# PSCFA Fall Championships

November 5, 2026

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of PSCFA, I am pleased to invite you to the PSCFA Fall Championship Tournament to be held at Mt San Antonio College December 4-6, 2026.

At the Fall Championship Tournament your students will be able to compete in:

- On Friday, December 4th, we will offer rookie, novice, junior, and senior divisions of NPDA Debate.
- On Saturday, December 5th, we will offer novice, junior, and senior divisions of 12 individual events. (ONE year trial).
- On Sunday, December 6th, we will offer novice, junior, and senior divisions of IPDA.

All entries are due by 6:00pm on Monday, November 30th, 2026. Visit http://www.forensicstournament.net to enter. Tournament Entry will be available beginning on Monday, November 9th.

## A Few Important Reminders:

**1)** Judges are expected to accept ballots as soon as they are notified through FTN.

**2)** Judges are encouraged to submit ballots ASAP after the round. Additional comments can be added to the ballots any time before the end of the tournament.

**3)** Drops after the Wednesday deadline do not alter a school's judging commitment.

## Reminder of Rules from 2025:

**1)** **Code of Conduct** - Judges are expected to respect our students identities, including their identified pronouns, and to require students in their rounds to do the same. Intentional or repeated violations of this may result in removal of judge from the judging pool and/or forfeiture of the round where the violation occurs.

**2)** **Speed in Debate** - Rate of speed in debate rounds should not have a deleterious impact on other students ability to engage in the activity. Violations of this principle may result in the loss of the round in which the violation occurs.

**3)** **Coach of the Day Sign-In** - Each attending school must designate a "Coach of the Day." A sign-in sheet will be located at the judges table where coaches will list their name and contact information.

**4)** **Definitions of Division eligibility in debate have been adjusted as follows:**

- **a.** Rookie - A student with no previous competitive experience in debate or individual events at any level.
- **b.** Novice - A team comprised of debaters, neither of whom has participated in more than two semesters of debate and/or participated in elimination rounds at three or more debate tournaments 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 or any national championship tournament
- **c.** Junior - A team comprised of debaters neither of whom has participated in more than four semesters of NDT/CEDA or Parliamentary debate and/or who has not participated in elimination rounds of a junior or open division of three CEDA and/or NDT and/or Parliamentary tournaments. A gold or silver medal at CCCFA or Phi Rho Pi or winning an elimination round award at the NPDA, CEDA or NDT National Championship Tournaments or any national championship tournament shall count as a final round.

**5)** Fees - A $50 nuisance fee will be added to a school's tournament invoice if the school does not meet with the treasurer in-person prior to awards on the school's last competition day to: (1) obtain an invoice, and (2) confirm the anticipated method and timing of payment for fees and/or notify the treasurer that fees have been paid electronically. Ballots will not be made available to a school until the above conditions are met.

## NEW RULES for 2026 from Cool-off & Coaches Conference

- Wellness Fee is $6.00 per student per day.
- Flex time is returning to parliamentary debate!
- Impromptu: all competitors receive a 15 second reading period upon opening their topics. The reading period is for reading the topics only; competitors should not write notes during this time. The 7 minute speech period begins after the 15 second reading period elapses (unless the competitor begins writing, in which case any remaining reading time is forfeited).
- All judges are committed through Final Rounds.
- Judges: there will be a brief **mandatory** meeting before the first round each day. The purpose of the meeting is to clarify expectations for writing ballots. Please ensure your judges are present for this meeting. (This does not replace the optional training session offered for new judges).
- Reminder: you can split a judging commitment among multiple judges. In your FTN registration, please clearly describe how judges splitting a commitment should be scheduled, e.g., "Judge X is for Rounds 1-2 only;" "Judge Y is for Rounds 3-4 only." For a split commitment to be fully covered, a judge must be scheduled for each round of the day unless an alternative arrangement is approved *in advance* by the tournament director.
- NFA-LD judges should refrain from determining the validity/invalidity of evidence based on their preference or local norms regarding evidence formatting.
- Challenges in ALL forms of debate will use the following:
  - Challenges should be supported by appropriate documentation (e.g. a copy of the original source).
  - Challenges should be resolved through a process that allows both the persons making the challenge well as, the persons whose evidence is challenged to provide reasonable explanations.
  - Challenges should not be made carelessly or on unsubstantial grounds. The penalty for a false and reckless accusation should be comparable in severity to the penalty for committing the alleged abuse.

