

CERRITOS COLLEGE FALCON FORENSICS



December 7, 2020

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 12 and 13, 2021. Once again, this year we will be working in conjunction with an outstanding tab room staff to provide you with an exciting tournament. The Tabor-Venitsky traditionally provides a competitive preview of the PSCFA Spring Championships, CCCFA State Championship, as well as Phi Rho Pi. Of special note are the following changes and additions:

- Our tournament will be **virtual** and **synchronous**.
- We are reducing the number of IE prelims from 3 to 2 out of concern for student and judge wellness. We will go back to our 3 prelim schedule when we return in person.
- We **will** offer interviewing in a modified format.
- Tournament registration is back on forensicstournament.net
- We have reduced most entry fees.

For the Tabor-Venitsky, we will offer four rounds of NPDA parliamentary debate breaking to a bronze/gold elimination round format on Friday and two rounds of Individual Events breaking to finals on Saturday. Each day will feature its own awards ceremony. Students may enter a maximum of two IE events per pattern. We will offer two divisions in parliamentary debate and individual events. **The open division in both debate and individual events will be limited to students with remaining CCCFA and/or Phi Rho Pi eligibility ONLY.** There will be no coaching or group prep allowed during preparation time in parliamentary debate.

Please submit your entries on forensicstournament.net. All entries must be submitted by Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00pm PST. Fees will be assessed on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:00pm. Any adds after that date will be at the tournament director's discretion. However, please email with drops through Friday to assist in paneling.

We would also like to invite you to the Southern California LD Championships - a one day NFA-LD and IPDA swing tournament to be held on Sunday, February 14, 2021 by Cerritos College. The Championships will offer four rounds of LD competition for your competitors in novice and open. We will follow NFA rules in the event and break to appropriate elimination rounds. IPDA will follow Phi Rho Pi rules. IPDA students will strike topics in their competition video rooms. **The Championships has no restrictions on eligibility; all undergraduate students, include those who have exhausted their CCCFA and/or PRP eligibility, are invited to compete.**

Sincerely,

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday

8:30 am – Registration: all debaters sign in
 9:00 am – Parli Round 1
 10:30 am – Parli Round 2
 11:45 am – Lunch break
 12:15 pm – Parli Round 3
 1:45 pm – Parli Round 4
 3:30 pm – Bronze Round
 5:15 pm – Gold Round
 ASAP – Awards

Saturday

9:00 am – Round 1 – Pattern A
 10:15 am – Extemp Draw
 10:30 am – Round 1 – Pattern B
 12:00 pm – Round 2 – Pattern A
 1:15 pm – Lunch break
 1:30 pm – Extemp Draw
 1:45 pm – Round 2 – Pattern B
 3:15 pm – Finals - Pattern A
 4:30 pm – Extemp Draw
 4:45 pm – Finals - Pattern B
 ASAP Awards

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

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday

8:30 am – Registration: all debaters sign in
 9:00 am – Round 1
 10:30 am – Round 2
 11:45 am – Lunch break
 12:15 pm – Round 3
 1:45 pm – Round 4
 3:30 pm – Elim 1
 5:00 pm – Elim 2
 ASAP AWARDS

Please note the schedule is tentative and subject to change.

TOURNAMENT 8X8 LINKS

The tournament will be run virtually. Links for the help room, standby judges, extemp prep, etc. will be posted on the forensicstournament.net home page.

PATTERNS

Friday: Parliamentary Debate (4 prelims/2 elims)

Open division is limited to community college students with CCCFA or Phi Rho Pi eligibility. Novice division is open to any undergraduate student meeting the novice definition below. Please note there is no group prep or coaching allowed. Topics will be Phi Rho Pi style (2 policy, 2 value, 1 metaphor per round) and will be struck in competition video rooms.

Saturday: Individual Events

Open division is limited to community college students with CCCFA or Phi Rho Pi eligibility, with the exception of Interviewing. Novice division is open to any undergraduate student meeting the novice definition below. Students may compete in a maximum of two events per pattern.

- **Pattern A:** Persuasive, Impromptu, POI, DI, Duo, CA
- **Pattern B:** Informative, Extemporaneous, Prose, Poetry, STE, Interviewing

Sunday: Individual Debate

International Public Debate Association (4 prelims/2 elims)

This event is open to both two-year and four-year competitors regardless of PRP eligibility. Topics will be struck in competition video rooms. Coach preparation is permitted.

