



Dear Forensics Friends and Family,

On behalf of the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) Forensics Team, NOVA's Institute for Public Service and the Southern Northern Atlantic Forensics Union (SNAFU) we are delighted to invite you to the first **Richard J. Ernst/SNAFU Swing** to be held on the NOVA Alexandria campus on **Saturday January 26th through Sunday January 27th, 2013.**

The NOVA portion of the swing on Saturday features all 11 AFA-NIET events with two preliminary rounds of competition and the appropriate amount of elimination rounds in open and novice (though depending on the entry size of each event it is possible that novice and open will be collapsed into one division). In addition, Saturday will also feature a parliamentary debate tournament with four preliminary and additional elimination rounds of competition. **To register for the NOVA portion of the swing, please go to <http://www.forensicstournament.net/Ernst/13>. You will be asked to create an account and then you can enter students in their respected events as well as your judges.**

The SNAFU portion of the swing on Sunday features all 11 AFA-NIET events with two preliminary rounds of competition and the appropriate amount of elimination rounds (depending on the entry size of each event). In addition, Sunday will also feature an additional parliamentary debate tournament with four preliminary and elimination round. **To register for the SNAFU portion of the swing please email Lee Mayfield, Director of Forensics at James Madison University mayfiecl@jmu.edu. Please indicate this is a SNAFU/NOVA entry in the subject line.**

For the NOVA half of the swing, there will be an awards ceremony for all 11 AFA-NIET individual events, team parliamentary debate (including debate speaker awards), and overall team sweepstakes in debate and individual events. For the SNAFU half of the swing there will be an awards ceremony for all 11 AFA-NIET individual events, team parliamentary debate (including debate speaker awards), and overall team sweepstakes. In addition we will award combined swing sweepstakes awards on Sunday and the festive SUPERNOVA prize that recognizes a student who was voted by their fellow competitors as being the most helpful and supportive in the spirit of friendly forensics competition!

On Saturday Parli debate runs concurrently with Pattern A.. Thus the following rules will be in place.

1. Debaters may enter in up to **one** individual events in Pattern A, but NOT Extemp.
Pattern A: Extemp, Persuasive, POI, Duo, Informative Prose
2. Debaters may enter in up to **three** individual event in Pattern B
Pattern B: Impromptu, Dramatic, Poetry, CA, ADS
3. In all cases (unless otherwise notified by the tournament), debaters will always do their NPDA Parliamentary debate round **BEFORE** their individual event round.

On Sunday Parli debate runs concurrently with Pattern A & B rounds. Thus, the following rules:

1. Debaters may enter in only **one** individual event in each Pattern (A and/or B) but not extemp.

Our campus is just a few precious minutes from our nation's capital in Washington DC. We hope you will join us in Alexandria, Virginia for some fun forensics competition!

SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 26th, 2013 (Richard J. Ernst Tournament)

7:30	Breakfast/Registration (Bisdorf Building AA-158)
8:00	Debate 1
9:15	Debate 2
10:00	Breakfast/Registration (The Encore for IE competitors!!)
10:30	Round 1B (Impromptu, ADS, Prose, Dramatic Interpretation, CA & Poetry)
11:45	Extemp Draw & Debate 3
12:15	Round 1A (Exempt, Pers., POI, Duo, Informative, Prose)
1:15	Lunch Break
2:00	Round 2B
3:00	Extemp Draw & Debate 4
3:30	Round 2A
4:30	Finals of B
5:30	Extemp Draw & Debate Final
6:00	Finals of A and all remaining A Finals
7:15	Awards

Sunday, January 27th, 2013 (SNAFU #6)

8:00	Breakfast/Registration (Bisdorf Building AA-158)
8:30	Extemp Draw
9:00	Round 1A, Debate 1
10:15	Round 1B, Debate 2
11:15	Brunch Break
11:45	SNAFU Business Meeting (if needed)
11:45	Extemp Draw
12:15	Round 2A Debate 3
1:30	Round2B Debate 4
2:45	Extemp Draw and Finals A
3:15	Extemp Finals
4:15	Finals B, Debate Finals
ASAP	Awards

Pattern A: Extemp, Persuasive, POI, Duo Interpretation, Informative, Prose Interpretation

Pattern B: Impromptu, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry, CA, After Dinner Speaking

The NOVA portion of the swing (Richard J. Ernst) is open to all schools wishing to attend. The SNAFU portion of the swing is open to all SNAFU members at a discount and all teams wishing to enter as non-SNAFU members.