Attached, please find more detailed tournament information, a description of tournament rules, and procedures and entry forms. Please refer to the PSCFA Handbook for the newest information on Rules, available at www.pscfa.org.
If you have any questions please contact me at bhubble.tab@gmail.com

Brittany Hubble
Tournament Director

## DEBATE – *Friday, December 4th & Sunday, December 6th*

**Friday**

**Parliamentary Team Debate**

We will offer four Divisions in Parliamentary Team debate, using the NPDA rules as guidelines. All Divisions (Rookie, Novice, Junior, and Senior) of Parliamentary debate will be held on **Friday.**

We will allow three person teams and hybrid teams according to PSCFA regulations. We will not allow one person to debate alone. In the event that one member of a team is unable to debate, the team will forfeit the round and both team members will receive zero speaker points for that round.
Parliamentary Team Debate times will be:

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| First Proposition Constructive Speaker | (7 minutes) |
| Opposition Flex Time | (2 minutes) |
| First Opposition Constructive Speaker | (8 minutes) |
| Proposition Flex Time | (2 minutes) |
| Second Proposition Constructive Speaker | (8 minutes) |
| Opposition Flex Time | (1 minute) |
| Second Opposition Constructive Speaker | (8 minutes) |
| Opposition Rebuttal by First Speaker | (4 minutes) |
| Proposition Flex Time | (1 minute) |
| Proposition Rebuttal by First Speaker | (5 minutes) |

**SUNDAY**

**International Public Debate Association (IPDA)**

IPDA primarily utilizes a one-on-one debate format in which one debater takes the side of the affirmative and the other debater takes the side of the negative. For each round, the two debaters are given five possible resolutions. The negative begins the topic selection by striking one resolution and proceeds in a back-and-forth fashion until one resolution is left. After the topic has been selected, both debaters have thirty minutes to prepare a case. IPDA debate often utilizes lay judges to adjudicate the round and emphasizes conversational rhetoric. Visit *ipdadebate.info to learn more.* The speech times are:

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| • 1st Affirmative | (5 minutes) |
| • Cross Examination | (2 minutes) |
| • 1st Negative | (6 minutes) |
| • Cross Examination | (2 minutes) |
| • Affirmative Rebuttal | (3 minutes) |
| • Negative Rebuttal | (5 minutes) |
| • Affirmative Summary | (3 minutes) |

**NFA LD**

NFA Lincoln-Douglas Debate is a one-person, persuasive, policy debate on traditional stock issues. It is a communication event, by which we mean the philosophy of the activity is consistent with that which governs other individual events. Competitors in NFA Lincoln-Douglas will be evaluated on their analysis, use of evidence, and ability to effectively and persuasively organize, deliver, and refute arguments. Rapid-fire delivery, commonly called "spread delivery," is considered antithetical to the purpose and intent of this event.

- Affirmative Constructive (6 minutes)
- Cross Examination (3 minutes)
- Negative Constructive / First Negative Rebuttal (7 minutes)
- Cross Examination (3 minutes)
- First Affirmative Rebuttal (6 minutes)
- The Negative Rebuttal (6 minutes)
- The Second Affirmative Rebuttal (3 minutes)

**Debate Pairing:** For all Debate Events, the first two rounds will be randomly matched. Power matching will be used in all subsequent rounds (time constraints may require some lag power matching). If 35% or more of the teams in junior or senior division come from the same school, then at the discretion of the tournament director, those teams from the same school could meet each other if meeting is necessary to run the event. If 25% or more of the teams in novice or rookie division come from the same school then, at the discretion of the tournament director, those teams from the same school could meet each other if meeting is necessary to run the event. When both teams are from the same school, we will allow the debate to be judged by a critic of the same school. For example, a CSULB vs. CSULB debate could be judged by a CSULB critic. However, we will make every reasonable effort to make sure that is not necessary.

