

Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Competitors:

From all the members of the San Francisco Forensics Collective, we would like to officially welcome you to the 2019-2020 competitive season!

We are pleased to announce the eleventh annual *Golden Gate Season Opener* and *San Francisco State/City College of San Francisco Individual Events Swing*, September 20-22, 2019, to be held on the campus of San Francisco State University.

This will be a full-service tournament offering two preliminary rounds in two divisions (Novice & Open) of all 11 AFA individual events at each half of the swing, three divisions (Novice, JV, & Open) of NPDA Parliamentary Debate, 2 divisions (Novice and Open) of Lincoln-Douglas debate, and two divisions (Novice and Open) of IPDA. We will have five preliminary rounds of Parliamentary debate, 4 rounds preliminary rounds of LD and IPDA, and the appropriate number of elimination rounds based on the entry. Some divisions may be collapsed due to entry size. We will do everything we can to preserve the integrity of all Novice divisions.

**The schedule has been modified from previous years.** Policy Debate will run Saturday and Sunday only. Parliamentary debate conflicts with an adjusted pattern A on Saturday. Students competing in parliamentary debate outrounds on Saturday MAY NOT enter any additional events on Saturday, including IE's and IPDA. (Anyone not competing in Parli outrounds is welcome to join IPDA or IE's.) As has been the case in the past, Lincoln-Douglas debaters cannot cross-enter Sunday's IE tournament. **On Saturday, students cannot double-enter in IPDA and extemporaneous speaking but double and triple entry within a pattern is otherwise possible.**

We will continue to maintain Parliamentary debate on Friday and Saturday only. The schedule currently guarantees a minimum of Octofinals in both division (assuming the entry size supports this as per NPDA rules), and finishing on Saturday night. We will attempt to accommodate any students making it to late Parliamentary out-rounds on Saturday night.

Due to lack of interest and reservations for the past couple years, there is still no central tournament hotel. We have included a list of hotels that offer quadruple occupancy rooms at a number of nearby hotels. Please see the enclosed listings for contact information. You are encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible. If you have any questions about housing, please contact Teddy Albiniak at [albiniak@sfsu.edu](mailto:albiniak@sfsu.edu) or Alexis Litzky, at [alitzky@ccsf.edu](mailto:alitzky@ccsf.edu).

If you are flying to the tournament there are 3 Bay Area airports and flight costs can vary dramatically. San Francisco International (SFO) is just minutes away from campus and all Daly City accommodations, and all else being equal should be your top choice. Oakland (OAK) and San Jose (SJC) often have reduced fares and are about 45 driving minutes away from SF State.

Please complete the SF State-mandated waiver of liability for each participant included at the back of the invitation. We will also have copies available at registration. Thanks for your cooperation.

We are excited and look forward to hosting you in San Francisco this September. Please contact us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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## **GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION**

ENTRY - Online entry for all Individual events: [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net). Be sure to enter both halves of the swing (Tournament #1 & #2).

All debate (Parliamentary, LD, Policy) entries at: [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com).

All entry will be closed *on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 5pm*. Please email Teddy (albiniak@sfsu.edu) directly after that with any drops or changes at albiniak@sfsu.edu.

ELIGIBILITY – Any student that meets AFA, NFA, or NPDA requirements for their respective event is eligible. SF State and CCSF students may participate, but will not accrue sweepstakes points.

## **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

CCSF Tournament tabulation: Nathan Feingersh-Steele, CCSF

SFSU Tournament tabulation: Lindsey Ayotte, Skyline Community College

## **EVENTS OFFERED**

Pattern A: Extemporaneous speaking, After Dinner Speaking, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, and Informative Speaking.

Pattern B: Impromptu Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Communication Analysis, Duo Interpretation, Programmed Oral Interpretation, and Dramatic Interpretation.

## **RULES**

1. Open and Novice IE's will be offered in accordance with AFA-NIET rules.
2. Students in their first year of collegiate competition are eligible for novice division in IE's. Students with substantial high school experience should be entered in Open division. We trust that directors will put their students in the right division.
3. We reserve the right to collapse open and novice divisions in small events. If we collapse divisions, we will recognize the top novice competitor that does not advance to elimination rounds.
4. Students may triple enter in IE's. All double and triple-entered competitors assume the responsibility for making it to their rounds on time. We will not average scores for a missed round. Please note that IPDA and LD do not count as an individual event. Students competing in IPDA or LD may not enter IE events occurring at the same time.
5. Advancement to Elimination Rounds - No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by the highest cumulative ratings, and finally by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion).
6. Placement/Advancement in Elimination Rounds - Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by judge's preference, then by the highest cumulative ratings, and finally by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion).
7. Judging – One critic covers 5 slots per pattern, or 10 slots per tournament (one half of the swing). Please ensure all of your judges are available for the entire tournament, it is the only way we can keep the tournament running on schedule and our low slot fees. All IE judges are committed through finals. Judges that do not possess a Bachelor's degree can judge some

novice events but will not be paid by the tournament for any rounds past their obligation. The tournament will make every effort to give judges 1-2 rounds off.