General Rules

1. For each event (depending on entry size) we will offer an Open and Novice division. If divisions are combined we will recognize the top non-advancing novice at awards.
2. Two rounds of preliminary competition will be held in each Individual Event. The top six speakers will advance to a final round (top 12 to semis if there are at least 40 contestants in the event).
3. Generally, contestants may enter three events per bracket. There is no triple entry in Bracket A if competing in Duo or Extemp. Additionally, students doing debate on Saturday will only be allowed to enter in up to three individual events in Pattern B and one individual event (not extemp) in Pattern A. On Sunday, debaters will only be allowed to enter one event per pattern (not extemp).
4. It is a student's responsibility to make it to rounds on time and/or notify judges if they will be arriving late. Judges will be asked to leave the room when the scheduled time for the next round of competition begins. No-shows will be counted as a dropped entry and will incur a fee. To decrease the chance being charged a no-show/drop fee students entered in multiple events should always sign in to all rooms before the round begins. **Also please note, debaters who are entered in more than one event should always (unless notified otherwise by the tournament) do their NPDA Parliamentary Debate Round first.**
5. No material may have been used by the student in competition prior to the 2012-2013 academic year, including high school.
6. On Saturday each school may enter an unlimited number of contestants per event, realizing that large entries may cause team members to compete in the same sections or face each other in a debate round. We will do our best to avoid this, but in large entry cases it is possible. *On Sunday for SNAFU each school may only enter 6 contestants per event, realizing that large entries may cause team members to compete in the same sections.*
7. We will be using AFA-NIET rules (not pattern designations) for all individual events. Event descriptions can be found at <http://dworth.web.rice.edu/eventdescriptions-new09-10.pdf>
8. NOVA Participation Disclaimer: NOVA could have team members participating in the tournament as competitors. NOVA students will be eligible to advance to elimination rounds, but NOVA students and NOVA will be ineligible for any kind of sweepstakes award.

Fees and Registration Information

1. To register for the NOVA portion of the swing (IE and NPDA debate), schools will need to enter students and judges via the website <http://www.forensicstournament.net/Ernst/13>. **The deadline for receiving entries is 5:00 p.m {EST}, Wednesday, January 23, 2013.** Initial registration fees will be calculated at this time. A fee of **\$8** will be charged for each individual event entry (this is also the rate for non-SNAFU members wishing to enter in the SNAFU tournament on Sunday). One duo counts as one event. A fee of **\$25** will be charged for each Parliamentary Debate Team.
2. To register for the SNAFU portion of the swing please send your entry directly to Lee Mayfield mayfiecl@jmu.edu. **Please include the title "NOVA/SNAFU in the subject line by 5:00 p.m. (EST). Wednesday, January 23, 2013.** SNAFU membership fees for the year are still a bargain-basement low price of \$199.99. Hosting schools receive a \$50 discount. This fee covers your entries to every SNAFU for the entire year (with the exception of uncovered judges and drop fees). Schools attending their first SNAFU for a season can participate as non-voting members at the cost of \$8 per slot and an additional \$10 per uncovered slot. If your school wishes to join SNAFU later in the season, they can pay a discounted membership fee: the \$8/slot for this SNAFU will be applied to yearly membership dues.
3. Schools are to provide one qualified judge for every 8 entries or fraction thereof and one judge for every 2 Parliamentary debate teams or fraction thereof. These individuals must be made available for all rounds including elimination rounds. **Debate judges cannot count as full-time IE judges.** Uncovered Fees are as followed: a rate of \$10 per each uncovered IE entry and \$30 per each uncovered Parliamentary Debate team.
4. For the NOVA half of the swing, up until, Thursday January 24th, 2013 @ 5pm schools can manually indicate their drops via the website <http://www.forensicstournament.net/Ernst/13> . A nuisance penalty of \$10 will be applied to any drop made between Wednesday January 23rd after 5pm and Thursday January 24th @ 5pm.
5. Drops made after Thursday January 24th @ 5p.m. will need to be emailed to me (nacarter@nvcc.edu) as the tournament website will no longer permit schools to adjust their entries. Any drops received after Thursday January 24th @ 5 pm (including the day of the tournament) will be assessed at \$25 fee.
6. Any dropped judge after **Wednesday January 23, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m.** will incur a fee of \$50 plus the uncovered judge slots. (Please note you can change judge's names at no cost at anytime...we would rather have your judges present than your money!)
7. Drops made for the SNAFU part of the swing need to be sent directly to Lee Mayfield. These changes and/or drops may also incur a fee subject to SNAFU rules.
8. Checks for the NOVA portion of the swing (including the NPDA debate tournament) should be paid to the **Northern Virginia Community College Institute for Public Service. For information on how to send payments for the SNAFU portion of the tournament please email Lee Mayfield, Director of Forensics at James Madison University mayfiecl@jmu.edu.**

