

Dear Colleague,

The Chabot Gladiators are pleased to invite you to the Keeling Invitational Tournament, which will be held on February 3, 2017. We are excited to host a day of individual events as well as both Lincoln-Douglas and policy debates. There are many hotel options nearby, especially those on the “higher end”. However, we have reserved a rate of \$119/night plus tax with the Best Western Inn Plus Hayward. Since Chabot is so close to a number of hotels, there are no rooms blocked off. If you would like rooms, please ask for the “Chabot Speech & Debate rate” at the front desk. If there are any problems or irregularities, ask for Destiny at the hotel. There is more information on other rooms deeper within the invite. In addition, I believe that many schools attending the Keeling and the Talk Hawk will want to find lodging between Chabot College and Las Positas College to minimize your overall travel time. The best places to look for lodging in the middle between us would be Castro Valley and the Dublin/Pleasanton area.

We are offering two rounds of individual event competition in addition to four rounds of NFA-LD debate plus elimination round as well as three rounds of policy debate. In order to keep the tournament on time, students entered in NFA-LD will ONLY be allowed to enter individual events in Pattern A. NFA-LD COMPETITORS MAY NOT COMPETE IN NFA-LD AND PATTERN B EVENTS. Students entered in policy debate may not compete in any IE or NFA-LD events. Policy debate will run on its own schedule separately from the rest of the tournament. All events will come together for awards.

All entries must be received by Wednesday, February 1st at 8 P.M. This time limit will be strictly enforced. All entries must utilize the web entry process found at forensictournament.net.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO “CLPCCD Foundation” with “Chabot Forensics” in the memo line or c/o line. Thanks!

Chabot students will be able to enter and advance in both individual and debate events, Chabot will NOT be eligible for sweepstakes awards. If you have further questions or require any assistance regarding the tournament, please e-mail Stephanie at seisenbergtodd@chabotcollege.edu. We look forward to seeing you at Chabot College "in the heart of the bay".

Sincerely,

Stephanie Eisenberg Todd
Tournament Director

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

EVENT PATTERNS

PATTERN A (PHI RHO PI B/D): PROSE, POETRY, EXTEMP, POI, INFO, DI

PATTERN B (PRP A/C): STE, CA, IT, PERSUASIVE, DUO, IMPROMPTU

NFA-LD: LD rounds will happen concurrent with Pattern B events. For this reason, no student may enter in both NFA-LD and Pattern B. Students entered in NFA-LD will be allowed to enter in Pattern A events only.

SCHEDULE – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

IEs and NFA-LD

7:15 AM	Registration
8:15 AM	Extemp draw
8:30 AM	RD 1 – Pattern A
9:45 AM	RD 1 – Pattern B / NFA-LD Rd 1 & 2
11:30 AM	Extemp draw
11:45 AM	RD 2 – Pattern A
12:45 PM	LUNCH
1:45 PM	RD 2 – Pattern B / NFA-LD Rd 3 & 4
3:30 PM	Extemp draw for finals
3:45 PM	Pattern A Finals
5:00 PM	Pattern B Finals / NFA-LD Elim 1
6:00 PM	NFA-LD Elim 2
7:00 PM	Awards

Policy Debate

9:30 AM	Registration
11:00 AM	Round 1
1:00 PM	LUNCH
2:00 PM	Round 2
4:30 PM	Round 3
7:00 PM	Awards

LOCATION

Tournament Headquarters and Tab Room will be in the executive Board Room, Building 200.

IE Tab: Jim Dobson, Las Positas College

NFA-LD Tab: Ryan Guy, Modesto Junior College

Policy Tab: Alexis Litzky, City College San Francisco

Postings will be in the Cafeteria.

Parking is available in both parking lots (see campus map), although Lot B is the closest to tab and the cafeteria. You will need to buy a parking permit or you will be ticketed. Permit machines are located in the various parking lots.

Food: We will provide a light breakfast. Lunch is on your own. The school cafeteria has a variety of options and will be open on Friday. There are also a number of fast and not-so-fast food options directly across the street from campus (walking distance), and even more within a short driving distance.

DIVISIONS OF COMPETITION

Registration will be taken for two divisions of competition: Novice and Open.

