



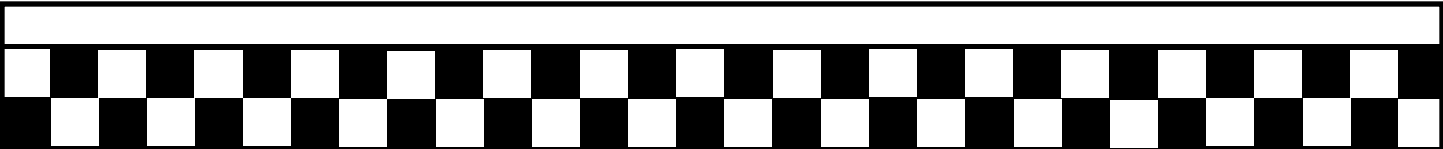
Las Positas College, 9th Annual Talk Hawk Invitational Livermore, California

We feature a full day of Individual Events, Parliamentary Debate, and we will be offering Novice and Open level competition while following NCFA guidelines for novice eligibility. We reserve the right to collapse divisions due to limited entry.

You will find the usual events lined up for your pleasure with the same interesting twists that make the Talk Hawk Invitational unique.

- First and foremost, **ALL INTERPRETATION EVENTS WILL BE BOOK OPTIONAL** where judges are not to penalize students for performing without a script in hand.
- The 1st Place Open Winners in each event will **WIN A CASH PAYOUT**. The exact amount of the payout will be dependent upon tournament and entry size. In some years *1st place winners received \$120! Are you sure you want to "rest" your best events?!*
- There will be a **Supplemental Event** at this year's tournament: *I Love the 80's*. Contestants will be given three prompts; a 1980s fashion, a 1980s toy, and a 1980s Catch Phrase that must be the closing line. A total time of 5 minutes will be allotted, for prep and speaking. See Event Descriptions for specific details.
- Contestants in the **final round of Duo Interpretation will be permitted to adorn any thematic attire desirable** (Translation: they're allowed to wear costumes!).
- Las Positas College is equipped with smart classrooms. Competitors in Informative, Communication Analysis, After Dinner, and Persuasive Speaking are allowed to use PowerPoint for their visual aids. (As in all situations that require technology for visual aids: *have a backup plan, just in case*)
- For additional variations please read the entire invite carefully, paying special attention to the *Event Descriptions* for some minor twists and turns like those mentioned above.
- For the first time, the Talk Hawk Invitational will be offering Parliamentary Debate. There will be four (4) preliminary rounds followed by elimination rounds. The number of elimination rounds will depend on entry size. We will do our best to offer as much competition as possible. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide Prep Rooms. We are really tight on space.



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- Note: Each unexpired can of food that is brought in at registration on Saturday morning will result in a reduction of \$2 for an IE entry or \$5 for a Parli entry. These canned goods will be donated to a food shelter in the Livermore area.

While these small changes are meant to create a fun and exciting atmosphere it will not deter from the competitive nature of Forensics competition, nor will it prohibit students from earning legs for AFA nationals.

Child Care

We will be able to provide day care for any little ones that need looking after while mommy or daddy are busy at the tournament. Two highly qualified Talk Hawk students will be the babysitters and will be active with the kids doing crafts and fun activities. We encourage you to bring your kids!

We look forward to seeing you at the tournament.

Sincerely,

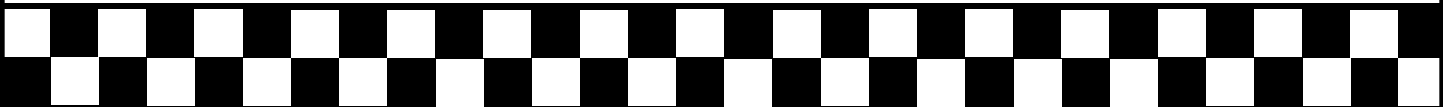
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Co-Hosts of the Talk Hawk Invitational

Las Positas College



Tournament Schedule

8:00-9:00 Registration and Breakfast

Individual Events:

9:00 Round 1 of Group A (Duo, DI, Info, ADS, OI, Imp)

10:15 Extemp Draw (Room 2420)

10:45 Round 1 of Group B (Prose, Poetry, Extemp, CA, Pers, I Love the 80's)

Lunch Break (There are several locations to pick up lunch a short drive from the campus)

12:45 Extemp Draw

1:15 Round 2 of Group B (Prose, Poetry, Extemp, CA, Pers, I Love the 80's!)

