

Dear Forensics Friends,

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 2nd Richard J. Ernst/SNAFU Swing on Saturday and Sunday, January 25-26, 2014. **Both tournaments will be held on the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) campus in Alexandria, Virginia (just a stone throw outside of Washington DC)** . Both sides of the swing will offer 11 AFA events and Parliamentary debate! In addition, this swing features great hospitality, fancy NOVA trophies, fancier SNAFU Snazzles, lots of wellness and goodies for your hard working team members and a talented and efficient tabulation staff!

Please consider gracing our campus with your presence in late January for what will sure to be a fun and memorable weekend! Attached you will find all the information you need.

Best,

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And the SNAFU Executive Board: Lee “The Schnoor” Mayfield (SNAFU President) Tim “The Norton” Brown (SNAFU Secretary) Mark “The Affirmative” Hickman (SNAFU Treasurer Chelsea “The Forensic” Toth (SNAFU At-Large) Ryan “The Unsupported Claim” Dicovitsky (SNAFU At-Large)

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 25th, 2014---Richard J. Ernst Tournament (NOVA portion—use Speechwire for entry submission please)**

8:00 Breakfast/Registration (Bisdorf Building AA-158)

8:30 Extemp Draw

9:00 Round 1A, Debate 1

10:30 Round 1B, Debate 2

11:30 Lunch

12:00 Extemp Draw

12:30 Round 2A Debate 3

2:00 Round2B Debate 4

3:15 Extemp Draw

3:30 Finals A

5:00 Finals B

ASAP Awards

\*\* NOTE: Elimination round details can be affected by the number of teams present on Saturday.

**Sunday, January 26, 2014 ---Southern Northern Atlantic Forensic Union Tournament (SNAFU #6)—Email entry to Lee Mayfield please.**

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

**NOTE**: For both tournaments: Debate runs across BOTH pattern A &B. As a result, debaters may enter in one other event in each bracket, but NOT Extemp.

The Richard J. Ernst tournament on Saturday is open to all schools wishing to attend and will feature AFA events (and tabulation) and Parliamentary Debate. The SNAFU tournament on Sunday is open to all SNAFU members at a discount and all teams wishing to enter as non-SNAFU members, and will feature the same events.

**Rules for the Saturday Richard J. Ernst Tournament**

1. Contestants must be currently enrolled undergraduate students at the college or university they represent at the tournament and may not hold a baccalaureate degree.
2. No material may have been used in competition (including high school) prior to the 2012-2013 academic year.
3. We will offer a semi-final round for any individual event with over 40 competitors.
4. **There will be a cross-examination period in the extemporaneous final**
5. 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.
6. A student (not competing in debate) may enter three events in each grouping. A student is permitted to enter two duos with different partners. A student (competing in debate) may enter one additional event in each grouping but may not enter Extemp. **Debaters should do their individual event first and will always be allowed to go first so long as they sign in as double-entered in debate (DE-Debate), students who are tripled entered (TE) will be allowed to go second**.
7. All literature for interpretation must be presented from manuscripts and will follow AFA rules. PLEASE NOTE: Duo does not have to be drawn from dramatic literature.
8. For Parliamentary debate the Richard J. Ernst Tournament will use the SNAFU rules (see attached explanation)
9. **AWARDS**: We will present quality awards to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finalists in individual events and debate as well as nifty NOVA finalist awards to other elimination round participants. In addition to awarding the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place debate team with awards we will also have individual debate speaker awards for the top 5 debaters at the tournament! We will also provide 1st , 2nd, and 3rd place “high quality” (i.e. you will want to display this to administration) awards for school sweepstakes in two divisions: open team and limited team. All schools with less than the median number of entries by school will be eligible to receive an award in limited team division, and all schools are eligible to receive an award in open team. We will also have awards for the top three “individual event” competitors at the tournament (provided they are entered in at least three events that represent at least two different genres of competition: debate, limited prep, public address, interpretation).
10. For individual events AFA tabulation rules will be used. With the exception that only the top 5 students competing in an individual event cant count for prelim. Sweepstakes points. All students who advance to elimination rounds count for sweepstakes points.
11. For debate (procedures & tabulation) SNAFU rules will be used (preliminary wins are worth 1.5 points (top three debate teams count). First place receives 12 points, second place 10 points, 3rd place receives 8 points).
12. **ENTRY DUE DATE:** Please submit your entries via the entry form at the end of this document by 5 p.m. on Wednesday January 22nd, 2014. Entries need to be entered via Speechwire under the link for the Richard J.Ernst/SNAFU Swing (SAT only) link. In all cases we will confirm your entry.

