

Golden Eagle Classic

January 27th-28th, 2024 – Concordia University Irvine

The alumni of Concordia University Irvine's Forensics Team invite you to participate in the **Golden Eagle Classic**, a free tournament on **Saturday, January 27th & 28th, 2024**. The tournament is part of a speech and NPDA swing with the Jannese Davidson Memorial Tournament. There are no entry fees, but **ALL ENTRIES MUST** be covered.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ENTRIES: Please submit entries to www.forensicstournament.net by Monday, January 22nd at 6:00 pm. Drops can be made until Friday, January 26th at noon. There are no fees to compete.

JUDGING: Each program MUST cover all its entries. One full-time judge can cover 5 slots in each speech pattern on Saturday, and 2 NPDA debate teams on Sunday. For programs needing judges, we encourage you to visit www.hiredjudge.com.

E-BALLOTS: The tournament will use eBallots. Judges will need an email address or cell phone number where they can receive a link to their ballots, as well as a device that can access the Internet. CUI has open wireless Internet access.

THE CAMPUS: Concordia, a smoke-free campus, is located at 1530 Concordia West, Irvine, CA 92612. Parking is (you guessed it) free! Inform the gate that you are with the tournament.

FOOD: Concordia's cafeteria will be open both days from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm for lunch and from 5:00-6:30 for dinner. Meals can be purchased for \$10.50/lunch, and \$11.50/dinner. To help the cafeteria prepare, please advise Konrad (konrad.hack@cui.edu) in advance if your squad intends to buy cafeteria meals.

SPEECH SPECIFICS

EVENTS: Two preliminary rounds and finals of all 11 AFA/NFA/PRP speech events will be offered in the following two patterns:

Pattern A: EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE

Pattern B: IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO

Students may enter THREE events per pattern. Events with more than 30 entries will hold a semifinal. If there is a judge shortage, novice finals may have 1 or 2 judges.

DIVISIONS: Open division is open to all competitors who meet AFA/NPDA guidelines. Novice speech students should be in their 1st year of college competition (with no/limited high school experience) and have not placed 3rd or higher twice. The tournament will do its best to maintain novice division.

TIE BREAKERS: Competitors will be ordered by (1) ranks, (2) reciprocals, and (3) ratings. In finals, placing will be determined by (1) ranks in finals, (2) judge's preference, (3) reciprocals, and (4) ratings.

DEBATE SPECIFICS

FORMATS: The tournament will offer 4 rounds of Novice, Junior, and Senior divisions of NPDA debate. NPDA's division definitions will be used. Keeping divisions distinct is our priority. However, if a division has fewer than 8 entries, it may be necessary to collapse it into another division.

PAIRINGS: The first two rounds will be randomly matched. Subsequent rounds will be high-low power-matched. A limited number of judge strikes will be offered to Senior division teams.

TIE BREAKERS: Teams will first be ranked by (1) wins, (2) adjusted speaker points, (3) total speaker points, (4) opposition record and (5) Z-Score. Brackets will be broken in elimination rounds.

ELIM ROUNDS: Novice and Junior divisions will hold two elimination rounds (Bronze & Gold debates), while Senior will advance to a maximum of quarterfinals. One judge may be used in novice elimination rounds if a judge shortage occurs.

AWARDS SPECIFICS

GENERAL: Because the tournament is free, awards will be certificates (some will be in frames). All finalists in speech events, and all NPDA debate elimination round participants will receive an award.

INDIVIDUALS: Additionally, the top 5 overall speech competitors will be recognized. Points in finals will be tallied using the school formula below. Student will also earn points for preliminary rounds, receiving 1.5 points for a rank of 1, 1 point for a rank of 2, and 0.5 points a rank of 3.

SCHOOL: The top 3 schools in both 2-Year and 4-Year divisions will be recognized. For speech events, 1st=10 points, 2nd=8 points, 3rd=6 points, and all finalist earn 4 points. In NPDA debate, Bronze=6 points, Silver=12 points, and Gold=20 points.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, January 27th

8:00 REGISTRATION (Grimm 128)

9:00 Extemp Draw

9:15 Round One: Pattern A Events
(EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

10:30 Round One: Pattern B Events
(IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

11:45 LUNCH BREAK

12:30 Extemp Draw

12:45 Round Two: Pattern A Events
(EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

2:00 Round Two: Pattern B Events
(IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

3:15 Extemp Draw

3:30 Finals: Pattern A Events
(EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

4:45 Finals: Pattern B Events
(IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

6:30 AWARDS (CU Center)

SUNDAY, January 28th

8:00 REGISTRATION (Grimm 128)

8:30 Topic Announced: Round 1

8:50 Round One: NPDA Debate

10:00 Topic Announced: Round 2

10:20 Round Two: NPDA Debate

11:30 LUNCH BREAK

12:15 Topic Announced: Round 3

12:35 Round Three: NPDA Debate

2:00 Topic Announced: Round 4

2:20 Round Four: NPDA Debate

3:55 Topic Announced: Bronze

4:15 Bronze Round: NPDA Debate

5:50 Topic Announced: Gold

6:10 Gold Round: NPDA Debate

7:30 AWARDS (CU Center)

ASAP Finals: Sr. NPDA Debate