NFA LD (4 prelims/3 elims)

This event is open to both two-year and four-year competitors regardless of PRP eligibility. If a novice division makes, competitors will be limited to the PSCFA evidence packet.

Online competition rules

We will use PSCFA's rules for online competition, as outlined below:

1. Internet Loss/ Connection During Competition:
 - a. IE's Competitors who are giving a speech and lose their internet connection are allowed 3 minutes to reconnect before they forfeit their opportunity to finish the speech. They will then be judged on what was presented before they lost internet.
 - b. Debate Competitors who have their internet disconnect during their speech, the judge will start a running clock until they return to the round then that amount of time over 3 minutes will be deducted from their speech time. If the time for the speech has expired then the debate round will continue with the following speech. Note: In partnered debate, partners cannot finish the speech for the person who dropped.

2. Restrict competitors to the use of a “single camera set up” during the performance.
3. Physical audiences are prohibited from being present for the performance, with the exception of: involuntary audiences (ex: individuals/families who happen to be in the same room), and assistants/aids for individuals with disabilities. Enforcement is up to the discretion of the TD.
4. Prohibit competitors in Duo and RT from competing together in the same physical space in accordance with AFA rules.
5. Prohibit practices that would not be possible in a face-to-face environment (such as motion, video transitions, or audio manipulation) while allowing for the use of screen sharing and virtual visual aids in Individual Events.
6. No persons should participate or contribute to students who are competing during the course of the round.
7. Partners in debate rounds are allowed to communicate with their partner through other lines of communication such as chats, phone calls, other video conferencing platforms, etc.
8. In accordance with NPDA Bylaws; 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.

Forfeit rules

Parliamentary debate

Debaters must arrive to the competition room to strike topics within 10 minutes of the posted start time for the round. Debaters must return to the room once 20 minutes of preparation has elapsed. Judges should forfeit teams violating either time requirement.

NFA-LD debate

Debaters must arrive to the competition room within 10 minutes of the posted start time for the round. Judges should forfeit debaters violating this requirement.

IPDA debate

Debaters must arrive to the competition room to strike topics within 10 minutes of the posted start time for the round. Debaters must return to the room once 30 minutes of preparation has elapsed. Judges should forfeit teams violating either time requirement.

DIVISION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Coaches are responsible for entering their students in the appropriate division. The tournament director shall have the discretion to remove competitors in violation of these requirements from the tournament.

Novice:

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: a novice is a student who:

- Has not won two trophies (1st, 2nd, or 3rd Place) in an event in which a final round occurred.

- Possesses novice eligibility in all other related events within the categories of platform, interp, and limited prep events. For example, a student who has won two trophies in Prose must compete in Open Poetry, even if they have never competed in Poetry before.
- For the purposes of determining novice eligibility, Interviewing is categorized as a limited prep event.

DEBATE: a novice debate student is a student who:

- Is competing in their first or second semester of debate (including any high school experience).
- Has not advanced to debate elimination rounds twice.
- In team debate, eligibility is determined by the more experienced partner. If either team member has debated for more than two semesters or competed in elimination rounds at two tournaments, they must debate in open.

Open:

The open division in both parliamentary debate and individual events will be limited to students with remaining CCCFA and/or Phi Rho Pi eligibility only. However, Interviewing, IPDA, and NFA-LD have no restrictions on open eligibility – all students are welcome. PSCFA guidelines for eligibility will be followed in these events.

JUDGING

Uncovered entries are contingent on a sufficient supply of available hired judges and must be requested from the tournament director *well in advance of the tournament*.

Debate:

- One judge is required for every two teams or portion thereof entered for parliamentary debate.
- One judge is required for every two debaters or portion thereof entered in NFA-LD or IPDA.
- 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 \$150 per uncovered entry for parliamentary debate, IPDA and NFA-LD. Please note that Phi Rho Pi rules prohibit disclosure. To help keep the tournament running on time, judges should electronically submit their ballots when they have made a decision and finish providing typed or oral feedback to the competitors afterwards.

Individual Events:

- One judge is required for every five entries or portion thereof in the pattern with the highest number of entries.
- ALL judges are committed through the final rounds.
- There will be a charge of \$20 per uncovered IE slot for the first four uncovered entries. Each uncovered entry beyond the fourth will be charged \$45.

