

Friends:

Our PSCFA Region has recently (Sept 2024) passed a number of new rules for PSCFA Tournaments, mostly pertaining to NPDA Debate, but since some also impact IPDA, I wanted to address those here.

PSCFA, for those of you outside the region, is a regional group of programs that runs four tournaments a year (Warm Up, Fall Champs, Spring Champs and Cool Off). Their rules would govern those tournaments. Sometimes other regional tournaments will attempt to mirror those changes, even when they contradict National Organizations such as NPDA, or IPDA, or Phi Rho Pi, etc. . . . Please review their invitations for explanations of their guiding rules.

For the sake of clarity, PLNU has attempted to abide by operating rules of our National Organizations like IPDA and NPDA, with the exception that we do not allow laptops or internet research devices for the debaters in rounds for any debate format. We have tried to make these things clear in the invitation as well. But to bullet point a few items:

- No laptops for flowing, or anything else in debate rounds.
- Judges can flow NPDA rounds on laptops and work on their electronic ballots, but nothing else.
- Group prep during preparation time prior the start of the round is allowed in IPDA, TPDA and NPDA, but not BP per our understanding of their governing organization rules.
- Flex time for NPDA will be allowed this year since our invitation already allowed it. We will review this practice for next year.
- As a reminder on some IPDA items: they do not allow Points of Information, Order, or Privilege to interrupt speeches.
- Reminder, please remain civil and respectful at all times

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly or through FTN.

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