

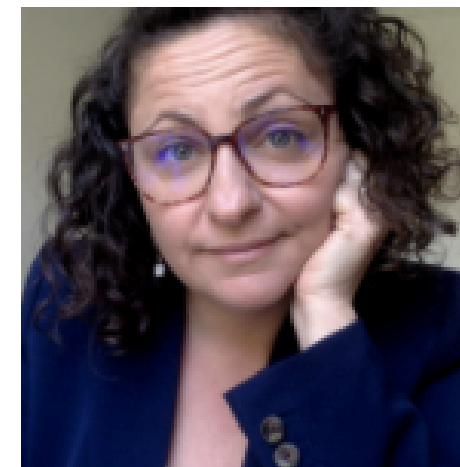
Welcome to the NCFA Season Opener!



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TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLAPSED EVENTS

After Dinner Speaking
Communication Analysis
Dramatic Interpretation
Informative Speaking
Persuasive Speaking
Prose Interpretation

Open/Junior NPDA
Open NFA LD

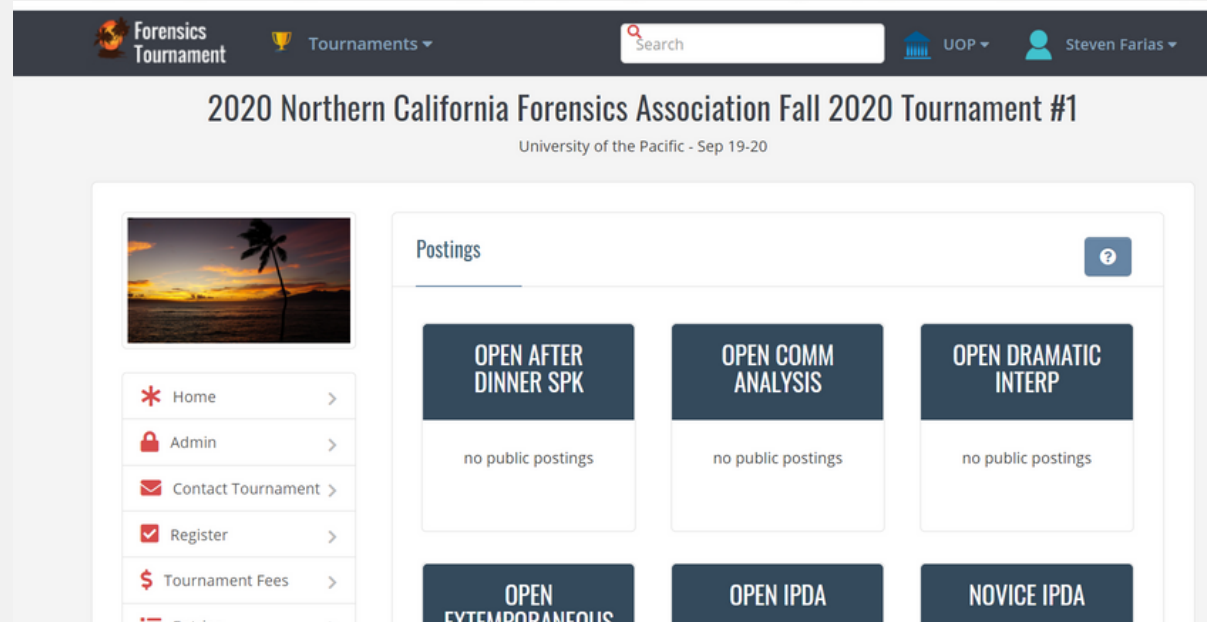
LINKING ACCOUNTS

Your team administrator has access to linking your accounts to emails and text messages while setting the preference for ballots. Please make sure you have your account linked/verified and also you have the preference set

JUDGE PHILOSOPHY

Please make sure to provide a judge philosophy for all the people judging debate so as to help your students prepare properly in prep time.

