

Las Positas College cordially invites you to the
13th Annual Talk Hawk Invitational
February 12-14, 2021

Greetings to all!

This tournament will be 100% online and all competition will occur virtually through forensicstournament.net **synchronously** using 8x8 live video rooms. This section contains information to support your transition to online competition. [Danny's How virtual tournaments work on forensicstournament.net](#)

In preparation for the various championship tournaments that are fast approaching, the 2021 Talk Hawk Invitational will feature a full weekend of *Individual Events*, *NPDA Parliamentary Debate*, *BP Parliamentary Debate*, *LD* and *IPDA Debate*. We will have 3 (**THREE!**) preliminary rounds of IE competition, festival finals (Bronze & Gold Rounds) for IPDA and traditional out-rounds for LD and Parli (both NPDA and BP) participants. When able to do so, we will offer *Novice and Open Divisions for IE's (and possibly Junior for debate)* while following NCFCA guidelines for novice eligibility. We reserve the right to collapse divisions due to limited entry. Any IE event that has less than 8 competitors entered may be collapsed.

IPDA debate will be taking place on Friday, February 12th. Additionally, we will not allow more than 2 uncovered entries in IPDA or LD per school. Please see specifics on page 6.

NEW THIS YEAR BP Debate will be taking place on Friday, Feb. 12th and Saturday, Feb. 13th. Competitors will be able to cross enter in BP and Individual Events. BP competitors will not be able to participate in the IPDA, LD, or NPDA portions of the tournament.

As always, the 1st Place Open Winner in each event will win a **CASH PRIZE**. The amount for each event will be dependent upon total tournament and entry size. In some years winners have received \$120!

You will find the usual events lined up for your pleasure with the same interesting twists that make the Talk Hawk Invitational unique.

- First and foremost, **ALL INTERPRETATION EVENTS WILL BE BOOK OPTIONAL** where judges are not to penalize students for performing without a script in hand.
- Contestants in **Duo Interpretation will be permitted to adorn any thematic attire desirable** (Translation: costumes allowed!).
- For additional variations please read the entire invite carefully, paying special attention to the *Event Descriptions* for some minor twists and turns like those mentioned above.
- Please register all entries on forensicstournament.net

While these small changes are meant to create a fun and exciting atmosphere it will not deter from the competitive nature of Forensics competition. We look forward to seeing you at the tournament.

Sincerely,

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday - February 12, 2021

<p>LD Debate</p> <p>9:00AM Round 1 10:15AM Round 2 11:30AM Round 3 12:45PM Round 4 2:15PM Elim 1 3:30PM Elim 2 4:45PM Elim 3</p>	<p>IPDA Debate</p> <p>9:00AM Topic Draw 9:30AM Round 1 10:30AM Topic Draw 11:00AM Round 2 12:00PM Topic Draw 12:30PM Round 3 1:45PM Topic Draw 2:15PM Round 4 3:00PM Topic Draw 3:30PM Bronze Round 4:15PM Topic Draw 4:45PM Gold Round</p>	<p>BP Debate</p> <p>9:00AM Pre-Tournament Briefing 9:30AM Round 1 11:30AM Round 2 1:30PM Lunch 2:00PM Round 3 4:00PM Round 4</p>
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Saturday, February 13

<p>Individual Events</p> <p>9:30AM Round 1 – A Pattern 11:00AM Round 2 – A Pattern 12:30PM Round 3 – A Pattern Lunch 3:00PM – Finals – A Pattern</p>	<p>NPDA Debate</p> <p>8:00 am Topic Announce 8:20 am Round 1 begins 9:30 am Topic Announce 9:50 am Round 2 begins 11:15 am Topic Announce 11:35 am Round 3 begins Lunch 1:45 pm Topic Announce 2:05 pm Round 4 begins 3:30 pm Topic Announce Announce 3:50 pm Round 5 begins</p>	<p>BP Debate</p> <p>8:00AM Round 1 1:00PM Round 2</p>
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Sunday, February 14

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

7:30 Extemp Prep 10:00
 8:00 Round 1 – B Pattern
 9:30 Extemp Prep 1:00
 10:00 Round 2 – B Pattern 2:30
 11:30 Extemp Prep
 12:00 Round 3 – B Pattern
 2:30 Extemp Prep
 3:00 Finals – B Pattern
 ASAP Awards – Live Streamed!

