

2021 SDSU “Aztec Invitational”

Feb 5-7, 2021

Dear Friends and Community Members,

It is with great pleasure that San Diego State University, the SDSU School of Communication, and Palomar College invite you to the 2021 *Aztec Invitational*.

Our hope is that this format advances your students towards their local and national-circuit goals over the span of one weekend. We have also altered our schedule of offered events in order to keep costs down, decrease the strain on judges, and maintain our ability to offer our standard of student wellness.

This year the tournaments feature:

- 1 IE Tournament (Sunday Only)
- 5 prelim rounds of NPDA debate (Friday-Saturday).
- 4 prelim rounds of NFA-LD and IPDA (Saturday Only) *Bronze/ Gold round with Option to go to Finals in Open division if participants request and judges are available.*

Open and Novice divisions will be offered in all respective events, where warranted.

Registration

NPDA- 8:00- 8:30 PST in Tournament Help Room

IPDA/NFALD- 8:30- 9:00 PST in Tournament Help Room

IE's – 8:30- 9:00 PST in Tournament Help Room

General Guidelines

Tournament Rules –

1. SDSU Forensics prioritizes the creation and maintenance of safe spaces for all participants at our tournaments which is why we require the Title IX training of judges, participants, and Tab Staff. Those individuals who do not uphold these guidelines will be asked to leave the tournament.
2. AFA, NFA, IPDA, and NPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, *unless specified elsewhere in this invitation.*
In NPDA debate hybrid teams and three-person teams may compete.
 - a. *PLEASE NOTE: In NPDA, no person who has competed for ten (10) or more semesters or has competed at NPDA or NPTE in four (4) different years may compete.*
 - b. In IEs, no person who has competed for eight (8) or more semesters or has competed at a collegiate national tournament in four (4) different years may compete.

Divisions

The SDSU Aztec/Mills Invitational will offer novice and open divisions of all reasonably populated IEs and debate events (***see policy BELOW on collapsing divisions with less than 6 competitors***).

Students are considered to be novices in individual events when:

1. They are in their first year (defined as first two semesters of collegiate or high school individual event competition), and
2. They have not placed third or higher in a similar event (Public Address, Interpretation or Limited Preparation) two or more times in any division including high school. For example, a student may be novice in interpretation, but be open in public address events.
3. “Open” will be reserved for competitors of any year or level (assuming THEY ARE still eligible by national standards), and does not require unique qualification.

Entry Procedure--

1. Registration must be completed by 11:00 pm on Wednesday Feb 3, 2021.

2. Entries for IE's, NFALD and IPDA will be accepted electronically at <http://www.forensicstournament.net>.
3. Entries for NPDA will be accepted on tabroom.com by the same date and time.
4. Any changes to be made after the deadline should be emailed to anuckelscuevas@sdsu.edu no later than Wednesday October 3, 2018, by 11:59pm.
5. Students and judges who are participating in NPDA debate must complete, and provide documentation of, Title IX training before the beginning of the first round of competition. Training can be completed through the affiliated school's institutional training or through the free NPDA training which can be found below. Please email a copy of the completion of training to anuckelscuevas@sdsu.edu with the subject line "Aztec 2018 Title IX Verification".
6. Judge Constraints can be submitted directly to the tournament host or a member of the Tab Staff. Those emails will be provided once those positions have been finalized.
7. ADA Accommodations will be made for all competitors in need of them, please make sure to note those requests when registering online AND send a copy of that request to the tournament host.

Entry Limits- Participants will be limited to a maximum of 3 events per pattern in both tournaments. It is the sole responsibility of the participants to check in to rooms on time, write names and school codes on the board, communicate with judges, and make it to rounds within the time allotted. Late arrivals who have not "checked-in" will be subject to an automatic drop.

IE Patterns/Scheduling –

- **Pattern A** = IMP, INFO, ADS, PRO, POE
- **Pattern B** = EXT, PER, CA, DI, POI, DUO
- **Pattern C** = IPDA/ NFA-LD
- **Pattern D** = NPDA

Lower Entry Fees/Financial Information

Fees will be assessed at noon on **Wednesday, Feb 3, 2021**. In addition to a \$10.00 school fee, the following fees will be assessed for students competing in the tournament:

1. \$10.00 per IE slot.
2. \$15.00 per Individual Debate Slot (NFA-LD/ IPDA)
2. \$25.00 per Team Debate slot (NPDA).

Special accommodations can be made for teams and competitors who are unable to afford fees. Inquiries about this can be sent to Ashley Nuckels Cuevas (anuckelscuevas@sdsu.edu).

Payment will be accepted online.

Judge/Critic/Adjudicator Information

Judging Commitment

- One judge covers 5 IE's (Speech Events)
- One judge covers 2 Individual Debate Entries
- One judge can cover up to two NPDA debate teams.
- In BP format debate, the adjudicator requirement is n-1 (e.g., 4 teams would require 3 judges).

Please note:

- Debate judges are needed through the second elimination round, and one round beyond the squad's elimination.
- IE judges are committed through finals.
- Debate Critics are encouraged to give feedback and disclosure to the competitors after the submission of their ballot for the sake of keeping the tournament running on schedule.

Judging Requirements

1. Judges are expected to uphold the highest level of professionalism and help to create a safe space for respectful discourse and collegiate competition. Judges will be expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the standards outlined in Title IX training. Those who do not uphold these standards will be asked to leave the tournament.
2. All judges must complete, and provide documentation of, Title IX training before judging of the first round of competition. Training can be completed through the affiliated school's institutional training or through the free NPDA training which can be found below. Please email a copy of the completion of training to anuckelscuevas@sdsu.edu with the subject line "Aztec 2021 Judge Title IX Verification".