2:30 Round 2 of Group A (Duo, DI, Info, ADS, OI, Imp)

3:45 Extemp Draw Finals

4:00 Finals of Group B (Prose, Poetry, Extemp, CA, Pers, I Love the 80's!)

5:15 Finals of Group A (Duo, DI, Info, ADS, OI, Imp)

ASAP Awards

Parliamentary Debate:

8:30 Round 1

9:45 Round 2

11:15 Round 3

Lunch Break

1:30 Round 4

3:00 Elim 1

4:15 Elim 2

5:30 Elim 3

Locations

- Tournament Site: The tournament will be held on the Las Positas College campus. (3000 Campus Hill Dr. Livermore, CA. 94551)
- Registration: Building 2400, toward the top of the campus near the PE complex. Please check-in at the registration table in 2411 (found in the interior hallway of Building 2400). **All schools are required to check-in and verify their entries prior to the start of the first round of competition.**
- Exemp Prep Room: 2420
- Awards: 2420 (Please remove all Extemp materials from 2420 by 6:00 pm)
- Tab Room: 2411
- Judge's room: 2411A
- Child Care Kiddie room: 2411U
- Student room: Cafeteria
- Food room: Cafeteria (judges and students)

Parking: Parking will be free (*with a parking pass*) in Lot E. For a map, go to

<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/about/map.php>. ***Make sure you receive a parking pass from us at the registration table in 2411 when you arrive. If you plan on sending students for extra credit, they will NOT be provided with a parking pass.***



Entries

The deadline for receiving entries is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1st. Drops will be allowed on-line until 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 2nd. Any changes made after Thursday night may be made without penalty but they must be texted to Jim Dobson (510) 384-9525 or Tim Heisler (209) 765-7260 with school name, student name, and change needed before 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 3rd. Please use the online site <http://www.forensictournament.net/> for putting in your team's entry. Fees will be assessed as of 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

Student Entry Conflicts/Limits

Students may enter in **EITHER IE OR Debate**. They will not be allowed to compete in both. Each student may enter up to three events per group in IE. **Exception:** any student entered in Extemp may double enter in Group B but *will not be permitted to triple-enter in Group B*.

Judges

Judges can NOT cover both IE AND Debate. Each judge entered should be designated for either debate OR IE.

IE: Each school should provide one judge for every six slots per pattern of Individual Events.

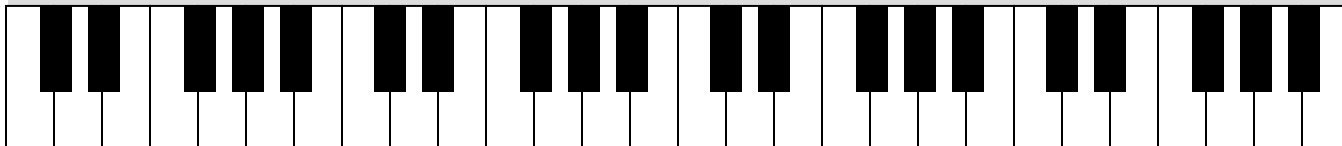
Debate: One debate judge is required for every two Parliamentary Debate teams per school.

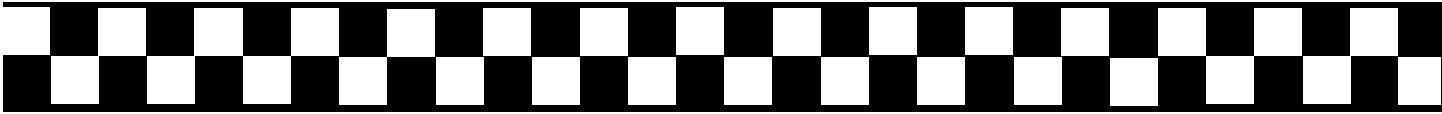


We are very sorry but we cannot count “novice only” judges as part of commitment. There are far too many events that are collapsed.

