

The Southern California Free Swing – October 10th-12th, 2014

September 15th, 2014

Dear Colleagues –

The forensics programs at California Baptist University, Concordia University Irvine and Irvine Valley College invite you to participate in ***The Southern California Free Swing***. Over three days of competition (October 10th, 11th and 12th, 2014), students can compete in an NPDA debate tournament and two individual events tournaments. Each tournament is a free event, meaning they are “no fees, no food, no perks” events. However, programs MUST cover their entries. There can be no exceptions.

On Friday, October 10th, Irvine Valley will welcome Novice and Junior division NPDA debaters to the ***Gary Rybold’s “It’s Great to Be Free” Invitational***. Four preliminary rounds will lead to Bronze and Gold rounds. On Saturday, October 11th, individual events competitors should join Cal Baptist in Riverside for the ***Norene Hokett “Free Is My Favorite Flavor”*** tournament. End the weekend by returning to Irvine on Sunday, October 12th where we honor one of our community’s best and brightest as Concordia hosts the ***Jannese Davidson Memorial Tournament***.

Please consider joining our programs for ***The Free Swing***.

Sincerely,

Michael Marse	Konrad Hack	Edwin Tionsgon
California Baptist Univ	Concordia Univ Irvine	Irvine Valley College

RYBOLD INVITATIONAL SPECIFICS

ENTRIES: Unfortunately, the room situation on our small campus requires **limiting entries to Novice and Junior**. Entries will be taken until on a first-come basis until 6:00 pm on October 8th at <http://www.forensicstournament.net>. We may need to shut down entries when we reach our limited space, so schools should sign up early.

DIVISIONS: Novices are students who has not competed in more than 20 debate rounds (high school or college). Juniors are either community college students eligible for Phi Rho Pi, or 4-year debaters with 4 or fewer semesters of competition who have not won an elimination round at any state or national tournament.

JUDGES: We will have a compact schedule and require every school to provide judges for their entire entry (no judge buy-out) AND be available for ALL elimination rounds. Open-level university debaters may cover novice debate commitments. Junior judges should have no remaining eligibility.

LOCATION: Our campus is located at 5500 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine, CA 92618. Registration is in the Business Sciences and Technology Innovation Center on Jeffrey Blvd (next to the Performing Arts Center).

HOKETT & DAVIDSON SPECIFICS

ENTRIES: Submit at <http://www.forensicstournament.net> by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 8th. You may drop and/or change entries until Friday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. At that time, the entry pages will be placed in shut-down mode. Any drops after that should be emailed to Mike (mmarse@calbaptist.edu) for the Hokett and Konrad (konrad.hack@cui.edu) for the Davidson.

EVENTS: The tournaments will offer two preliminary rounds in two divisions of all eleven AFA/Phi Rho Pi events. At the Hokett, Open division will have final round while novice will hold a third preliminary round. At the Davidson, all events with more than 7 competitors will have a final round. Novice events with more than 30 competitors will hold festival finals. Events patterns will be:

- A = Extemporaneous Speaking, Informative Speaking, After Dinner Speaking, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation
- B = Impromptu Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Communication Analysis, Drama Interpretation, Programmed Oral Interpretation, Duo Interpretation.

DIVISIONS: The tournament will offer Open and Novice divisions. Novices should be in their first year of collegiate individual event competition (with no/limited high school experience) and have not place third or higher twice. If there are fewer than 6 entries in an event, it may be collapsed into Open division. If necessary, like-events may be collapsed for the 3rd round of novice.

JUDGING: Each program MUST provide one full-time judge for every five entries per pattern. There is no judge buy-out.

TIE BREAKERS: Competitors will first be ordered by ranks, then reciprocals and finally by ratings. Final placing will be determined first by ranks in finals, then judge’s preference, followed by reciprocal scores and finally by ratings.

AWARDS: All finalists will receive an award. Additionally, the top 5 schools in both 2-Year and 4-Year divisions will be recognized. All awards will be certificates.

FOOD: At the Hokett, participants are invited to choose from plentiful food choices within walking or driving distance of Cal Baptist. At the Davidson, Concordia’s cafeteria will be open from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. All you can eat meals are available for purchase for \$7.00. Please advise Konrad (konrad.hack@cui.edu) in advance if your squad intends to purchase meals in the cafeteria.

HOKETT LOCATION: Cal Baptist is located at 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, CA 92504. The school is located approximately 39 miles from Irvine without taking any toll roads, and 35 miles if the toll roads are used.

DAVIDSON LOCATION: Concordia is located just south of Interstate 405 at 1530 Concordia West, Irvine, CA 92612. Parking is free. Inform the gate that you are with the tournament. Headquarters will be Grimm Hall.

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Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct 10th - Rybold Invitational

11:30 AM Check-In/Prep Rooms (BSTIC 101)

12:00 PM Topic Announced: Rd 1 & Rd 2

12:45 PM Round One Debates

2:00 PM Round Two Debates

3:00 PM Topic Announced: Rd 3

3:20 PM Round Three Debates

4:20 PM Topic Announced: Rd 4

4:40 PM Round 4 Debates (no critiques – Go eat)

5:30 PM DINNER BREAK

(Dozens of eateries w/in five minutes)

6:30 PM Topic Announced: Bronze Round

6:50 PM Bronze Round Debates (awards in-rnd)

8:00 PM Topic Announced: Gold Round

8:20 PM Gold Round Debates (awards in-round)

9:00 PM TOURNAMENT OVER

SATURDAY, Oct 11th – Hokett Invite

9:45am Extemp Draw

10:00am Round One: Pattern A
(EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

11:15am Round One: Pattern B
(IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

12:15pm Extemp Draw

12:30pm Round Two: Pattern A
(EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

1:45pm LUNCH BREAK

2:30pm Round Two: Pattern B
(IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

3:30pm Extemp Draw

3:45pm Finals: Open Division Pattern A
Round Three: Novice Pattern A
(EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

5:00pm Finals: Open Division Pattern B
Round Three: Novice Pattern B
(IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

6:30/ASAP AWARDS CEREMONY

SUNDAY, Oct 12th - Davidson Mem

9:15 Extemp Draw

9:30-10:45 Round One: Pattern A
(EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

10:45-12:00 Round One: Pattern B
(IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

12:00-12:45 LUNCH BREAK

12:45 Extemp Draw
1:00-2:15 Round Two: Pattern A
(EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

2:15-3:30 Round Two: Pattern B
(IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

3:30 Extemp Draw

3:45-5:00 Finals: Pattern A
(EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

5:00-6:15 Finals: Pattern B
(IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

6:30/ASAP AWARDS – Grimm 120