- a) **Individual Events:** If entries do not warrant separate divisions in an event, the Tournament Director reserves the right to combine divisions prior to the start of the competition.
- b) **Debate:** The tournament will follow CEDA/NDT and NFA rules for their respective debate events regarding breaks and collapsing of divisions.

Eligibility: Any student that meets AFA, NFA, or CEDA/NDT requirements for their respective event is eligible.

Sweepstakes Divisions.

There will be two Sweepstakes Divisions: University and Community College. Plaques will be given to the first, second, and third place schools in each division.

Sweepstakes Points

Sweepstakes points will be awarded on the following basis:

Individual Events ("single weight" events), NFA, and Duo Interp:

First Place	10 points
Second Place	7.5 points
Third Place	5 points
Finalist	3 points

Policy debate will not be considered for sweepstakes points.

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS:

THE KEELING AWARD: Patti Keeling was known for her interpretation coaching, but she was also a great debate coach. Thus, this award is given to the top individual point getter who is entered in both interpretation of literature events and any debate event. Student **MUST** be entered in both types of event and this award is available to Novice or Open competitors.

JUDGING

Judging commitment will be based on the following formulas: every 5 individual events entries requires one round of judging and every judge covers 2 NFA-LD debate entries. *Judges are expected to judge one round beyond the point their students are eliminated from competition.*

It is vital that judges are present during the critical elimination rounds. Because of the difficulty of finding enough qualified debate judges, **we will allow schools only TWO uncovered NFA-LD entries.** These, as usual, will assess uncovered fees as well as the entry fee. **NO UNCOVERED POLICY TEAMS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TOURNAMENT.**

If you anticipate problems meeting your commitment, please let us know in advance and we will make efforts to assist you. Hired judges will be compensated. IE judges will be paid \$10/round and NFA-LD judges will be paid \$15/round. Judges/coaches who do miss ballots without notifying the director of judges and without having had a previous ballot which may have delayed them will be charged the appropriate nuisance fee to compensate the judge/coach who did replace them.

QUALIFIED JUDGE

We will follow NFA, CEDA and NIET guidelines for qualified judges. Other judges may be approved at the tournament director's discretion.

Elimination Round Advancement and Seeding will be based on the following (Brackets will NOT be broken as per NFA practice)

1. win-loss record,
2. adjusted speaker points (dropping high-low)
3. overall speaker points
4. strength of opponents' record
5. opponents' points
6. coin flip

LODGING

Since Chabot College is centrally located and we are sharing our tournament weekend with Las Positas, it is my assumption a number of schools will be commuting back and forth and not staying overnight and/or staying at a hotel centrally located between the two schools. Thus, we have no blocked rooms. However, the Best Western Inn Plus in Hayward has a "Chabot rate" of \$119/night plus tax. We have some other lodging options that are nearby listed below.

Upscale

Hilton Garden Inn San Leandro: 510 Lewelling Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94579; 800-346-8357

Moderate

Hampton Inn: 24137 Mission Blvd; Hayward, CA 94544; 800-346-8357

Inexpensive

Super 8 Motel: 21800 Foothill Blvd; Hayward, CA 94541; 800-7

Directions to Chabot College:

No matter where you are coming from in the Bay Area, you must be on 880 to get to Chabot College.

From 880 North: Take 92 (San Mateo Bridge) exit towards the bridge. The second exit is Hesperian Blvd. Chabot College will be on your left.

From 880 South: Take 92 (San Mateo Bridge) exit towards the bridge. Stay right and follow the Hesperian Blvd. exit. Chabot College will be on your left.

JUDGING & FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

School _____ Code _____

DOF _____

Office Phone _____ Home Phone _____ FAX _____

Judge's Name	Judging Competence			Availability	
_____	Debate	IE	Both	Fri	Sat
_____	Debate	IE	Both	Fri	Sat
_____	Debate	IE	Both	Fri	Sat
_____	Debate	IE	Both	Fri	Sat

Fee Calculation:

School Fee = \$ 25.00

NFA-LD x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Individual Events entries (includes duo) x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Uncovered NFA-LE debaters \$50.00
(an additional fee on top of entry fee) = \$ _____

Uncovered rounds of IE judging x \$25.00
(an additional fee on top of entry fee) = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____