Qualifications:

- Open division judges should be 2 semesters removed from all competition and/or possess a bachelor's degree.
- Novice division judges should be at least two semesters removed from novice competition.
- In IPDA, lay judges are encouraged and may be used in any division. While the help staff is available to assist on the day of the tournament, we ask that you please provide training to your lay judges regarding the rules and procedures of IPDA.

The tournament staff reserves the right to make determinations regarding judging qualifications. Novice-only judges may not be used to cover open division entries.

Hired Judges:

If you have extra judges available for hire, please let us know, as we would like to hire them. We will pay \$15 per round judged. Please have potential hired judges contact Nick Matthews at nmatthews@cerritos.edu

AWARDS

For the Tabor, 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. For the LD Championships, we will break to a bronze round in IPDA and NFA-LD.

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. The largest fifty percent (plus ties) of the schools entered in the tournament will count as Large Entry. The remaining schools will count as Limited Entry.

Sweepstakes will be calculated in the following manner:

Parliamentary Debate:

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

Individual Events:

- 10 points for 1st, 5 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, and 1 point for finalist.
- Interviewing will not count towards sweepstakes.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS*Accommodations and accessibility:*

The tournament director will strive to make the tournament accessible for participants with disabilities. Requests for accommodations should be emailed to nmatthews@cerritos.edu. Please email requests as far in advance as possible. It may not be possible to accommodate specialized requests made at the last minute. In particular, the college requires a minimum of five business days' notice for interpreter services.

Title IX:

All students, employees, and guests participating in the Tabor are protected under Title IX against discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment and sexual assault. Competitors, coaches, or judges who engage in sexual harassment or any other form of sexual discrimination will be removed from the tournament, and applicable fees will be assessed. If you have a Title IX related concern, [Cerritos College's Title IX coordinator](#) can be contacted via our school website.

ENTRIES & FEES

All entries must be submitted by Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm PST to [Forensics Tournament](#). If you have trouble with the entry website, please email Nick (nmatthews@cerritos.edu) for assistance.

Fees will be assessed as of Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:00pm PST.

Mandatory Entry Fees

- School Fee: \$25
- Parliamentary Debate: \$25 per team
- NFA-LD: \$12 per entry
- IPDA: \$12 per entry
- Individual Events: \$6 per slot
 - Duo: \$10 per team

Judge Fees

- Uncovered IE slots: \$20 per slot for first four slots; \$45 per additional slot
- Uncovered Debate Judges: \$150 per team
- Uncovered Individual Debate Judges: \$150 per entry

Nuisance Fees

- No Show Fee IEs: \$20 per slot
- No Show Fee Debate: \$40 per entry
- Nuisance Debate Fee: \$10
- Judge Nuisance Fee: \$50
- Late Add Fee School Fee: \$50 (after the Tuesday deadline at the tournament director's discretion)
- Late Add Fee IE Entry: \$10 per event (after the Wednesday deadline at tournament director's discretion)
- Late Add Fee Debate Entry: \$20 per entry (after the Wednesday deadline at tournament director's discretion)
- Drop Fee: \$5 per event (after the Wednesday deadline up until 30 minutes before the start of the event)

Please make checks payable to: **Cerritos College Foundation-Forensics**

2021 Tabor Venitsky/LD Champs Fee Sheet

Tournament Director Nick Matthews

February 12-14, 2021

MANDATORY FEES:

NUMBER

FEES

School Fee \$25

Parliamentary Debate \$25/per team

IPDA Debate \$12/entry

NFA LD \$12/entry

PATTERN "A" --\$6/SLOT

PATTERN "B" -- \$6/SLOT

DUO INTERP -- \$10/SLOT

JUDGING FEES:

DEBATE --\$150/TEAM

Individual Debate \$150/entry

I.E. -- \$20/SLOT (up to four slots)

I.E. -- \$45/SLOT (beyond first four)

PATTERN A

PATTERN B

SUB-TOTAL(entry fees)

NUISANCE AND MISCELLANEOUS
FEES

NO-SHOW I.E. FEE -- \$20/SLOT

PATTERN A

PATTERN B

NO-SHOW DEBATE FEE -- \$40/SLOT

NUISANCE FEE: - \$5

NUISANCE FEE, DEBATE -- \$10

JUDGE NUISANCE FEE -- \$50/RD

LATE ADD FEE SCHOOL FEE -- \$50

LATE ADD FEE IE ENTRY-\$10 each

LATE ADD FEE DEBATE -\$20 each

Drop Fee (after Weds Deadline) - \$5

SUB-TOTAL(other fees)

TOTAL FEES

DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

Pi Kappa Delta event:

Interviewing: this event is designed to give students the opportunity to sharpen their job interviewing and resume writing skills. Students will assume they are applying for an appropriate position (e.g., an internship, entry-level job, etc.) in a field they want to work in.