NPDA DEBATE

Topic Announce; 10:20 Elim 1 begins
 11:30 Topic Announce; 11:50 Elim 2 begins
 Topic Announce; 1:20 Elim 3 begins
 Topic Announce; 2:50 Elim 4 begins

IE Pattern A: Duo, Persuasion, Impromptu, POI, DI, Info
IE Pattern B: After Dinner Speaking, Prose, Extemp, Poetry, CA

Entry Deadlines

- **DEBATE & IE ENTRIES:** please use the online site **forensicstournament.net** to register your students.
- For BOTH IE and Debate, the deadline for receiving entries is **5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10th**.
- Drops will be allowed on-line until 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 11th.
- Text any changes made after 5:00 PM on Thursday, February 11th with full details of school, student, event and change needed. Please note, a drop at this time will result in being charged the entry fee AND a \$10 nuisance fee for the event.
 - For IE's to Jim Dobson (925) 384-9525 or Tim Heisler (209) 765-7260
 - For debate to Ryan Guy (951) 237-8711
- Any changes made after 8:00 PM on Thursday, February 11th will be treated as a Drop at Registration and will result in being charged the entry fee AND a \$20 nuisance fee for the event.

Double/Triple Entries and Event Conflicts

- Students may be entered in *either* LD *or* IPDA debate, not both.
- Students participating in NPDA Debate *may not* be entered in IE events.
- BP competitors will be able to cross enter in BP and Individual Events. BP competitors will not be able to participate in the IPDA, LD, or NPDA portions of the tournament.
- Students may triple-enter in IE Pattern A events.
- Students may triple-enter in IE Pattern B events. **EXCEPTION** – Extemp Entries (see below)
 - Student entered in Extemp in Patten B *may only* be double-entered in Pattern B.

Judge & Entry Requirements

- Each school should provide one judge for every six slots per pattern of Individual Events.
- One debate judge covers two NPDA Debate teams per school. Judges are committed through the first **FULL** elim round. We will need judges available on Sunday morning.
- BP Debate judges are based on entry size. You must provide “n-1 judges” where n equals the number of teams entered, e.g., 3 teams = 2 judges, 4 teams = 3 judges, etc. BP judges are committed through finals.
- One debate judge covers two LD Debate entries per school. Schools are not allowed to have more than 2 uncovered entries.
- One debate judge covers two IPDA Debate entries per school. Schools are not allowed to have more than 2 uncovered entries.
- **While “novice only” judges are welcomed, we cannot count “novice only” judges as part of commitment for a school.**
- We may need to use judges to assist with judging all forms of competition. While we understand certain judges may not feel qualified or simply don't want to judge other events, it may be necessary to keep the tournament on time. We will, of course, try to avoid this scenario if at all possible.

Policy for Technology Failure

- If internet fails, the student should repeat the performance or missing section of performance if time allows. If video fails, call in.
- If the problem is slow internet the best option is to have the student leave their camera on, but mute the microphone on their computer. Then call in via a phone and use the phone audio. The speech is coherent, and typically the video works well enough to evaluate basic style and delivery. In NPDA and NFA-LD just switching to phone audio alone may be suitable.
- If they are not able to maintain video they can switch to audio only. Judges should attempt to be as fair in evaluation as possible.
- We will do our best to provide as much time as possible but realistically, we have about 2-3 tries for reconnection before it takes up too much of the breathing room in the schedule.
- We will instruct judges in IE rounds that if the connection drops they are to pause everything and allow the student to call in. If the connect drops before the start of the speech, judges are to move to the next competitor.
- In debate, students should plan to record themselves on their phone or other device so that way if there is a connection error, the recording could be played starting from the time the connection was lost. Judges should stop the time, and if no recording can be made available, students should be instructed to pick-up where the debate left off.

Fees

- \$10 per Individual Event slot
- Duo is an Individual Event, it requires only one judge per round. As such, we do not increase the fee for a Duo entry at the Talk Hawk Invitational.
- Uncovered IE slots will be charged *an additional* \$15 per entry.
- \$60 per Parliamentary (NPDA or BP) Debate team.
- Uncovered Parliamentary Debate (NPDA or BP) teams will be charged *an additional* \$100 per entry.
- \$30 per LD and IPDA entry.
- Uncovered LD and IPDA entry will be charged *an additional* \$45 per entry.
- \$25 School Fee that helps to fund administrative costs.
- A nuisance fee of \$10 per slot will be assessed for each change (add, drop, event switch) received after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11th.
- EVERY change at registration will result in a \$20 nuisance fee. Therefore, “It shouldn’t be Open Poetry, it should be Open Prose,” will result in a \$40 nuisance fee. Please call in your changes in advance.
- “No Shows” will be penalized \$20 for each round missed.
- See Fee Calculation chart on page 8

NEW, Student-Run, or Financially Challenged Programs should contact Tim Heisler (209) 765-7260 directly for further discussion.