**Critic Responsibilities:**

- We believe every debate in the tournament deserves attention from those critics assigned to listen. At a minimum, we expect our judges to give written criticisms. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT BALLOTS THAT SIMPLY STATE "ORAL
- CRITIQUE GIVEN."
- We also expect judges to return a ballot for each round to the teams entered. Thus, a packet will not be released until all judges representing that school have turned in ballots.
- Judges are also required to render a decision identifying a winner, loser, and speaker points for each debate round by the start of the next scheduled round.
- Judges should use respectful language on ballots.
- Judges should respect students identities and preferred pronouns at all times.

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS –SATURDAY, December 5th

**Double-Entered Guidelines:** Students who are entered in more than one event per pattern are highly encouraged to sign in at the rounds they will go to. It is the responsibility of the student to make it to the round if he/she is double entered. If a student does not sign in to a round and then misses the round, the student will be considered a no-show.
**Novice competitors may not double enter. Junior and Senior competitors may double enter in both patterns.**

**Pattern A**

- **Informative Speaking**: An original, factual speech by the student on a realist subject to fulfill the general aim to inform the audience. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time is 10 minutes.

- **Prose Interpretation**: An original or selections of prose material of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Focus of this event is on the development of the narrative/story. Play cuttings and poetry are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time is 10 minutes including introduction.

- **Extemporaneous Speaking**: Contestants will be given three topics in the general area of current events, choose one, and have 30 minutes to prepare a speech that is the original work of the student. Maximum time limit for the speech is 7 minutes. Limited notes are permitted. Student will speak in listed order. Postings of topics will be staggered.

- **After Dinner Speaking**: An original, humorous speech by the student, designed to exhibit sound speech composition, thematic coherence, direct communicative public speaking skills, and good taste. The speech should not resemble a night club act, an impersonation, or comic dialogue. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforced the message. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

- **Poetry Interpretation**: A selection or selections of poetry of literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. A primary focus of this event should be on the development of language. Play cuttings and prose works are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes including introduction.

- **Cultural Artifact Speech**: to offer a discussion of some tangible aspect of culture. Five minutes maximum. Visual or audio aid required.

**Pattern B**

- **Impromptu Speaking**: An impromptu speech, substantive in nature, with topic selections varied by round and by section. Topics will be derived from quotations. Speakers will have a total of 7 minutes for both preparation and speaking. Timing commences with the acceptance of the topics sheet. Limited notes are permitted.

- **Duo Interpretation:** A cutting from one or more texts of literary merit, humorous or serious, involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. The material may be drawn from any genre of literature. This is not an acting event; thus, no costumes, props, lighting, etc., are to be used. Presentation is from the manuscript and the focus should be off-stage and not to each other. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes including introduction.

- **Communication Analysis**: An original speech by the student designed to offer an explanation and/or evaluation of a communication event such as a speech, speaker, movement, poem, poster, film, campaign, etc., through the use of rhetorical principles. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Manuscripts are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

- **Drama Interpretation**: A cutting that represents one or more characters from a play or plays of literary merit. The focus of this event is on the development of characterization. This material may be drawn from stage, screen, or radio. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes including introduction.

- **Persuasive Speaking**: An original speech by the student designed to inspire, reinforce, or change the beliefs, attitudes, values or actions of the audience. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

- **Program Oral Interpretation**: A program of thematically-linked selections of literary merit, chosen from two or three recognized genres of competitive interpretation (prose/poetry/drama). A primary focus of this event should be on the development of the theme through the use of narrative/story, language, and/or characterization. A substantial portion of the total time must be devoted to each of the genres used in the program. Different genre means the material must appear in separate pieces of literature (e.g., A poem included in a short story that appears only in that short story does not constitute a poetry genre.) Only one selection may be original. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes including introduction.

**SWEEPSTAKES:** We will award trophies to the top schools in the following categories:
1) Four Year – Top Five
2) Two Year – Top Five
3) Novice (Combines Two and Four Year Schools) – Top Three
4) Limited Entry – Top Three

## JUDGING

Judges for all events must meet qualifications outlined in the PSCFA Handbook. All judges must complete the PSCFA "FRED" Judge Certification BEFORE being able to judge.

