

CERRITOS COLLEGE FALCON FORENSICS

December 10, 2008

Dear Colleagues:

The Cerritos College Falcon Forensics squad is pleased to invite you to attend the annual **Tabor-Venitsky Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament** to be held on Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, 2009. Once again, this year we will be working in conjunction with an outstanding tab room staff to provide you with an exciting tournament.

We would also like to invite you to the **Southern California LD Championships** - a one day Parli-LD and NFA-LD swing tournament to be held on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at **Cerritos College**. The Championships will offer four rounds of LD competition for your competitors in one open divisions following CCCFA/NFA rules for the event breaking to appropriate elimination rounds. The Parli-LD division will be restricted to community college students with remaining Phi Rho Pi eligibility while the NFA-LD division will be open to both two and four year students.

The Tabor-Venitsky traditionally provides a competitive preview of the PSCFA Spring Championships, CCCFA State Championship, as well as Phi Rho Pi. We hope you will join us once again.

For the Tabor-Venitsky we will offer four rounds of Parliamentary debate breaking to a bronze/gold elimination round format on Friday and three rounds of Individual Events breaking to finals on Saturday. Each day will feature a quick awards ceremony. Students may enter a maximum of two IE events per pattern. **Additionally, we will continue to offer an experimental event: Sports Impromptu** on Saturday - please see page 7 for more information.

We will offer two divisions in parliamentary debate and individual events. Please review page 4 for novice eligibility. The open division in both debate and individual events will be limited to community college students only with remaining Phi Rho Pi eligibility. **There will be no coaching allowed during preparation time for both parliamentary debate and Parli-LD.**

Please submit your entries on www.forensictournament.net. The website should be active in the next few days. All entries must be submitted by **Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 6:00pm PST**. Fees will be assessed on Wednesday at 7:00pm and no adds will be accepted after that time. However, please call/email with drops through Friday to assist in paneling.

We are excited about hosting the Tabor-Venitsky and the Southern California LD Championships and look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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SCHEDULE

Pattern A: Persuasive, Impromptu, Sports Impromptu, POI, DI, CA, Duo

Pattern B: Informative, Extemporaneous, Prose, Poetry, STE

TABOR-VENITSKY INVITATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT			
Friday		Saturday	
8:30 am	Registration	8:00 – 9:15 am	Round 1 – Pattern A
9:30 – 10:45 am	Parli Round 1	9:30 – 10:45 am	Round 2 – Pattern A
11:00 – 12:15 pm	Parli Round 2	11:00 am	Extemp Draw
12:15 - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	11:15 – 12:15 pm	Round 1 – Pattern B
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Parli Round 3	12:15 – 12:45 pm	Lunch Break
2:45 - 4:15 pm	Parli Round 4	12:45 – 1:45 pm	Round 3 – Pattern A
5:00 - 6:15 pm	Bronze Round	2:00 pm	Extemp Draw
6:30 - 7:45 pm	Gold Round	2:15 – 3:15 pm	Round 2 - Pattern B
ASAP	AWARDS	3:30 pm	Extemp Draw
		3:45 – 4:45 pm	Round 3 - Pattern B
		5:00 – 6:00 pm	Finals – Pattern A
		6:15 pm	Extemp Draw
		6:30 – 7:30 pm	Finals - Pattern B
		ASAP	Awards
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LD CHAMPIONSHIPS Hosted at Cerritos College Sunday			
8:30 am	Registration		
9:00 – 10:00 am	Round 1	2:30 – 3:30 pm	Elim 1
10:00 – 11:00 am	Round 2	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Elim 2*
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Round 3	4:30 - 5:30 pm	Elim 3*
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	ASAP	AWARDS
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Round 4	* As necessary	

LOCATION

Cerritos College is located between the 91 and 5 freeways, just east of the 605 freeway. From the north or south take the 605 to the Alondra Boulevard exit and go one block east to Studebaker Road. Turn right on Studebaker and left into parking lots C5 or C6.

Parking is free Friday through Sunday.

For a campus map please see <http://www.cerritos.edu/guide/map.html>

The tournament is located in the Social Science building in the top left corner of the map.

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

The tournament will be run out of the Social Science Building (SS on the map) located on the northwest corner of campus.

