

Roadrunners Invitational Free Paril Tournament “Debate on Haunted Hill”

September 15, 2026

Dear Forensics Community and Friends,

Rio Hondo College would like to welcome all of you to Roadrunners 1st Parliamentary Debate Tournament at Rio Hondo College on Saturday, October 31, 2026.

This tournament provides an excellent opportunity for your debate team to sharpen their skills midway through the Fall semester. It is a FREE tournament, which hopefully will help for budgetary reasons.

Respectfully,

Tournament Director

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KEY POINTS:

- **Registration:** Entries are due by Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 6:00 PM on the Forensics Tournament website.
- **Judging:** Since this is a free Tournament, **each school must cover its judging commitment.** Tournament will follow PSCFA Rules.
- **Location:** 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601
- **Headquarters:** A220 Judges Room and A218 Student Wellness.
- **Parking: FREE** All Students are Advised to park in Lot A or Lot C. Please make sure to place the attached event printout on your DASH.
- **Tournament Service:** We will offer four rounds of Parliamentary debate for Novice and Senior divisions and one final round. Divisions may be collapsed due to a lack of entries.
- **Halloween Theme:** Costumes will be encouraged and special prizes will be awarded for best costumes, with a strong emphasis on **decency and fun.** **Please remember that no behavior or attire that is distracting from our primary focus of Debating and Learning will be acceptable.**
- **Food:** Food will be provided for all judges and students. (Mediterranean, Chicken/Beef, Rice, Hummus, Vegetables and Salad) Please notify tournament director if there are dietary restrictions.

Tournament Rules and Guidelines:

Divisions & Eligibility

- **Novice Debate:** A team comprised of debaters, neither of whom has participated in more than two semesters of debate, participated in high school debate, and/or won any medal at CCCFA or Phi Rho Pi or won an elimination round award at the NPDA, CEDA, or NDT National Championship Tournaments.
- **Open:** Any student eligible to participate may be entered in the Open Division regardless of class standing or experience.

Parliamentary Team Debate Rules

This tournament will use NPDA rules as guidelines, except for rules that conflict with PSCFA regulations. Three-person teams and hybrid teams are allowed according to PSCFA regulations. One person is not permitted to debate alone; if a team member is unable to debate, the team will forfeit the round.

Speech Times:

- Prime Minister Constructive: 7 minutes
- 2 minutes Flex
- Leader of the Opposition Constructive: 8 minutes
- 2 minutes Flex
- Member of the Government Constructive: 8 minutes
- 1 minute Flex
- Member of the Opposition Constructive: 8 minutes
- Leader of the Opposition Rebuttal: 4 minutes
- 1 minute Flex
- Prime Minister Rebuttal: 5 minutes

Judging & Debate Commitment

All schools must provide one judge for every two team debate entries or fraction thereof. Penalty fees for unmet judging commitments will be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director at a rate of \$150 per uncovered team for the first 4 uncovered teams. Judges are required to render a decision identifying a winner, loser, and speaker points for each round by the start of the next scheduled round. Written feedback is required on all ballots.

Tournament Fees

- School Fee: NONE
- Wellness Surcharge: NONE
- Parliamentary Team Entry Fee: NONE
- Uncovered Judge Fee: \$150 per team for the first 4 uncovered slots (\$200 for each additional slot) **ONLY WITH TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR APPROVAL**

Tournament Schedule (Saturday, October 31)

- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Registration & Sign-in
- 9:00 AM: Topic Announcement for Round 1
- 9:20 AM: Round 1
- 10:45 AM: Topic Announcement for Round 2
- 11:05 AM: Round 2
- 12:15-12:45 Lunch
- 1:00 PM: Topic Announcement for Round 3
- 1:20 PM: Round 3
- 2:45 PM: Topic Announcement for Round 4
- 3:05 PM: Round 4
- 4:30 PM: Topic Announcement for FINALS
- 4:50 PM: FINAL Round
- ASAP: Awards IMMEDIATELY after FINAL round

We look forward to seeing your debate teams at Rio Hondo College!

Sincerely,

Patricia Hughes

Forensics Co-coordinator

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Temporary Parking Permit

Permit must be clearly visible on the vehicle's dashboard at all times. Valid only in the designated lots and dates listed above. (No Exceptions) Permit holder must adhere to all parking regulations.

For campus maps and parking regulations visit <https://www.riohondo.edu/facilities-services/parking>



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Oct. 31, 2026

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