**Coaches shall insure the competency of all judges covering your commitment.**

**Judging Guidelines:**
- A school may not utilize novice and junior only judges in a greater proportion than its novice and/or junior entry warrants.
- Failure of a judge to appear for a ballot in the debate events will result in the forced withdrawal of those entries covered by that judge.
- ALL judges must are committed through the final round of the tournament .
- Drops after Wednesday, December 2nd do not reduce a school's judging commitment.

**Debate Commitment:** All schools must provide one judge for every two (2) team or NFA LD debate entries or fraction thereof. One judge must be provided for every three (3) IPDA entries or fraction thereof. UNCOVERED SLOTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED FOR DEBATE (except at the discretion of the Tournament Director).

**Individual Events Commitment:** All schools must provide one judge for every **five** individual event slots per conflict pattern or fraction thereof.

**IPDA Judging:** The by-laws of IPDA recommend lay judges to help foster the spirit of a public debate where technical knowledge is not needed. With this in mind, non-experienced judges will be utilized in IPDA when possible. Please consider bringing non-specialized judges to cover your IPDA entry.

**Judging Fees**
Schools not meeting their judging commitment will be assessed the following fees:
- IE Slots Uncovered - $ 40.00 per 1st four slots $50 for each slot over
- NFA-LD/IPDA Debate Judges - $150 per 1st four entries (if allowed*) $200 for each subsequent uncovered entry
- Team Debate Judges - $150 per 1st four teams (if allowed*) $200 for each subsequent uncovered team

**Contact the Tournament Director for approval*

## ENTRY DETAILS

Deadline: All entries are due by 6:00pm on Monday, November 30th, 2026.

**ENTER FALL CHAMPS AT http://www.forensictournament.net**

- Fees will be assessed on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026 at 6:00pm
- Adds the discretion of the Tournament Director and fees will apply. ($10 for IE / $20 for debate).
- There will be a drop fee of $5 for any drop after the Wednesday deadline until 30 minutes before the first round of competition.
- Drops after Wednesday, December 2nd, do not reduce a school's judging commitment.

**Registration**

- There will be a registration adjustment period from 10:00-10:45 am on Friday, December 4th for ALL NPDA. Debaters must "sign-in" in at the sign in table (**Location TBA)** or they will be dropped.

- There will be a second registration adjustment period for IE only schools 8:00-8:45am on Saturday, December 5th

- There will be a third registration adjustment period from 7:45-8:45 am on Sunday, December 6th for IPDA and NFA L/D Debaters. Debaters must "sign-in" in at the sign in table (**Location TBA)** or they will be dropped.

- Coaches can avoid a no-show fee by reporting drops at these times.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

**REGISTRATION:** Sign In for debaters will take place in the courtyard of building 26

**JUDGES:**

- Please accept your ballots as soon as you receive the notice.
- Please submit your ballot ASAP. You can always add more comments later in the day.

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

| Friday Schedule - Parli | | |
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| **10:00 10:45** | Debate Sign In | |
| **11:00** | Topic Announce Rd 1 & 2 | |
| **11:45** | Pattern C - Rd 1 | |
| **12:45** | Pattern C - Round 2 | |
| **1:30** | Lunch Break | |
| **2:30** | Pattern C -Round 3 Topic | |
| **4:00** | Pattern C -Round 4 Topic | |
| **6:00** | Pattern C - Elim 1 Topic | |
| **7:30** | Pattern C - Elim 2 Topic | |
| **9:15** | **Awards** | |

| **SUNDAY** | **IPDA NFA LD** | |
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| **8:00** | Senior NPDA Finals Topic Announce | |
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| **7:45am - 8:45am** | ***Debate Sign-in*** | |
| **NFA Start** | **IPDA Topic** | |
| **9:45** | **9:15** | Rd 1 Flight A |
| | **9:45** | Rd 1 – Flight B |
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| **11:15** | **11:15** | Rd 2 – Flight A |
| | **11:45** | Rd 2 – Flight B |
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| **12:30 – 1:30** | | **Lunch** |
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| **1:15** | **1:15** | Rd 3 – Flight A |
| | **1:45** | Rd 3 – Flight B |
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| **3:00** | **3:00** | Rd 4 – Flight A |
| | **3:30** | Rd 4 – Flight B |
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| **5:00** | **5:00** | Elim 1 – Flight A |
| | **5:30** | Elim 1 – Flight B |
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| **6:45** | **6:45** | Elim 2 |
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| **8:15** | | **Awards** |