KEY INFORMATION ABOUT COMPETITION



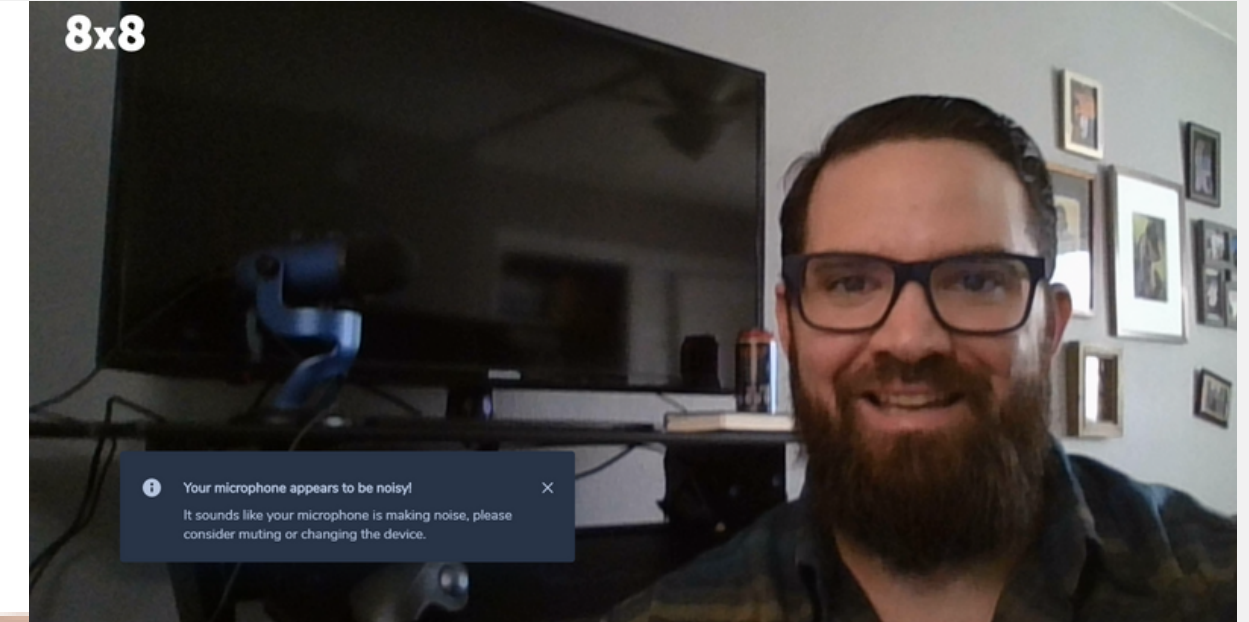
POSTINGS

Postings will be on Forensics Tournament and when postings are live you should receive a message (via email or text) alerting you about the round and its start time.



JUDGING

All judging will be using eballots. Please make sure you read the [judging handout](#) provided on Forensics Tournament and also, if you have further questions, take a look at our [NCFA judging guide](#).



USING 8X8 FOR YOUR TEAM

Your team can create their own 8x8 room using google chrome as your browser and the weblink 8x8.vc/yourteamsnamePrepNCFAOne

NPDA Debate Rules & Updates

PREPARATION TIME

Prep time for the tournament will be 25 minutes with a countdown for the PMC or LOC (depending on who is late) for each minute beyond 25 minutes a team is late. Please note, you should be ahead of your technological issues and waiting until the last minute to enter a room could result in time lost because of technological error.

All topics will be announced in the hospitality hub (we are also working on having a live youtube feed for as well). Once announced, we will announce with the time and also work to post on the website (FT and our tournament site)

USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR DEBATES

For the 2020-2021 seaseon, the Executive Council of NPDA has provided the following rule ammendments to make competition online more accessible to all:

- For the coming semester, the EC considers material typed during preparation time to be written. This does not include cutting and pasting from a file. This obviously excludes simply reading from a prepped file that already resides on a drive.
- For partners who are debating from different locations, communicating is also a challenge. The EC considers messaging between partners appropriate in this case. As in any other round, debaters should not communicate with anyone else who is not involved in the round.
- Electronic/laptop flowing by debaters in a round is also acceptable for the coming season. This excludes cutting and pasting previously prepared material as well as flowing done by anyone not in the round on a shared spreadsheet.
- Updates and Information are accessed on Net Benefits.net --> [here](#)

Flow

IPDA, Extemp, & Impromptu

IPDA DEBATE

The judge will have all five IPDA topics on their eBallot. At the start of the round go to your Live Video Room. The judge will copy/paste the resolutions into the chat window. Each team will strike as normal. Turn off your audio/visual feeds in the room during prep. 30 minutes later the round will commence.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Extemp questions will be provided for all speakers in a separate Extemp Prep Live Video Room. Students do not need to stay in that room after receiving the questions. The extemp proctor will copy/paste the questions into the chat window at the specified time.

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Impromptu topics will be provided to each student in the Live Video Room chat box. Judges will need to copy/paste the topics (provided on the eBallots) in the chat window for the students. Each student will receive a different set of impromptu topics.

POLICY FOR TECHNOLOGY FAILURE

IF THE PROBLEM IS SLOW INTERNET THE BEST OPTION IS TO HAVE THE STUDENT LEAVE THEIR CAMERA ON, BUT MUTE THE MICROPHONE ON THEIR COMPUTER. THEN CALL IN VIA A PHONE AND USE THE PHONE AUDIO. THE SPEECH IS COHERENT, AND TYPICALLY THE VIDEO WORKS WELL ENOUGH TO EVALUATE BASIC STYLE AND DELIVERY.

IN NPDA AND NFA-LD JUST SWITCHING TO PHONE AUDIO ALONE MAY BE SUITABLE. IF THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO MAINTAIN VIDEO THEY CAN SWITCH TO AUDIO ONLY. JUDGES SHOULD ATTEMPT TO BE AS FAIR IN EVALUATION AS POSSIBLE



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THANKS!

Looking forward to seeing, meeting, and spending the
weekend with you all!

SEE YOU AT AWARDS

SUNDAY, 6:30 PM!