

Crossman Invitational

October 17-18, 2026

El Camino College | Torrance, California

Greetings Colleagues:

The El Camino College Forensics team is pleased to invite you to the 2026 Crossman Invitational on the campus of El Camino College. The tournament is open to both two- and four-year colleges and universities.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

NPDA will run Saturday through early Sunday with five preliminary rounds and will advance to true finals. NPDA will offer Novice, Junior, and Open divisions. Two separate IPDA tournaments will be offered, one Saturday and one Sunday; Saturday IPDA will be double flighted, while Sunday IPDA will not. NFA-LD and Individual Events will run Sunday. IPDA, NFA-LD, and Individual Events will offer Novice and Open divisions. IPDA and NFA-LD will have four preliminary rounds, and Individual Events will have two preliminary rounds followed by finals. In Individual Events, Open competitors may enter up to three events per pattern; Novice competitors may enter up to two events per pattern.

ENTRY OPTIONS

- NPDA plus either Individual Events, NFA-LD, or IPDA
- IPDA plus Individual Events or NFA-LD
- Both the Saturday and Sunday IPDA tournaments

LOCATION

El Camino College is located at 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90506. Tournament headquarters will be [SOCS 117](#) in the Social Sciences (SOCS) building, not the Behavioral & Social Sciences (BSSB) building - they are different buildings. SOCS faces Redondo Beach Blvd. near Crenshaw Blvd. ([Google Maps Location Pin](#) - [Apple Maps Location Pin](#)).

PARKING

Lots J and K are closest to the Social Sciences buildings. Visitors may park in staff lots on weekends with a valid permit. Daily permits are \$3 and may be purchased using Honk Mobile QR codes or campus permit stations. [Parking information](#)

FOOD

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided for judges on both Saturday and Sunday. The student wellness fee supports pizza, snacks, and water for students each day. Additional food options are available near campus.

RULES & ELIGIBILITY

- **Governing Rules:** Unless otherwise noted in this invitation, events will follow the rules of their governing organizations.
- **NPDA:** Internet access and preparation rooms will be provided; topics will be centrally announced; group preparation will be allowed; and flex time will be recognized.
- **IPDA:** Internet access and group preparation will be allowed.
- **Novice Eligibility:** A novice competitor has no significant high school experience, is in their first two semesters of competition, and has not advanced to elimination rounds at more than two tournaments in NPDA or IPDA or placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd twice in Individual Events.
- **Junior Eligibility:** A junior competitor has competed for no more than four semesters and has not advanced to elimination rounds in Junior division at more than two NPDA or IPDA tournaments.
- **Tournament Discretion & Conduct:** The tournament reserves the right to combine divisions or events, cancel undersubscribed events, and adjust elimination breaks based on entry size. The tournament will follow the NPDA policy on gender and sexual harassment.

ELECTRONIC USE IN DEBATE

Electronic flowing is not permitted in NPDA or IPDA debate; it is permitted in NFA-LD. Accommodation requests should be emailed as early as possible to Brittany Hubble at bhubble.tab@gmail.com.

AWARDS

Individual Events will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. All debate events (NPDA, IPDA, and NFA-LD) will award Gold, Silver, and Bronze; NPDA will still advance through true finals. Speaker awards will be given to the top three NPDA debaters in each division. The top institutions in both the two-year and four-year divisions will receive sweepstakes trophies. The PSCFA formula will be used to determine standings; El Camino College is not eligible for sweepstakes. Sweepstakes will be announced during the Sunday evening awards ceremony.

REGISTRATION

Entries are due by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. Changes may be made through 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, at which time fees, including hired/uncovered judge fees, will be set. Register through ForensicsTournament.net.

We hope to see you all here!

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Saturday, October 17, 2026 - Debate Schedule

NPDA	Time	IPDA	Time
Round 1 Topic Announce	8:00 a.m.	Round 1 A Strike/Start	9:30/10:00 a.m.
Round 1	8:20-9:10 a.m.	Round 1 B Strike/Start	10:00/10:30 a.m.
Round 2 Topic Announce	9:30 a.m.	Round 2 A Strike/Start	11:30 a.m./12:00 p.m.
Round 2	9:50-10:40 a.m.	Round 2 B Strike/Start	12:00/12:30 p.m.
Round 3 Topic Announce	11:00 a.m.	LUNCH	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Round 3	11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m.	Round 3 A Strike/Start	1:30/2:00 p.m.
LUNCH	12:10-12:40 p.m.	Round 3 B Strike/Start	2:00/2:30 p.m.
Round 4 Topic Announce	12:40 p.m.	Round 4 A Strike/Start	3:30/4:00 p.m.
Round 4	1:00-1:50 p.m.	Round 4 B Strike/Start	4:00/4:30 p.m.
Round 5 Topic Announce	2:10 p.m.	Elim 1 Strike	5:20 p.m.
Round 5	2:30-3:20 p.m.	Elim 1 Start	5:50 p.m.
Elim 1 Topic Announce	3:50 p.m.	Elim 2 Strike	6:50 p.m.
Elim 1	4:10-5:00 p.m.	Elim 2 Start	7:20 p.m.
Elim 2 Topic Announce	5:20 p.m.		
Elim 2	5:40-6:30 p.m.		
Elim 3 Topic Announce	6:50 p.m.		
Elim 3	7:10-8:00 p.m.		