Fees

- \$12 per Individual Event slot
- \$65 per Parliamentary Debate team.
- Uncovered IE slots will be charged *an additional* \$15 per entry.
- Uncovered debate teams will be charged *an additional* \$100 per entry.
- \$25 School Fee.
- A nuisance fee of \$10 per slot will be assessed for each change (add, drop, event switch) received after 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3rd.
- EVERY change at registration will result in a \$20 nuisance fee. Therefore, “It shouldn’t be Open Poetry, it should be Open Prose,” will result in a \$40 nuisance fee. Please call in your drops/changes on Friday.
- “No Shows” will be penalized \$20 for each round missed.
- Note: Each unexpired can of food that is brought in at registration on Saturday morning will result in a reduction of \$2 for an IE entry or \$5 for a Parli entry. These canned goods will be donated to a food shelter in the Livermore area.
- (See Fee Calculation chart at end of invitation)





Awards

Awards will be given to all final round participants in IE and debate and will include cash payouts for the winner of each open event final. The cash prize given will vary based on tournament entry size.

IE: Team sweepstakes will be awarded to the top five schools.

We will be recognizing the tournament's top speaker with an award. The Top Speaker Award will be given to the individual who earns the most points for his/her school *in open level competition*.

Open	Novice
1st = 12 Pts.	1st = 6 Pts.
2nd = 10 Pts.	2nd = 5 Pts.
3rd = 8 Pts.	3rd = 4 Pts.
4th = 6 Pts.	4th = 3 Pts.
5th = 4 Pts.	5th = 2 Pts.
6th = 2 Pts.	6th = 1 Pt.

Debate: Team sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three schools.

We will be recognizing the top speaker in both open and novice debate competition.

Open	Novice
1st = 20 Pts.	1st = 10 Pts.
2nd = 15 Pts.	2nd = 7.5 Pts.
Semi = 10 Pts.	Semi = 5 Pts.
Quarter = 5 Pts.	Quarter = 2.5 Pts.

LPC will not be eligible for team sweepstakes awards. The point breakdown for sweepstakes is as follows.

Event Description

Group A:

- **Impromptu Speaking:** Each speaker presents a spontaneous oration based upon a choice of 3 topics (words, phrases, or quotations). Each speaker has a total of 7 minutes to divide between preparing and speaking. Judges must provide oral time signals during preparation and nonverbal signals once the oration begins. **Audience members are permitted and encouraged to be lively and active, much like a debate audience.**
- **Informative Speaking:** An original speech designed to describe, clarify, or explain an object, idea, concept, or process. Audio/visual aids may be used as long as they do not interfere with the speaker's ability to communicate. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is ten minutes. **Students are allowed to use PowerPoint for their informative presentations.**
- **Program Oral Interpretation (POI):** This event is to consist of a unified presentation made up of at least two selections of different genres (i.e., prose, poetry, dramatic literature, plays). A contestant may use the works of one or more authors. The selections should develop a theme. Maximum time limit is ten minutes, including introduction. **Book Optional.**
- **Dramatic Interpretation:** This event consists of a cutting from a play, teleplay, or screenplay featuring monologue or dialogue. If more than one selection is used, these selections should be linked thematically. All programs must include an introduction. **Book optional.** 10-minute maximum time.