## **INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE ASSOCIATION (IPDA)**

Tabulation: Lindsey Ayotte, Skyline Community College and Alexis Litsky, City College of SF

### **RULES**

1. IPDA will follow guidelines as prescribed by the [IPDA best practices manual](#).
2. Topics:
  - a. Each debate will have a strike card with 5 possible topics including: 2 policy, 2 value, 1 metaphor. Once competitors receive the topics, the negative will strike one topic. The process of striking continues by alternating strikes (affirmative, negative and finally affirmative again) until one topic remains. That will be the topic for the round.
  - b. 30 minutes of preparation time begins at the start of the topic draw period (meaning that any time that is used deliberating on "strikes" comes at the expense of preparation time).
  - c. Students will strike in the large prep room at the assigned time, but may prepare wherever they choose.
  - d. The format for the event will be:
    - i. 1st affirmative - 5 minutes
    - ii. Cross-ex - 2 minutes
    - iii. 1st negative - 6 minutes
    - iv. Cross-ex - 2 minutes
    - v. 2nd affirmative - 3 minutes
    - vi. 2nd negative - 5 minutes
    - vii. Final affirmative - 3 minutes
  - e. Flighting: Due to a large entry and judging needs we may flight rounds, meaning 1 judge will evaluate 2 debates in one round of IPDA in the same room.
  - f. Judging: IPDA debate encourages a diverse judging pool. To that extent, traditional debate judges (degreed individuals with some degree of experience in academic debate) are a part of the field. However, IPDA expands this field to encourage community and student involvement. Anyone (lay judges) are available to judge this event. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to limited hired judging availability we are not able to offer any uncovered IPDA entries.

## **PARLIAMENTARY, LD, AND POLICY DEBATE**

Debate Tabulation: Stephanie Eisenberg (Chabot College) & Phil Sharp (University of Nevada-Reno)

### **RULES**

1. Parliamentary debate
  - a. Parliamentary debate will abide by NPDA rules and guidelines.
  - b. Prep time will be 20 minutes after topic announce, with a 5 minute forfeit rule.
  - c. The format for the debate will be:
    - i. First Proposition Constructive Speaker: 7 minutes
    - ii. Opposition Flex Time: 2 minutes
    - iii. First Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes
    - iv. Proposition Flex Time: 2 minutes
    - v. Second Proposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes
    - vi. Opposition Flex Time: 1 minute

- vii. Second Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes
  - viii. Opposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 4 minutes
  - ix. Proposition Flex Time: 1 minute
  - x. Proposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 5 minutes
- d. Flex time may be used by the controlling team to prepare arguments, drink water, set up stands, ask questions of their opponents, etc. Flex time may not be used as additional speech time.
- e. Brackets will be broken.
- 2. Policy debate
  - a. Policy debate will abide by the CEDA/NDT best practices guidelines.
  - b. Brackets will not be broken.
- 3. Lincoln-Douglas debate
  - a. Lincoln Douglas debate will abide by NFA-LD guidelines.
  - b. Brackets will be broken.
  - c. There will be no speaker awards in LD.
- 4. General guidelines for all events
  - a. Hybrids/Mavericks - Hybrid teams are welcome but all Policy and Parliamentary debaters must compete with a partner.
  - b. 3-person teams require tournament director approval. 3-person teams can break but are not eligible for speaker awards.
  - c. Judging - Each school is expected to provide one judge for every two teams (or 2 LD slots) they enter. Each judge will be obligated through the first elimination or one round beyond the elimination of their team. We have some hired judges that we can provide, but not many. Hired judges will be provided on a first come, first served basis at a fee of \$150 per uncovered team (or \$50 for LD). We would much rather have your judges than your money. If you have extra judges available from your school please let us know, as we would probably like to hire them. All judges are expected to render a decision in a timely fashion and designate one, and only one, team as the winner of the debate. Judges that do not possess a Bachelor's degree can judge some novice events but will not be paid by the tournament for any rounds past their obligation. The tournament will make every effort to give judges 1-2 rounds off.