Saturday Awards: After Elim 2 of both IPDA and NPDA; awards will run concurrently with NPDA Elim 3.

All times are tentative and may be adjusted as needed by tournament staff.

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Sunday, October 18, 2026 - Debate & Individual Events Schedule

All times are tentative and may be adjusted as needed by tournament staff.

** If an NPDA debater is in Elim 4 and also Extemp, that person will draw last.*

NPDA	Time
Elim 4 Topic Announce	8:00 a.m.
Elim 4	8:20 a.m.

IPDA / NFA-LD	Time	IEs	Time
Round 1 IPDA Strike / NFA-LD Start	9:15 a.m.	Extemp Draw	9:00 a.m.
Round 1 IPDA Start	9:45 a.m.	Pattern A Rd 1	9:15-10:15 a.m.
Round 2 IPDA Strike / NFA-LD Start	10:45 a.m.	Pattern B Rd 1	10:45-11:45 a.m.
Round 2 IPDA Start	11:15 a.m.	LUNCH	11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
LUNCH	11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Extemp Draw	12:15 p.m.
Round 3 IPDA Strike / NFA-LD Start	12:30 p.m.	Pattern A Rd 2	12:30-1:30 p.m.
Round 3 IPDA Start	1:00 p.m.	Pattern B Rd 2	2:00-3:00 p.m.
Round 4 IPDA Strike / NFA-LD Start	2:00 p.m.	Extemp Draw	3:30 p.m.
Round 4 IPDA Start	2:30 p.m.	Pattern A Finals	3:45-4:45 p.m.
Elim 1 IPDA Strike / NFA-LD Start	3:45 p.m.	Pattern B Finals	5:15-6:15 p.m.
Elim 1 IPDA Start	4:15 p.m.	Awards for all events 7:00 p.m. or ASAP	
Elim 2 IPDA Strike / NFA-LD Start	5:15 p.m.		
Elim 2 IPDA Start	5:45 p.m.		

PATTERN A: Extemp, Informative, Poetry, Prose, STE.

PATTERN B: Impromptu, Duo, Persuasive, POI, DI, CA.

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Fees and Judging

ENTRY FEES

Fee	Amount
School Fee	\$40.00
Student Wellness Fee	\$5.00 per student, per day
Individual Event Slot	\$12.00
Duo Interpretation Team	\$20.00
NPDA / Parli Team	\$50.00
IPDA / NFA-LD Slot	\$25.00

Please calculate the Student Wellness Fee on the honor system.

LATE CHANGES & NUISANCE FEES

Fee	Amount
Drop Fee (after Wed., Oct. 14 at 6:00 p.m.)	\$5.00 per event
Late Add Fee - IE Entry (after Fri., Oct. 16 at 6:00 p.m.)	\$10.00 per event
Late Add Fee - Debate Entry (after Fri., Oct. 16 at 6:00 p.m.)	\$20.00 per entry
Judge Nuisance Fee	\$20.00 per occurrence

JUDGING COMMITMENT

- **Coverage Requirement:** One qualified judge is required for every two NPDA, IPDA, or NFA-LD entries and for every five Individual Event slots (or fraction thereof).
- **Division Coverage:** Schools must provide enough eligible judges to cover every division entered. For example, Open-division entries require judges eligible to judge Open.
- **Judge Commitment:** All judges are committed through finals. NPDA judges are instead committed for two rounds beyond the elimination of their school's final NPDA team.
- **Late Drops:** Drops after the Wednesday 6:00 p.m. deadline do not reduce a school's judging obligation.
- **Coach of the Day:** Each school must designate an on-site Coach of the Day and provide a cell number for tournament communications and emergencies.
- **Electronic Ballots:** Ballots will be distributed through ForensicsTournament.net (FTN). Judges do not need an FTN account, but must arrive with verified contact information in FTN to receive ballots by email or text. Judges are strongly encouraged to verify both an email address and mobile phone number so one method can serve as a backup if the other fails. Judges should bring a charged, internet-capable device.
- **Judge Constraints:** Email constraints to Brittany Hubble at bhubble.tab@gmail.com. Constraints are for bona fide conflicts of interest and may not be used as judge strikes or preference requests.
- **Judge Standards & Nuisance Fee:** Judges must understand and follow event norms. A \$20 Judge Nuisance Fee applies when a judge fails to pick up an assigned ballot, fails to judge an assigned round, or when tournament staff determines a complaint about a judge is substantiated.

UNCOVERED JUDGING FEES - IF APPROVED

Buyouts are not guaranteed. Schools should make every reasonable effort to cover their judging commitment and must contact the tournament for permission before buying out. If the tournament is able to secure sufficient hired judges, the following fees will apply:

Uncovered Entry	Fee
Uncovered NPDA Team	\$175.00
Uncovered IPDA or NFA-LD Entry	\$125.00
Uncovered IE Slots 1-5	\$25.00 per slot
Each Additional Uncovered IE Slot After 5	\$45.00 per slot

PAYMENT

Invoices will be emailed to Directors of Forensics (DOFs) on Sunday. Payment may be made by cash, PayPal, or check.

PayPal: @francescabishop2485

Checks: Make checks payable to El Camino College and write "Speech and Debate" on the memo line.