



BLCC 2022 Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to be hosting the Biggest Little City Classic on Oct 14-16, 2022 in Reno, NV. The University of Nevada, Reno has been rated a tier one institution and an R1 Carnegie institution. The city of Reno offers all kinds of exciting activities for members of your team of all ages. Excellent dining options and affordable accommodations await you. The weather in Mid-October is usually quite nice.

We are offering 4 preliminary rounds of LD, 4 preliminary rounds of IPDA, and 2 patterns of AFA-NIET Speech Events with 3 prelim rounds. We will recognize sweepstakes for IEs, Debate, Overall 2-year, 4-year, and Top Novice.

LD will conflict with Pattern IEs. IPDA will conflict with Pattern IEs. NOTE: ALL IPDA ENTRIES MUST HAVE 100% JUDGE COVERAGE.

Student run and underfunded programs should speak to us about working with you on your fees. We look forward to seeing you all in Reno. If you have any questions, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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Hotel Information

The Row (three hotels owned by Caesars Hotel and Gaming) have offered us room rates at the UNR Corporate rate. The three options are El Dorado, Silver Legacy, and Circus Circus.

Rate:

The Rates at the Silver Legacy and Eldorado are \$119.00 plus taxes and resort fee on vista room types (Total: \$155.10/nt).

The Rates at Circus Circus are \$109.00 plus taxes and resort fee on superior room types (Total: \$143.75/nt).

Reservations:

Contact Michele (Monday - Friday 9am-5pm) for your room reservations at least 72 hours prior to arrival.

Phone: 888-889-9338 or Email mfeemster@eldoradoresorts.com

Please identify yourself as affiliates with UNR to get these rates.

Directions to Campus

The Row is located just down Virginia Street from campus. In theory, you could walk up to campus from the hotel (10 minute uphill walk).

To CAMPUS from I-80

Take the Virginia St exit. Head up the hill. The University is on the right about ½ mile up Virginia St. You can't miss it. Park in the Whalen Parking Garage just before the Fitness Center.

Parking on Campus

Park in the Brian Whalen Garage on Saturday and Sunday. Parking is free on the weekends.

NOTE: IF YOU NEED ADA ACCESS TO CAMPUS, PLEASE EMAIL ME.

Entry Procedure

You will find the tournament on Forensics Tournament. Entry deadline is Wed, October 12th at 8:00pm.

<https://forensicstournament.net/BLCC/22>

Fees will be set at 8:00pm on Wednesday, October 12th and schools should expect to pay the set fee amount at registration regardless of subsequent drops. The online entry system will be turned off at that time.

Please provide an email and judge philosophy for each judge. Feel free to discuss your pedagogy/rubric for evaluating IEs and debate. All judges must provide an email address and have a device from which they can send their ballot upon completion of the round. Nevada students may compete and will be eligible for elimination debates and awards.

Fees

There will be a \$35 school fee.

Each LD entry is \$25,

Each IPDA entry is \$25,

Each individual events slot is \$10.

We would much rather have you bring your own judges! If you know anyone who would like to be hired, have them contact us. Due to the cost and availability of hired judges, we have the following fees for uncovered teams.

Each uncovered LD or IPDA entry will be \$60 in addition to the entry fee.

Each uncovered IE slot will be \$20 in addition to the entry fee.

A fee of \$20 will be assessed for all missed ballots.

(All debate judges are committed through second elimination round, even if their teams are eliminated.)

Each LD judge will cover 2 LDers. Each IPDA judge will cover 2 IPDAers. Each IE critic will cover six slots per pattern. **Due to the limited pool of teams in some events, we will use a single pool of judges for each round. This means that a judge covering Pattern B could be assigned to judge an IPDA round. Each school in IPDA may designate one judge to be designated as IPDA only so that they can help prep debaters.**

Events

NFA Lincoln-Douglas Debate (LD)

1. Open, Junior, and Novice LD will be offered in accordance with AFA-NIET rules.
2. Students in their first year of collegiate competition are eligible for novice division in LD. Students with substantial high school experience should be entered in Junior division. Those who have received more than 4 trophies in Junior should be entered in Open. We trust that directors will put their students in the right division.
3. We will use the 2022-23 NFA LD topic and all NFA-LD rules. Time limits will be 1AC 6, cx 3, 1NC 7, cx 3, 1AR 6, 1NR 6, 2AR 3. 4 minutes prep time per person.
4. We reserve the right to collapse divisions if there are fewer than 8 entries in a division. We will provide exhibition elims as possible.
5. Please note that students entered in LD can not enter Pattern A IEs.
6. Advancement to Elimination Rounds – **All winning records will be advanced to elims.** Students will advance to elimination rounds based on the following criteria: win/loss, total speaker points, adjusted speaker points, judge variance, opp record, random number. Brackets will not be broken in elims.
7. Judging – One critic covers up to 2 LD entries. Please ensure all your judges are available for the entire tournament, All LD judges are committed through two elims.

