemp Draw
11:45	Round 1B
12:45	Extemp Draw
1:15	Round 2B
2:30	Finals A
3:45	Extemp Draw
4:00	Finals B
5:45 or TBA	Awards

>>Triple entry at your own risk. No triple-entry with extemp or duo. Novices may not double-enter.

>>Students from the host schools may compete both days, but will not be in the running for a team award the day their school is hosting.

>>Saturday we will offer novice divisions in novice platform, novice interp, and novice impromptu given that the event has at least 6 novices entered from 2 different schools; if not, novice will be collapsed into open division and a top novice award will be offered if there are novice entries from at least 2 schools.

>>AFA event descriptions will apply. We will use AFA style for impromptu.

DEBATE SCHEDULE/ENTRIES:

Saturday: Parli (Novice & Open)	Sunday: NFA-LD (Novice & Open)
8:00 Registration (First floor, Literature & Languages Building)	8:00 Registration (First floor, Literature & Languages Building)
9:00 Round 1	9:00 Round 1
10:15 Round 2	10:15 Round 2
11:45 Round 3	11:45 Round 3
1:15 Round 4	1:15 Round 4
2:30 Bronze (Open) / Round 5 (Novice)	2:30 Bronze (Open) / Round 5 (Novice)
4:00 Gold (Open)/Round 6 (Novice)	4:00 Gold (Open) / Round 6 (Novice)
5:45 or TBA Awards	5:45 or TBA Awards
Open division will have a bronze and gold round during novice division rounds 5 & 6.	Open division will have a bronze and gold round during novice division rounds 5 & 6.

>>Parliamentary Debate will be run in accordance with Phi Rho Pi rules. We will use topic strikes with 15 minutes of preparation time. There will be no coaching during preparation time and students may only consult their partner, a dictionary and/or almanac during prep time. Brackets will be broken in Open division. All judge assignment will be at random. We will not offer elimination rounds in novice in lieu of everyone in novice debating a fifth and sixth preliminary round. Awards will be based off preliminary rankings.

>>This year elimination rounds will be in the Phi Rho Pi bronze/gold format. We will break an appropriate number of teams based on entry size (not to exceed half).

>>No debate prep rooms will be made available. The government team may prepare in their competition room.

>>Standard PSCFA definitions for novice debate eligibility will be used.

>>Novice NFA-LD will use the restricted PSCFA Novice LD topic: Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially reform elementary and/or secondary education in the United States in one or more areas: student evaluations, teacher evaluations, or Core Standards.

FEES (per tournament):

>> All Entries **MUST** be received by 5pm Tuesday, January, 14, 2014. Fees are computed at that time. We will use forensictournament.net for all entries.

\$20.00 school fee

\$8.00 per IE slot

\$12.00 judging fee per uncovered IE slot (One judge covers 5 total slots per pattern. All judges must be available for all rounds)

\$20.00 per Debate Entry (Parli, NFA-LD)

\$50.00 judging fee per uncovered debate entry (One judge covers 2 entries. All judges must be available for all rounds). Uncovered Debate entries must be approved by the Tournament Director before the entry deadline.

\$15.00 per change after Tuesday at 5pm

\$100.00 dropped judge fee after Thursday at 5pm

Checks MUST be made out to “Orange Coast College - Speech & Debate” for Saturday’s tournament. For Sunday please make checks out to “Mt. SAC Speakers” for Sunday’s tournament.

In other words, because of the very specific rules of our respective institutions, each school that pays by check must provide a separate check, made out to the specific host school, for each day of the swing.

TRAVEL INFO:

Orange Coast College is located in Costa Mesa, CA at
2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa CA 92626

The Ontario airport is roughly 40 minutes away.
The Long Beach airport is about 30 minutes away.
LAX is roughly 45-50 minutes away.
John Wayne/OC airport is 15 minutes away.

Directions From the 405 (San Diego) Freeway:

1. In Costa Mesa, exit Harbor Boulevard, going south.
2. Proceed South on Harbor for just over $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to Merrimac Way.
3. Turn left (East) on Merrimac.
4. Orange Coast College is now on your left.
5. Turn left into Parking Lot E off of Merrimac. Parking is free on weekends.

http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/about_occ/Pages/Map-and-Directions.aspx

HOTEL:

Hilton Costa Mesa
3050 Bristol Street
Costa Mesa, CA. 92626
(855)271-3621

Best Western Inn & Suites Costa Mesa
2642 Newport Blvd.
Costa Mesa, CA. 92627
(800)568-8520

Vagabond Inn
8205 Harbor Blvd.
Costa Mesa, CA. 92626
(800)43-HOTEL
(714)557-8360