Registration & Judges Lounge:	Social Science Room 207
Tab Room:	Social Science Room 240

PATTERNS

Friday:

Parliamentary Debate (4 prelims/2 elims)

* Open division limited to Community College students with Phi Rho Pi eligibility.

* Novice division open to any college student meeting novice definition below.

Saturday:

Pattern A: Persuasive, Impromptu, Sports Impromptu, POI, DI, Duo, CA*

Pattern B: Informative, Extemporaneous **, Prose, Poetry, STE*

* Open division only in CA, STE, and Sports Comm.

** students may **not** double enter in both Impromptu and Sports Impromptu.

Sunday:

Parli-LD Debate* (4 prelims and elims as necessary)

- Community college students only with Phi Rho Pi eligibility

NFA-LD Debate* (4 prelims and elims as necessary)

- Open to all college students

* Single Open Division of both events

DIVISION ELIGIBILITY

We will try to maintain all open and novice divisions in each individual events and debate, but retain the right to collapse divisions in events with small entries. We will notify each school by Wednesday night of any events which need to be collapsed. We will not charge any fees for students withdrawn from collapsed events.

Novice:

Any student is eligible provided that he/she has not placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the event (semi-finalist in debate) three or more times and/or has not participated in the specific event for more than two semesters.

Open:

Limited to students at community colleges who have remaining Phi Rho Pi eligibility (not competed for more than 4 semesters). The open division at the Tabor-Venitsky is traditionally a preview of both the CCCFA State tournament and the Phi Rho Pi national tournament. Coaches, you are responsible for ensuring your competitors are eligible for the open division.

JUDGING

Debate

One judge is required for every two teams entered for parliamentary debate. One judge is required for every two debaters entered in either Parli-LD or NFA-LD on Sunday. Judges are required to judge one round beyond the elimination of their last team and **all** judges are committed through the first elimination round. There will be a charge of **\$90 per team/L-D entry** that is entered beyond your judging availability for both parliamentary debate, Parli-LD and NFA-LD.

Individual Events

One judge is required for every **five** entries **per pattern**. ALL judges are committed through the final rounds. There will be a charge of **\$12** per uncovered IE slot.

Qualifications

For the Open Division, we ask that all judges have an undergraduate degree or be at least two semesters removed from the open division. For the Novice division we ask that all judges be at least two semesters removed from novice competition.

Cerritos tournament staff reserves the right to make the final decision on judging qualifications. Novice judges may not cover open division entries.

Hired Judges

If you have judges available for hire please let us know and we may hire them. We will pay \$15 per debate round and \$10 per IE round.

AWARDS

We will break to a bronze round in parliamentary debate and award the top ten speakers in each division. All IE finalists will receive awards.

Two categories of sweepstakes awards will be given out. The “Large Entry” category will be determined by counting the number of **students** entered by each school in the tournament as of Wednesday night. Fifty percent (plus ties) of the schools entered in the tournament will count as large entry. The “Limited entry” category will consist of all the remaining schools.

Novice division points will count 50% towards sweeps.

Sweepstakes will be calculated in the following manner:

Debate:

- 1) 1 point for each prelim win in debate for the four best teams per school.
- 2) 10 points for Gold, 5 points for Silver, 3 points for Bronze across all divisions.

Individual Events:

- 1) 10 points for 1st, 5 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, and 1 point for finalist.

HOTEL INFORMATION

There are numerous hotels in the area for you to choose from. If you need any information please feel free to contact us at carellano@cerritos.edu A few hotels nearby:

Holiday Inn Select La Mirada (Hotel Rating *)**

14299 Firestone Blvd, La Mirada Ca 90638, 1-800-465-4329

Room Rates (\$109.00 plus tax – but please inquire about lower rates)

Comfort Inn (Hotel Rating **)

12512 Pioneer Blvd, Norwalk, Ca 90650, 562-868-3453

Rates (1-4 adults) \$85.00 plus tax

Ramada Inn (Hotel Rating: **)

12500 Firestone Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650-4329, 562-868-0991

Room Rates \$79-\$99 plus tax depending on occupancy

MEAL INFORMATION

Food will be available at numerous facilities nearby. The Cerritos College speech team will be selling baked goods and snacks for purchase throughout the tournament for your convenience. In addition, we have once again requested that the Coffee shop in the Social Science building to be open early for the tournament.