International Public Debate (IPDA)

1. Open, Junior, and Novice LD will be offered in accordance with the [IPDA best practices manual](#).
2. Students in their first year of collegiate competition are eligible for novice division in LD. Students with substantial high school experience should be entered in Junior division. Those who have received more than 4 trophies in Junior should be entered in Open. We trust that directors will put their students in the right division.
3. We reserve the right to collapse divisions if there are fewer than 8 entries in a division. We will provide exhibition elims as possible.
4. Please note that students entered in IPDA can not enter Pattern B IEs.
5. Topic strikes will be done centrally. There are no restrictions on where, with whom, or what resources a student may use in their 30 minutes of prep. Students more than 5 minutes late to the round (after prep has expired) will be forfeited. Students more than 5 minutes late to strikes will be forfeited.
6. We will use the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with thirty (30) minutes of preparation time. Students more than 5 minutes late to the round (after prep has expired) will be forfeited.
7. Advancement to Elimination Rounds – **All winning records will be advanced to elims.** Students will advance to elimination rounds based on the following criteria: win/loss, total speaker points, adjusted speaker points, judge variance, opp record, random number.
8. Judging – One critic covers up to 2 IPDA entries. Please ensure all your judges are available for the entire tournament, All LD judges are committed through two elims. IPDA debate encourages a diverse judging pool. To that extent, we encourage community and student involvement. Anyone (lay judges) is available to judge this event.

NFA-NIET Individual Speech Events (IE):

Pattern A: Extemporaneous speaking, After Dinner Speaking, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, and Informative Speaking.

Pattern B: Impromptu Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Communication Analysis, Duo Interpretation, Programmed Oral Interpretation, and Dramatic Interpretation.

1. Open and Novice IE's will be offered in accordance with AFA-NIET rules.
2. Students in their first year of collegiate competition are eligible for novice division in IE's. Students with substantial high school experience should be entered in Open division. We trust that directors will put their students in the right division.
3. We reserve the right to collapse open and novice divisions in small events (fewer than 5 entries in a division). If we collapse divisions, we will recognize the top novice competitor.
4. Students may triple enter in IE's. All double and triple-entered competitors assume the responsibility for making it to their rounds on time. We will not average scores for a missed round. Please note that IPDA and LD do not count as an individual event.
5. Competitors may not use selections used in competition prior to September 1, 2022 (the only exception is rookies who competed at the NCFA Spring Fling last spring.) One critic covers six IE slots per pattern.
6. Advancement to Elimination Rounds - Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings (a.k.a. speaker points).
7. Placement/Advancement in Elimination Rounds - Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by judge's preference, then by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings (a.k.a. speaker points).
8. Judging – One critic covers up to 6 slots per pattern. Please ensure all your judges are available for the entire tournament, All IE judges are committed through finals.

Sweepstakes Awards

Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to (1) the top two debate (LD and IPDA) schools; (2) the top two IE schools; (3) the top two community colleges overall and (4) to the top two universities overall; and (5) the top Novice competitor.

The following formula will be used for Team sweepstakes calculation:

IE:

1st = 10 pts 2nd = 8 pts 3rd = 6 pts 4th = 4 pts finalist = 2 pts

IPDA:

3 points for each prelim win.

Bronze=2pts, Silver= 4 pts, Gold= 6 pts

LD:

3 points for each prelim win

1st elim: 2 points, 2nd elim: 4 points, 3rd elim: 6 points, Champion: 2 point bonus

Schedule

<u>Friday, Oct 14th</u> 8 pm Early Registration and Social Hour (Location TBD)	
<u>Saturday Oct 15</u>	<u>Sunday Oct 16</u>
8 AM Late Registration 9 AM IPDA Round 1/Pattern A Round 1 10:15 AM IPDA 2/Pattern A2 11:30 AM LD Round 1/Pattern B Round 1 12:45 AM LD 2/Pattern B2 Lunch Provided from 1:30-2. 2:15 PM IPDA 3/Pattern A3 3:30 PM LD 3/Pattern B3 4:45 PM IPDA 4/Pattern A Finals 6 PM LD 4/Pattern B Finals 7:30 PM Awards	9 AM LD Elim 1 10:30 AM IPDA Bronze 1A 11:30 AM IPDA Bronze 1B 12:30 PM LD Elim 2 1:30 Awards Part 2 1:45 PM Lunch on your own 2:45 PM IPDA Gold 3:45 PM LD Elim 3 (if Necessary)*

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