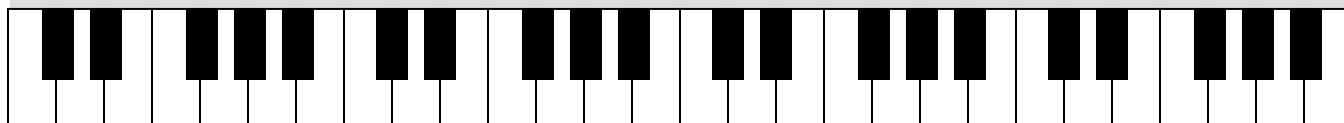


- **Duo Interpretation:** A cutting from a single source or multiple sources of literature involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. **Books are optional and costumes are permitted for final round contestants. If anyone chooses to use costumes, dressing for this event should not delay the tournament. Please perform costume changes in a timely fashion.** 10-minute time limit.
- **After Dinner Speaking:** An original speech whose primary purpose is to entertain while exhibiting sound speech composition. The speech should not resemble a nightclub act, an impersonation, or a comic dialogue. Rather, it should be designed around a central topic or theme and demonstrating good taste. Audio-visual aids may be used. 10-minute time limit. **Students are allowed to use PowerPoint for their visual aids.**



Group B:

- **Prose Interpretation:** 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 thematically linked. All programs must include an introduction. **Book optional.** 10 minute time limit.
- **Communication Analysis:** An original speech by the student designed to offer an examination and/or evaluation of a communication event such as a speech, speaker, movement, poem, poster, film, campaign, etc., through the use of rhetorical principles. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Manuscripts are permitted. Maximum time limit is ten minutes. **Judges have the option/opportunity to discuss the artifact and speech with the contestants for a maximum of five minutes following their presentation. Students are also permitted to use PowerPoint for their visual aids.**
- **Extemporaneous Speaking:** Each contestant will be given a choice of 3 topics drawn 30 minutes prior to speaking. Topics will concern national and international events. Judges must provide time signals. 7 minute time limit. **Extemp competitors are expected to remain in the room after they finish speaking unless they are double entered!**
- **Poetry Interpretation:** Poetry shall include one or more selections written in rhymed or unrhymed meter or cadence of some regularity, excluding drama. If more than one selection is used, the selections must be thematically linked. An introduction is required. **Book Optional.** 10 minute time limit.
- **Persuasive Speaking:** An original speech by the student designed to inspire, reinforce, or change the beliefs, attitudes, values, or actions of the audience. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Notes are permitted. **Final round of Open competition may include one or more judges who are area community leaders. Students are allowed to use PowerPoint for their visual aids.** Maximum time limit is ten minutes.
- **I Love the 80's:** This is a supplemental event intended to provide some fun for anyone who wants to participate. Contestants will be given three prompts, all of which must be incorporated into the story. Prompt one- an 80's toy. Prompt 2- an 80's fashion. Prompt three- an 80's catch phrase that must be the closing line of the story. A total time of 5 minutes will be allotted, for prep and speaking. The "story" should contain all elements expressed in the prompts. This event will NOT earn team points. 5-minute time limit. **This event is open to everyone; students, coaches, and judges.**



Hotels

Courtyard Livermore
2929 Constitution Drive
Livermore, CA 94551
(1 of 3 hotels near the intersection of Airway,
North Canyons Parkway and Constitution)
(925) 243-1000

Residence Inn Livermore
1000 Airway Blvd.
Livermore, CA 94551
(Located in the Gas Station/Wendy's Parking Lot)
(925) 373-1800

Holiday Inn Express
3000 Constitution Drive
Livermore, CA 94551
(1 of 3 hotels near the intersection of Airway, North Canyons Parkway and Constitution)
(888) 890-0242

We have also had good luck with finding cheap rooms on hotels.com

Fee Calculation:

School Fee	\$ 25.00
Individual Events entries _____ x \$12.00	\$ _____
Parli Team entries _____ x \$65.00	\$ _____
I Love the 80's entries _____ x \$6.00	\$ _____
Uncovered slots of IE _____ x \$15.00	\$ _____
Uncovered slots of Parli _____ x \$100	\$ _____
Drops/changes after 1:00 p.m. Feb 3 rd _____ x \$10.00	\$ _____
Drops/changes at Registration _____ x \$20.00	\$ _____
I.E. No Shows _____ x \$20.00 (Per Round)	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____
Reduction for canned food donations	Minus \$ _____
Total	\$ _____