NO SMOKING

Please inform your squad that there is **NO SMOKING** inside or near the entrances of any buildings.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please let us know in advance and we can reserve elevator keys for your physically challenged staff and students.

If you have any other questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

ENTRIES & FEES

All entries must be submitted by **Tuesday, February 10 at 6:00 pm PST** to www.forensicstournament.net If you have trouble with the website please email Cynthia Lavariere (carellano@cerritos.edu) ASAP to ensure your schools entry.

Fees will be assessed as of Wednesday evening at 6:00pm PST.

School Fee:	\$25	Individual Events:	\$8 per slot
Debate Team:	\$30 per team	Duo:	\$15 per team
Parli-LD; NFA-LD entry:	\$15 per entry	Uncovered IE slots:	\$12 per slot
Uncovered Debate Judges:	\$90 per team		

Please make checks payable to: **Cerritos College – Phi Rho Pi**

DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

Debate

Parliamentary Debate

We will follow standard NPDA rules with time limits of 7-8-8-8-4-5 with 15 minutes of prep. The tournament will use a “strike system” for topics with the proposition striking one topic and the opposition striking another topic. The remaining topic will be the resolution for the round. **No coaching will not be allowed during the 15 minutes of prep time.**

Parli-LD Debate

We will follow standard CCCFA rules for Parli-LD with time limits of 7-9-5-6-3 with 15 minutes of prep. The Parli-LD tournament will also use a “strike system” for topics with the government striking one topic and the opposition striking another topic. The remaining topic will be the resolution for the round. **No coaching will be allowed during the 15 minutes of prep time.**

NFA-LD Debate

We will follow standard NFA rules for NFA-LD with time limits of 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with 4 minutes of preparation time for each debater. For more information on NFA-LD please visit: <http://www.socal-ld.net> REMINDER: This event is open to **all** college students with remaining debate eligibility.

Individual Events

PATTERN A

Persuasive: An original, serious speech intended to convince an audience to accept an idea or adopt a policy of action. No more than 10% should be quoted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Impromptu: An impromptu speech, serious in nature, with topic selection varied round by round, section-by-section. Speakers will have a total of 7 minutes and may use the time at their discretion.

Sports Impromptu: The rules will be identical to Impromptu above except that topics will be drawn from the previous four issues of Sports Illustrated. We ask that any schools entering a student in Sports Impromptu designate at least one judge who would be willing to judge the event. **Students may double enter both impromptu events.**

Duo: Two persons from the same college performing a selection from any type of literature. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes. One person **may not** be in more than one Duo.

Programmed Oral Interpretation: A lecture-recital format composed of two or more selections from one or more authors, utilizing at least two different genres. Program should cohere in some manner but need not be thematic, i.e. "love", "war," "hate," etc. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Dramatic Interpretation: This event shall consist of a cutting or cuttings from a play, teleplay, or screenplay, featuring monologue or dialogue. If more than one selection is used, these selections should be linked by a thematic transition. All programs must include an introduction. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Communication Analysis: Analysis using rhetorical-communication principles. The analysis can be of a speech, speaker, movement, poster or other graphics, song, advertisement, play, poem, painting, etc. Maximum time is 10 minutes.

PATTERN B

Informative: An informative speech (with or without visual aids) is intended to instruct an audience rather than reinforce or change an attitude. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Extemporaneous: Topics taken from the areas of national and international politics, economics, and international relations. Topics will be drawn from articles published in newsmagazines within the 90 days prior to the tournament. Maximum time limit is 7 minutes. Self-contained laptops may be used in the prep-room but a power source might not be available.

Prose: Prose shall consist of single or multiple selections of literature printed mainly in paragraph form, excluding drama. If more than one selection is used, these selections should be linked by a thematic transition. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

Poetry: A selection or selections of poetry of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Play cuttings are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including introduction and transitions.

Speech to Entertain/ADS: A humorous treatment of issues or events, avoiding material of questionable taste. The speech should be original rather than an imitation or impersonation of a comedian or monologue. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.