Event Description

NPDA PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE (governed by National Parliamentary Debate Association rules)

1. A different resolution will be used each round. For elimination rounds, brackets will be broken to prevent teams from the same school from debating their school. In the case of hybrid teams, a school shall have no more than one hybrid team. If the two schools' coaches can't decide who advances or if a debate occurs when hitting a "pure" team from their school in an elimination round, the tournament director will decide for them.
2. The Team Parliamentary format shall be: 7-2-8-2-8-8-4-5 (which includes flex time)
3. There will be 5 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number elimination rounds, as permitted by NPDA.
4. There will be *at least* two divisions (Novice/Open). We will follow NPDA rules for eligibility. To be in novice, the student may not have more than one semester of competitive high school debate experience and must also be in the first two semesters of collegiate debate.
5. After topic announcement, teams will have twenty minutes to get to their virtual rooms.
6. A strict 5 minute forfeit rule will be enforced. Teams should be in their video chat room, ready to debate 20 minutes after topic announced. Any team not ready to debate 5 minutes after that 20 minutes has elapsed will be forfeited.
7. It is tournament policy that students should be prepared and willing to debate on either side of a topic. If a team refuses to debate a topic, it will be treated as a forfeit and the offending team will be given a loss and zero speaker points for that round.
8. JUDGES: It is expected that all parliamentary debates on Saturday and Sunday will be concluded in this time. That includes the topic announcement, the 20 minutes of prep, the debate itself and that the completed ballots are submitted via the forensicstournament.net eballot system. **ONLY PROVIDE ORAL CRITIQUES AFTER THE COMPLETED BALLOT IS SUBMITTED!!!** Then talk away until your heart's content.
9. Special Parliamentary Debate Teams
 - A. Three person Team: schools with an odd number of debaters may enter a single three person team. The coach may select which two debaters participate in each round. For purposes of speaker awards, members of a three person team will not be eligible.
 - B. Hybrid Teams: A school may enter a hybrid team. The intent of this rule is to allow debaters who have no available partner at their school to participate in the tournament. The hybrid will be treated as a team from each school, being protected from hitting either school in prelims. Elims handled in accord with NPDA custom.
 - C. Maverick Debaters are NOT allowed. All debate teams must consist of two individuals. No 2-on-1.

BP Debate (governed by WUDC guidelines)

A single OPEN British Parliamentary division will be run in compliance with the WUDC guidelines. We will feature four preliminary rounds as well as elimination rounds. The number of elimination rounds will be dependent on the total number of teams present within the division. Thus, the schedule is subject to change. For instance, if we do not need a second elimination round, we will adjust the schedule. Any and all changes to the schedule will be communicated to the contingent in a timely and efficient manner.

Prep Time: In accordance with WUDC guidelines, teams are given a maximum of 15 minutes to prepare after a motion is released. Teams are to prepare by themselves, without their coaches or the Internet. Teams are allowed to refer to written/hardcopy materials during prep time but are not allowed to bring them up to the podium when it comes time to speak.

NFA-LD DEBATE (governed by NFA-LD rules)

1. The format shall be: 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with 4 minutes running prep time per person.
2. There will be 4 preliminary rounds and two elimination rounds.
3. There will be at least two divisions (Novice and Open) provided we have enough entry. We will follow NFA-LD rules for eligibility. We reserve the right to collapse if necessary.
4. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept more than 2 uncovered entries. We just do not have the judges to facilitate this.
5. A 5 minute forfeit rule will be strictly enforced. Any competitor not ready to debate 5 minutes after the scheduled start time forfeits unless the delay has been created by the tournament. Please allow yourself enough time to login to your virtual room.
7. Time blocks are for debating and submitting the ballot. Any oral critiques are only to be conducted AFTER submitting the ballot. Please, observe these time requirements! We do not want the entire tournament to be late because of critics' lengthy oral critiques! Submit your eballot BEFORE beginning the critique!

IPDA DEBATE (International Public Debate Association)

IPDA is 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 the 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 debates encourages the use of lay judges to adjudicate the round and emphasizes conversational rhetoric. Visit ipdadebate.info to learn more. We hope to offer at least two divisions for IPDA (Novice/Open). IPDA rules state that a student is no longer a novice if they have competed in any form of debate (NPDA/L-D, college/high school, etc.) for 8 or more tournaments. The speech times are:

- 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

IE EVENTS:

- **Duo Interpretation:** A cutting from a single source or multiple sources of literature involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. **Books are optional and costumes are permitted. If anyone chooses to use costumes, dressing for this event should not delay the tournament. Please perform costume changes in a timely fashion.** 10 minute time limit.
- **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. Notes are permitted. **Final round of Open competition may include one or more judges who are area community leaders.** Maximum time limit is ten minutes.
- **Impromptu Speaking:** Each speaker presents a spontaneous oration based upon a choice of 3 topics (words, phrases, or quotations). Each speaker has a total of 7 minutes to divide between preparing and speaking. Judges must provide oral time signals during preparation and nonverbal signals once the oration begins.