| SATURDAY | Individual Events |
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| **8:00 - 8:45 am** | IE Drop Period |
| **8:45 am** | Extemp Draw - Round 1 |
| **9:00 am** | Pattern A - Round 1 |
| **10:30 am** | Pattern B - Round 1 |
| **11:45 am** | Extemp Draw - Round 2 |
| **12:00 pm** | Pattern A - Round 2 |
| **1:00 – 2:00** | Lunch |
| **2:00 pm** | Pattern B - Round 2 |
| **3:15 pm** | Extemp Draw - Finals |
| **3:30 pm** | Pattern A – Finals |
| **5:00 pm** | Pattern B – Finals |
| **7:00 (or ASAP)** | Awards |

# PSCFA Fall Champs, Mt. San Antonio College, December 4-6, 2026

**SCHOOL**:

**DIRECTOR OF FORENSICS**:

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| **STUDENT HEADCOUNT (Duplicated):** | |
| **STUDENT HEADCOUNT (Unduplicated):** | |

| **Mandatory Fees:** | | **Fee** | **Multiplier** | **Totals** |
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| PSCFA Annual Dues | $ | 60.00 | | $ - |
| Facilities Fee | $ | 35.00 | | $ - |
| School Fee | | | | |
| 1-5 students ($35); 6-10 ($40); 11+ ($45) | | | | |
| Wellness Surcharge: | | | | |
| $6/student per day | $ | 6.00 | 0 | $ - |
| Entry Fees: | | | | |
| Team Debate: $25/team | $ | 25.00 | | $ - |
| Individual Debate: $15/person | $ | 15.00 | | $ - |
| Pattern A: $9/slot | $ | 9.00 | | $ - |
| Pattern B: $9/slot | $ | 9.00 | | $ - |
| Duo Interp: $9/slot (duplicated) | $ | 9.00 | | $ - |
| **Mandatory Fees Subtotal:** | | | | $ - |

| **Judging Fees:** | | | | |
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| Parli: $150/team for first 4 uncovered entries, then $200 per additional entry. | | | | $ - |
| LD/IPDA: $150/entry for first 4 uncovered entries, then $200 per additional entry. | | | | $ - |
| IEs: $40/slot for the first 5 uncovered entries, then $50 per additonal entry. | | | | |
| PATTERN A | | | | $ - |
| PATTERN B | | | | $ - |
| ICC JUDGE -- *additional 4.71% surcharge applies to electronic payments* | | | | $ - |
| 1099-NEC preparation fee | $ | 25.00 | | $ - |
| **Judge Fees Subtotal:** | | | | $ - |

| **Miscellaneous Fees** | | | | |
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| NO-SHOW DEBATE FEE -- $40/SLOT | | | | $ - |
| NO-SHOW I.E. FEE -- $20/SLOT | | | | |
| PATTERN A | | | | $ - |
| PATTERN B | | | | $ - |
| NUISANCE FEE, DEBATE (DAY-OF DROP) -- $10/ENTRY | | | | $ - |
| NUISANCE FEE, IE (DAY-OF DROP) -- $5/SLOT | | | | $ - |
| LATE DROP (BEFORE DAY OF) -- $5/SLOT | | | | $ - |
| JUDGE NUISANCE FEE -- $50/ROUND | | | | $ - |
| LATE ADD FEE SCHOOL FEE -- $50 | | | | $ - |
| LATE ADD DEBATE FEE - - $20/ENTRY | | | | $ - |
| LATE ADD IE -- $10/SLOT | | | | $ - |
| **Miscellaneous Fees Subtotal** | | | | $ - |

| **SUBTOTAL** | $ - |
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| **Electronic Payment Fee** | |
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| Electronic payment? | |
| FTN electronic transaction fee (4.5%) | $ - |

| **GRAND TOTAL FEES:** | $ - |
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PAYMENT NOTES:

Make checks out to: Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association

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