<https://www.parlidebate.org/harassment-violence-awareness-prevention-training>

Available Judges

We REALLY want you to bring your judges and will pay any of your judges HOLDING a bachelor's degree \$15.00 per round for judging beyond their commitment. Hired judges must complete the Judge Requirements listed above. Please alert us to judges who are willing to judge beyond their commitment.

Uncovered judge fees will be assessed on the following basis:

1. \$25.00 per IE slot
3. \$100 per Team Debate Slot

Please bring judges!!!

Tournament Specifics

Policy on Collapsing Divisions

If there are fewer than six (6) entries in an event, ***it may be collapsed into the next*** highest division. If this occurs, top novices will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony.

ELIMINATION ROUNDS/IE's

Criteria for Elimination Round – IN NOVICE, any event with less than seven (7) contestants ***may not have a final round***. For events with 7 or more competitors competing in all preliminary rounds, a final round will be held.

In OPEN, a final round of less than seven (7) contestants will STILL be held in each event.

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, and then by the highest cumulative ratings.

Advancement in Elimination Rounds - Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings in the final round, then by judge's preference and finally by the highest cumulative ratings in the final round and preliminary rounds.

PROCEDURAL ISSUES/NPDA

Speech Times

We using Flex Time at this tournament to better help prepare students for the national tournaments at the end of the competitive season. The Speech Times will be as follows:

First Proposition Constructive Speaker: 7 minutes

Opposition Flex Time: 2 Minute

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

Novice- To be classified as a novice:

- The student should have no high school debate experience.
- The student should be in the first two semesters of collegiate debate.
- Once the student has advanced to elimination rounds more than 3 times, the student should be advanced to the junior or open division.

Disclosure – Disclosure is encouraged but at the judge’s discretion and should be given only AFTER the submission of their ballot in order to keep the tournament on schedule.

Preliminary Rounds –

- Power-matching for all preliminary rounds will be high-low in win-loss brackets.
- When brackets are uneven, teams from the middle of the lower bracket will be pulled up to the next bracket.
- Rounds One and Two will be random-matched.
- Rounds Three and Four will be power-matched based upon the results of all previous rounds.

Elimination Rounds - Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon record, followed by total speaker points, then adjusted speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by Z-Score.

Per NPDA rules, brackets WILL be broken in elimination rounds.

AWARDS

- All finalists for IEs and all advancing debaters will receive award certificates for each respective tournament. Speaker awards will be given to the top 10 speakers for each division of NPDA.
- Additionally, sweepstakes awards will be issued to the top 3 institutions for debate and the top 3 institutions for IEs. These awards will be given separately for 2-year and 4-year divisions. SDSU will not be considered for any of these awards.

Sweepstakes Awards

Sweepstakes Points – Points will be assigned by this formula:

Event: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd/SF, 4th/QF, Finalist/*OF*

- **NPDA*:** 20, 16, 12, 8, 4
- **IE's:** 10, 8, 6, 4, 2
- **Duo:** 10, 8, 6, 4, 2

SPECIAL AWARDS

Dr. Paul Gaske Award (SDSU): This monetary award is given in memory of a former SDSU Director of Forensics, who sought to blur the lines between debate and individual event competition. This award is given to the **single top-performer** competing in any version of team debate and also in individual events in the Aztec Invitational.

NPDA Debate Information

NPDA Central Topic Announcement –

Topics will be written by Zach Schneider. NPDA topics will be announced in the TOPIC Announce Room and be posted online as soon as possible. Before announcement, a roll

call will be made to make sure that a majority, if not all teams, are represented in addition to the announcement of any judge or room changes. Debaters will be given 20 minutes from the time the topic is announced, to make it to their room.

I hope you consider attending the 2021 Aztec Invitational Tournament taking place online with Synchronous competition.

Sincerely,

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Schedule

NPDA

Friday (Feb 5, 2021)	
Time	Event
8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30	RD1 Topic Announce

8:50-9:50	RD1
10:00	RD2 Topic Announce
10:20-11:20	RD2
11:30-1:00pm	Lunch Break
1:00	RD3 Topic Announce
1:20-2:20	RD3
2:30	RD4 Topic Announce
2:50-3:50	RD4
Saturday (Feb 6, 2021)	
Time	Event
8:30	RD5 Topic Announce
8:50-9:50	RD5
10:00	Octos Topic Announce
10:20-11:20	Octos
11:30-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00	Quarters Topic Announce

1:20-2:20	Quarters
2:30	Semis Topic Announce
2:50-3:50	Semis
4:00	Finals Topic Announce
4:20-5:20	Finals
ASAP	AWARDS- Will be held in the NPDA Help Room

IPDA/NFALD

Saturday (Feb 6, 2021)	
Time	Event
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:00	RD1 IPDA/NFALD
10:30-11:30	RD2 IPDA/NFALD
11:30-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	RD3 IPDA/NFALD
2:30-3:30	RD4 IPDA/NFALD

4:00-5:00	Elim 1
5:30-6:30	Elim 2
ASAP	Awards

Individual Events

Sunday (Feb 7, 2021)	
Time	Event
8:-30-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:00	Pattern A RD1
10:15	EXT Draw
10:30-11:30	Pattern B RD1
11:30-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Pattern A RD2
2:15	EXT Draw
2:30-3:30	Pattern B RD2
4:00-5:00	Pattern A Finals
5:15	Finals EXT Draw

5:30-6:30	Pattern B Finals
ASAP	Awards