- **Program Oral Interpretation (POI):** This event is to consist of a unified presentation made up of at least two selections of different genres (i.e., prose, poetry, dramatic literature, plays). A contestant may use the works of one or more authors. The selections should develop a theme. Maximum time limit is ten minutes, including introduction. **Book Optional.**
- **Dramatic Interpretation:** This event consists of a cutting from a play, teleplay, or screenplay featuring monologue or dialogue. If more than one selection is used, these selections should be linked thematically. All programs must include an introduction. **Book optional.** 10-minute maximum time.
- **Informative Speaking:** An original speech designed to describe, clarify, or explain an object, idea, concept, or process. Audio/visual aids may be used as long as they do not interfere with the speaker's ability to communicate. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is ten minutes.
- **After Dinner Speaking:** An original speech whose primary purpose is to entertain while exhibiting sound speech composition. The speech should not resemble a nightclub act, an impersonation, or a comic dialogue. Rather, it should be designed around a central topic or theme and demonstrating good taste. Audio-visual aids may be used. 10 minute time limit.
- **Poetry Interpretation:** Poetry shall include one or more selections written in rhymed or unrhymed meter or cadence of some regularity, excluding drama. If more than one selection is used, the selections must be thematically linked. An introduction is required. **Book Optional.** 10 minute time limit.
- **Prose Interpretation:** Prose shall consist of single or multiple selections of literature printed mainly in paragraph form, excluding drama. If more than one selection is used, these selections should be thematically linked. All programs must include an introduction. **Book optional.** 10 minute time limit.
- **Communication Analysis:** An original speech by the student designed to offer an examination 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 ten minutes. **Judges have the option/opportunity to discuss the artifact and speech with the contestants for a maximum of five minutes following their presentation.**
- **Extemporaneous Speaking:** Each contestant will be given a choice of 3 topics drawn 30 minutes prior to speaking. Topics will concern national and international events. Judges must provide time signals. 7 minute time limit. **Extemp competitors are expected to remain in the room after they finish speaking unless they are double entered!**

Awards

Awards will be given to all out-round participants and will include cash payouts for the winner of each open event final. The cash prize amount will vary based on tournament entry size. Top Speaker Awards will be given to the top speaker of *open level* competition in Individual Events, Parliamentary Debate, LD, and IPDA. Team Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three schools in both Debate and Individual Events. LPC will not be eligible for team sweepstakes awards. The point breakdown for sweepstakes is as follows:

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Open	Novice
1st = 12 Pts.	6 Pts.
2nd = 10 Pts.	5 Pts.
3rd = 8 Pts.	4 Pts.
4th = 6 Pts.	3 Pts.
5th = 4 Pts.	2 Pts.
6th = 2 Pts.	1 Pt.

NPDA DEBATE

Open	Jr.	Nov
1 st = 40	30	20
2 nd = 30	22.5	15
Semi = 20	15	10
Qrts = 10	7.5	5
Octo = 5	3.5	2.5

LD & IPDA

Open	Jr.	Nov
Gold = 20	15	10
Silver = 15	11	7.5
Bronze = 10	7.5	5

BP Debate

Open	Jr.	Nov
1 st = 40	30	20
2 nd = 30	22.5	15
Finals = 20	15	10
Semis = 10	7.5	5

LODGING:

Your home – sleep tight!

FEE CALCULATIONS:

Exit Fees.

An invoice will be provided to schools upon their completion of the tournament. Payment options will include PayPal or Venmo transactions as well as paper checks. PayPal and Venmo accounts will be provided within the invoices.

Mailed checks must be sent to “Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. Attn. Business Office.” Check made payable to “Las Positas College” with “Forensics” in the memo line.

We would be thrilled if you can pay your fees electronically. This will make it safer and easier for us to turn around and provide cash awards to the first-place open competitors. We understand if your school policy prohibits you from being able to do so.

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CALCULATION SHEET:

School Fee	\$ 25.00
Individual Events entries _____ x \$10.00	\$ _____
Uncovered slots of IE _____ x \$15.00	\$ _____
Parli Team entries _____ x \$60.00	\$ _____
Uncovered Parli Team _____ x \$100.00	\$ _____
LD entry _____ x \$30.00	\$ _____
Uncovered LD entry _____ x \$45.00	\$ _____
IPDA entry _____ x \$30.00	\$ _____
Uncovered IPDA entry _____ x \$45.00	\$ _____
Drops/changes after 5:00 p.m. Feb 11 th _____ x \$10.00	\$ _____
Drops/changes at Registration _____ x \$20.00	\$ _____
I.E. No Shows _____ x \$20.00 (Per Round)	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____