Prior to the tournament, students should prepare a resume they would use in applying for their desired position and submit this resume to tabor.resume@gmail.com. Students should omit personal information (address, phone number, email, name of school, etc.) from their resume. Students should present a truthful resume that reflects their actual life experience, and they should be prepared to elaborate on portions of their resume during the interview. Although we encourage students to be creative with their resume-writing techniques, they should refrain from using brightly-colored inks, excessively-ornate fonts, pictures or headshots, or other elements that draw excessive attention to style rather than content.

Competitors will participate in two preliminary rounds of interviews. Each competitor in each section will be asked the same questions provided by the tournament. Therefore, at the beginning of each round, the first speaker should go to the competition room to do their interview, while subsequent speakers should go to the waiting room (<https://8x8.vc/taborinterviewing>). When the first speaker finishes, they should go to the waiting room to call in the second speaker to their round. When the second speaker finishes, they should call in the third speaker, and so on. A proctor will be available to assist students if needed.

During each round, the judge will ask students 5 questions provided by the tournament. Each interview will last for no more than 10 minutes, with time beginning as the judge starts to read the first question. **Unlike years past, students will NOT provide their resumes to judges before the start of each interview;** instead, students may briefly share the position they are “applying” for before the interview begins. Interviews may not exceed 10 minutes even if the student has not responded to all the questions. Judges will rank and rate students on a normal 25-point scale. The tournament will provide an optional rubric for judges to refer to.

No final round will be held in Interviewing. Instead, a resume judging round will occur. During Pattern B finals, the tournament will provide judges with 5-6 resumes to read, and judges will rank/rate students based on the quality of their resumes. No actual interviews will occur during this round. This round will be treated as a third prelim, and final placings will be based on the cumulative results from the three prelims.

Parliamentary Debate

- Five topics will be provided in both preliminary and elimination rounds. These topics will include 2 policy, 2 value and 1 metaphor per round.
- The judge should paste the resolutions in the chat. The opposition will then have 1 minute to read and strike 1 of the 5 topics. Immediately following, the judge will give

the topic slip to the government who will also have 1 minute to read and strike 1 of the 2 remaining topics. The process continues until one topic remains, which will be debated.

- Prep time will be **20** minutes. Prep time will start after the judge reads the motion that will be debated.
- There is no coaching allowed during prep time. Debaters may not consult any other person besides their partner. Debaters may use paper, dictionaries, almanacs, and/or electronic research material. Except for notes that the debaters themselves have prepared during preparation time, no published materials, prepared arguments, or resources may be used during the debate.
- We will use flex time in parliamentary debate.

Prime Minister (Government)	7 minute Constructive
Flex time	2 minutes
Leader of the Opposition	8 minute Constructive
Flex time	2 minutes
Member of the Government	8 minute Constructive
Flex time	1 minute
Member of the Opposition	8 minute Constructive
Leader of the Opposition	4 minute Rebuttal
Flex time	1 minute
Prime Minister	5 minute Rebuttal

International Public Debate Association (IPDA)

IPDA primarily utilizes a one-on-one debate format in which one debater takes the side of the affirmative and the other debater takes the side of the negative. For each round, the two debaters are given five possible resolutions and 30 minutes of preparation. Preparation time begins when the negative begins the topic selection by striking one resolution and proceeds in a back-and-forth fashion until one resolution is left. After the topic has been selected, both debaters prepare their cases with the remaining preparation time. IPDA debate often utilizes lay judges to adjudicate the round and emphasizes conversational rhetoric. **Visit [IPDA debate](#) to learn more.**

Speech times are:

1 st Affirmative	5 minutes
Cross Examination	2 minutes
1 st Negative	6 minutes
Cross Examination	2 minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal	3 minutes
Negative Rebuttal	5 minutes
Affirmative Summary	3 minutes

Coach preparation is allowed during IPDA prep.

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. In the novice division, competitors are limited to using evidence from the PSCFA novice evidence set. (This rule does not apply if the novice division is collapsed into open).

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.

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.

Interviewing: see page 9.