## **AWARDS**

We will identify a Top Speaker as well as Team Sweepstakes Awards for the entire tournament (all Individual and Debate events) based on the following formula: 1st Place, 12 points; 2nd Place, 10 points; 3rd Place or debate semifinalist, 8 points; 4th Place, 6 points; 5th Place or debate quarterfinalist, 5 points; 6th place or octofinalist 4 points.

We will provide sweepstakes awards for the top 3 institutions in 2 divisions: 2-year and 4-year schools.

## **ENTRY FEES**

Fees are the same for the whole tournament, and you may pay for both halves of the swing and all debate events with one check during registration. After consultation, we have increased the school fee to try to offer more substantial wellness options during the tournament.

School fee: \$35.00

Individual event slot: \$10.00

Duo Interpretation slot: \$12.00

Uncovered individual event slot:	\$15.00
NFA-LD Debate slot:	\$20.00
IPDA Debate	\$20.00
Uncovered NFA-LD slot:	\$50.00
Debate team (CEDA and NPDA):	\$75.00
Uncovered debate team:	\$150.00

Fees will be assessed once entry closes on Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

Most of these hotels offer double bed rooms (quad occupancy) in the \$95-\$150 price range, which is about the cheapest range for this area. Priceline, kayak, and other online hotel reservation sites may offer cheaper prices than if you call these hotels.

Hampton Inn – Daly City  
2700 Junipero Serra Boulevard  
Daly City, CA 94015  
[Get Directions](#)  
(650) 755-7500  
[www.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com)

~ 3 miles from campus, a 10-minute drive with no traffic

El Camino Inn  
7525 Mission Street  
Daly City, CA 94014-2941  
(650) 755-8667  
[www.elcaminoinn.com](http://www.elcaminoinn.com)

~ 3 miles from campus, a 10-minute drive with no traffic

Alpine Inn & Suites  
560 Carter Street  
Daly City, CA 94014  
(415) 334-6969 ()  
[alpinemotorinn.com](http://alpinemotorinn.com)

~5 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive with no traffic

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport  
1333 Bayshore Highway  
Burlingame, California, USA 94010  
(650) 347-1234  
[www.sanfranciscoairport.hyatt.com](http://www.sanfranciscoairport.hyatt.com)

~13 miles from campus, a 20-minute drive with no traffic

Best Western Grosvenor Airport Hotel  
380 South Airport Blvd  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
[Get Directions](#)  
(650) 873-3200  
[www.grosvenorsfo.com](http://www.grosvenorsfo.com)

~10 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive with no traffic

Comfort Inn & Suites - Airport  
121 East Grand Avenue  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
(650) 589-7100 ()  
[www.sfosuites.com](http://www.sfosuites.com)

~10 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive with no traffic

### **DIRECTIONS**

The ballot table, tab room, food & beverages, and all central activities will be held in the Humanities building on the SF State campus, most easily accessed on Tapia St. between Holloway Ave. and Font Blvd.

#### **From Daly City/South SF/Airport area:**

Take 280 North  
Follow signs for 1 North towards SFSU and the Golden Gate Bridge  
Continue on Junipero Serra Blvd. (slight right)  
Left on Holloway Ave.  
Right on Tapia Dr.

**From North Bay**

Take 101 South across GG Bridge  
Follow signs for 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Right onto Holloway Ave.  
Right onto Tapia Dr.

**From East Bay**

Take 80 West across Bay Bridge  
Follow signs to 101 South  
Take exit to 280 South  
Take the CA-82 N/San Jose Ave. exit toward CA-1 N/Mission St.  
Slight right at the first stoplight onto Sagamore  
Stay in right lane and follow onto Brotherhood Way  
Take the Junipero Serra Blvd. N/CA-1 N ramp to SF State University  
Continue on Junipero Serra Blvd. (slight right)  
Left on Holloway Ave.  
Right on Tapia Dr.

**PARKING**

Parking is available in the parking structure on campus, for \$8 per car per day. Be sure to clearly display the permit on the dash of your car. Continue down Holloway to Lake Merced, and turn right to reach parking structure.

There is also some very limited street parking. Be sure to check if it is 1-hour, 2-hour, 4-hour, or unlimited parking, and move your vehicle accordingly.

We are friendly with campus police, but will not be able to do anything about your parking tickets. Be vigilant! Also SFSU is a smoke-free campus. Please be respectful.