Awards

1. We will present awards to all open elimination round participants and certificates for novice only elimination round participants. Awards will be given to the top six students in each Individual Event based on the results of finals. Each member of a duo will receive an award.
2. We will present awards to all debate teams advancing to elimination rounds as well as awards to the top five open individual speakers in NPDA debate. We will give Bronze awards to those debate teams just missing the final elimination round and a Silver Medal or Gold Medal award to the teams advancing to the final round of debate (depending on the results of the last round).
3. We will offer team sweepstakes awards for the NOVA portion of the swing in debate and individual events. Team sweepstakes awards will be given to the top three schools overall (regardless of entry size) and the top three small entry schools. Small entry will be defined as below the median entry size IE entry for the NOVA portion of the swing.
4. Combined swing individual sweepstakes awards will be given to the top three students who were entered in at least four events for both halves of the swing, provided the events crossed at least two of the forensics genres (limited preparation, interpretation, public address, and debate).
5. Combined team sweepstakes awards (which includes team sweepstakes points earned from individual events and debate) will go to the top three schools who participated in both halves of the swing.
6. At the NOVA half of the swing, for calculating sweepstakes points in individual events the following point system will be used:

Individual Events Prelims

3 points for each 1st rank

2 points for each 2nd rank 1 point for each 3rd rank

Individual Events Elimination Rounds

12 points for each 1st place award

10 points for each 2nd place award

8 points for each 3rd place award

7pointsf for each 4th place award

6 points for each 5th place award

5 points for each 6th place award

4 points for all other places in finals

2 points for each non-advancing semi-finalist

- Please note, only the top four students from each school in each event will be awarded sweepstakes points in preliminary rounds. All students who make it to elimination rounds can earn sweepstakes points for their school.
- Novice Division only bracketed rounds will not count towards sweepstakes trophies.

7. For calculating sweepstakes points in debate the following point system will be used.

Preliminary Rounds

3 points for each debate win.

Elimination Rounds

5 points for 3rd place

10 points for 2nd place

15 points for 1st place

Parliamentary Debate Information

Debate Topics will be announced using the PHI RHO PI three-topic strike system. First, three resolutions will be presented to the Opposition Team. The opposition team will strike one, and then the Government team will strike one. The resolution that is left over will be the official resolution for the round. 15 minutes of prep time begins once the resolution has been established. Students will be allowed to consult printed or electronic materials during the allocated prep time; however, once prep time is over students will only be able to use hand-written materials they prepared during their prep time. Working with other teams or consulting with a coach during prep time is prohibited.

The times for NPDA debate are as followed:

First Proposition Constructive Speech = 7 Minutes

First Opposition Constructive Speech = 8 Minutes

Second Proposition Constructive Speech = 8 Minutes

Second Opposition Constructive Speech = 8 Minutes

Opposition Rebuttal by First Speaker = 4 Minutes

Proposition Rebuttal by First Speaker = 5 Minutes

Points of Information are only permitted in constructive speeches. Points of order are permitted anytime a debater wants to petition that a rule has been broken. Please note, each speech comes one right after the other in this format. There is not preparation time in-between any of the speeches or rebuttals. Specific rules governing Parliamentary Debate can be found at <http://www.parlidebate.org/npda-rules/>

Program directors are asked to inform judges representing their squads NOT to provide oral critiques, or disclose rankings or debate decisions at the conclusion of a round.

Hotel Choices

Hampton Inn (Alexandria/ Pentagon South Location).

4800 Leesburg Pike Alexandria, VA 22302

(703) 671-4800

\$84 per night

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

5000 Seminary Road Alexandria, VA 22311

(703) 845-1010

\$69.00 per night

Homewood Suites

4850 Leesburg Pike Alexandria, VA 22302

(703) 671-6500

\$110 per night for double bedrooms with kitchen)

Nearby Food Choices (across the street from campus short drive from tournament hub)

Five Guys

TGI Fridays

Taco Bell

Wendy's

Popeye's

Stone Hot Pizza

Various other local restaurants

Tournament will provide breakfast in the morning (typical fare) and some snacks throughout the tournament in the wellness room. Schools will need to make arrangements for lunch independently.