

INVITE - 2020 District I Last Chance/Qualifier

Eligibility:

Any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two year or four year college is eligible to participate. Eligibility standards for AFA will be enforced.

Individual Events:

We will offer all eleven AFA-NIET events at both tournaments in the following patterns:

A: Prose, Informative, POI, Extemporaneous, After Dinner Speaking

B: Impromptu, Duo, Persuasion, Drama, Communication Analysis, Poetry

Individuals may not exceed a maximum entry of six events. Events are subject to the rules of the AFA National Individual Events Tournament. Please note that we are not following the traditional AFA-NIET 3-pattern system in the interest of time (4 prelim time slots instead of 6), having collapsed into two patterns as would best fit the updated 2020 AFA-NIET patterns, so plan accordingly. Complete event descriptions can be found on the official AFA-NIET website: <http://www.afaniet.org/>

Tournament Procedures:

Only an open division will be offered either day of the tournament. Any event with 7 contestants or fewer will not have a final round. For events with more than 7 competitors, a final round will be held, and any event with 37+ entries will advance to semifinals.

Advancing to Elimination Rounds: No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be seeded for elimination rounds first by cumulative rankings, then by the highest speaker points. All attempts will be made to make a clean break (by cumulative rankings).

Placement in Elimination Rounds: Students will be rank ordered first by cumulative rankings (with exception for majority first place rankings), then by judge's preference, and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

Note:* The district chair reserves the right to make any decisions necessary to facilitate the timely and accurate completion of the tournament.

Qualification Procedures:

At-Large Legs Records: Please prepare your At-Large Legs records and documentation utilizing the AFA-NIET At-Large Reporting Form. Your legs records must be uploaded onto the google document and sent to David Hale, District I Chair, for evaluation no later than at registration for the District I Qualifying Tournament. Please note that complete leg packets should include the At-Large Reporting Form as well as information that can be used to verify the acquisition of legs (e.g. participating school lists for individual tournaments, final round tabulation sheets, results packets from either Forensic Tournament/Speechwire, etc.). If this information cannot be readily verified, legs may not be counted toward qualification. For any questions, please email haledr@elac.edu.

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Qualification to the American Forensic Association's NIET: Ten percent of participants in each event at the district tournament (Sunday) will advance to the AFA-NIET, with the total rounded to the highest number. In all cases, a minimum of three will qualify in each event. NOTE: Students who have already qualified in an event may NOT enter that event (with the exception of a second Duo), but may enter others in which they have NOT qualified at-large. If a student has earned two legs towards at-large qualifying, and that student earns a third leg at the district tournament, that student shall be certified through the at-large procedure, and all other students will be moved up accordingly for purposes of NIET qualification, if tournament entries meet the standards for at-large qualification. Please review the District I Constitution and Bylaws as posted at: <https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/district-constitutions-and-by-laws/d1-constitution>

Fees:

Saturday: \$20 school fee,

Sunday: If you haven't paid your district or nationals fees, they are due at registration (Fee is \$50).

Entries: \$10 for each individual event slot - \$10 will be charged for each uncovered entry in individual events. One judge covers 6 IE Entries (total, not per pattern as per the common D1 standard).

**Note:* Fees will be assessed as of noon, Wednesday, March 4th, and schools will be expected to pay fees as indicated by their entry (at that time) regardless of subsequent deletions. Drops/adds/judge changes after this time will be charged \$20 for each change. Please submit your entry no later than Wednesday, March 4th, 2020, by 5:00 pm PST. FORENSICTOURNMENT.NET is the preferred method of entry.

General Tournament Information:

We will be hosting this year on the campus of East Los Angeles College. Please note that this is a smoke-free campus. An update will be emailed and posted the week of the tournament with more detailed information, including location of rounds, buildings, and other pertinent tournament information. Lunch will be on your own. Coffee and light breakfast fare will be available each morning along with snacks and refreshments during the day for all participants at no cost. You will need to pay for parking on the fifth floor of Parking Structure 3 (you can park elsewhere, but this structure is very close to the E3 Building).

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

Last Chance Tournament: Saturday, March 7th

Extemp Draw: 8:15
1A: 8:30
1B: 9:45
2B: 11:00
Extemp Draw: 1:00
2A: 1:15
Finals B: 2:45
Extemp Draw: 4:15
Finals A: 4:30

Awards: ASAP

District I Qualifier: Sunday, March 8th Extemp

Extemp Draw: 8:15
1A: 8:30
1B: 9:45
2B: 11:00
Student/Coach District Meetings: 12:30
Extemp Draw: 1:30
2A: 1:45
Finals B: 3:15
Extemp Draw: 4:45
Finals A: 5:00

Awards: ASAP

*Schedule subject to change based on entry size and at-large qualifications. Patterns may collapse finals IF judging permits: this is an incentive to please, please, please bring extra judges.