**San Francisco State University**

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, PROMISE NOT TO SUE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AGREEMENT TO PAY CLAIMS**

Activity: \_\_\_Golden Gate Season Opener (Forensics Tournament)

Activity Date(s) and Time(s): \_September 20-22, 2019

Activity Location(s): \_\_\_Humanities and other campus buildings

In consideration for being allowed to participate in this Activity, on behalf of myself and my next of kin, heirs and representatives, I release from all liability and promise not to sue the State of California, the Trustees of the California State University, San Francisco State University and their employees, officers, directors, volunteers and agents (collectively "University") from any and all claims including claims of the University's negligence, resulting in any physical or psychological injury (including paralysis and death), illness, damages, or economic or emotional loss I may suffer because of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity. I am voluntarily participating in this Activity. I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to/from and participating in this Activity, which include but are not limited to physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis), economic or emotional loss, and/or death. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or other's actions, inaction, or negligence; conditions related to travel; or the condition of the Activity location(s). Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known or unknown to me, of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity. I agree to hold the University harmless from any and all claims, including attorney's fees or damage to my personal property that may occur as a result of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity. If the University incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse the University. If I need medical treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance.

I am 18 years or older. I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the University from all liability, (b) promising not to sue the University, (c) and assuming all risks of participating in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I understand that this document is written to be as broad and inclusive as legally permitted by the state of California. I agree that if any portion is held invalid or unenforceable, I will continue to be bound by the remaining terms. I have read this document, and I am signing it freely. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If Participant is under

18 years of age: I am the parent or legal guardian of the Participant. I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the University from all liability on my and the Participant's behalf, (b) promising not to sue on my and the Participant's behalf, (c) and assuming all risks of the Participant's participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity. I allow Participant to participate in this Activity. I understand that I am responsible for the obligations and acts of Participant as described in this document. I agree to be bound by the terms of this document. I have read this two-page document and I am signing it freely. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.

Signature of Minor Participant's Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Minor Participant's Parent/Guardian (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHEDULE

### **Friday, September 20, 2019**

1:00 PM – Registration in Humanities 290  
2:00 PM – Parli Round 1 Topic Announcement  
3:45 PM – Parli Round 2 Topic Announcement  
5:15 PM – Parli Round 3 Topic Announcement  
\*Dinner provided in atrium\*  
7:00 PM – Parli Round 4 Topic Announcement

### **Saturday, September 21, 2019**

#### **CCSF Tournament**

<p>7:00 AM – Registration in Humanities 290, continental breakfast in the atrium 8:00 AM – Round 5 Topic Announcement 9:15 AM – A1 (ADS, Extemp draw, Prose, Poetry, Informative) 10:45 AM – B1 (Duo, POI, Drama, Impromptu, Persuasive, CA), IPDA 1 (Flighted) 12:00 - Snacks available in Atrium 12:45 PM - A2, IPDA 2 (Flighted) 2:15 PM – B2, IPDA 3 (Flighted) 4:15PM – A Finals &amp; IPDA Elim # 1 5:45 PM – B Finals &amp; IPDA Elim # 2 7:30 PM – Awards</p>	<p>11:00 AM – First Parli Elim Topic Announcement 1:30 PM – Second Elim Topic Announcement 3:15 PM – Third Elim Topic Announcement ASAP – Fourth Elim Topic Announcement 6:30 PM – Awards</p>
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### **Sunday, September 22, 2019**

#### **SF State Tournament**

<p><b><u>IE's</u></b> 7:00 AM – Continental breakfast in the atrium 8:00 AM – B1 (Duo, POI, Drama, CA, Impromptu, Persuasive) 9:00 AM – Extemp draw 9:30 AM – A1 (Extemp, ADS, Prose, Poetry, Informative) 11:00 AM – B2 12:00 PM – Snacks available in Atrium 12:30 PM – Extemp draw 1:00 PM – A2 2:15 PM – B Finals 2:45 PM – Extemp draw 3:45 PM – A Finals 5:30 PM – Awards</p>	<p><b><u>Lincoln-Douglas</u></b> 8:00 AM Pairings released 8:30 AM Round 1 9:30 AM Round 2 11:00 AM Round 3 12:00 PM Lunch 12:30 AM Round 4 2:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Elim 3:00 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Elim</p>
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## **Policy Debate Schedule**

### **Saturday, September 21, 2019**

7:00AM – Continental breakfast in atrium  
8:00 AM – Pairings for Rounds 1 & 2 released  
9:00 AM – Round 1  
11:30 AM – Round 2  
1:30 PM – Lunch break on your own  
2:30 PM – Pairings for Rounds 3 & 4 released  
3:30PM – Round 3  
5:30 PM – Round 4

### **Sunday, September 22, 2019**

7:00 AM – Continental breakfast in atrium  
8:00 AM – Pairings for Rounds 5 & 6 released  
9:00 AM – Round 5  
11:30 AM – Round 6  
1:30 PM – Award Ceremony and elimination released  
3:00 PM – Elimination Round 1  
5:00 PM – Elimination Round 2