1. **FEES:** Entry fees are $8 per IE slot, and $10 per debate team. Please provide 1 judge for every 8 event slots. There will be a $10 fee per each uncovered slot. Drop fees are the original entry fee plus $10 DROP penalty if after the entry deadline but before Saturday. Drops given on Saturday will be assessed a $20 DROP penalty. Dropped judges will be assessed a $100 fee in addition to standard judging fees for uncovered slots.
2. **Please make checks payable to the NVCC Educational Foundation**
3. For questions about the Saturday Richard J. Ernst tournament please contact Dr. Nathan Carter, [nacarter@nvcc.edu](mailto:nacarter@nvcc.edu) (703) 845-6573.

**Rules for the Sunday SNAFU Tournament (Sunday)**

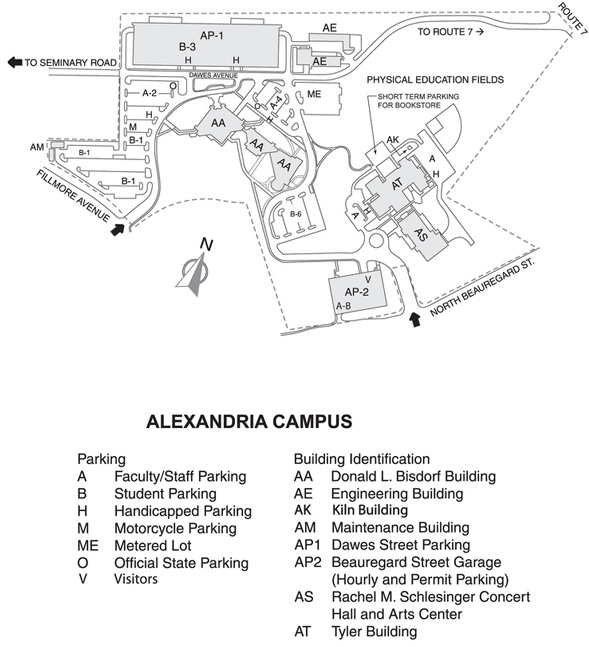
* + - 1. Students may enter up to 3 events per pattern, schools may enter no more than 6 entries per event. Students may enter 2 Duos so long as it is with 2 different partners and 2 different scripts, 2 Duos count as 2 events.
      2. SNAFU will use the current standing event definitions and time limits as published by the American Forensics Association EXCEPT for Parli Debate, which will be governed by the rules listed below. We will offer a semi-final round for any event with 40 or more entries competing in both preliminary rounds of competition. We will offer Parli Finals and acknowledge all finalist and semi-finalist. Parli competitors may enter one other event in Patterns A and B, except Extemp. Please do debate first in prelims and second in finals.
      3. Novice division break-out finals will also be held in events with 12 or more total entries and 4 or more novices eligible for the break-out: the top six competitors in each event will advance to finals, the top 4 non-advancing novices will also clear to a separate novice final- judges and rooms permitting. Please indicate in your entry which students would be entered in the novice division. We will also offer a novice elimination round bracket in Parli if warranted. SNAFU defines a novice as a student who has never competed in an intercollegiate forensics tournament- individual events or debate- prior to September 1, 2013.
      4. AWARDS: We will present medals to all varsity elimination round participants and certificates for novice out-rounds. We will also provide awards for school sweepstakes in two divisions: open team and limited team. All schools with less than the median number of entries by school will be eligible to receive an award in limited team division, and all schools are eligible to receive an award in open. We will also recognize the top three individual competitors with cash money- all students are eligible regardless of how many events they enter! Sweepstakes points for team and individual awards are: a. In preliminary rounds, each first place rank is worth 3 points, each second place rank is worth 2 points, each third place rank is worth 1 point. Only the top three point earners from each school in each event will count. Non-advancing semi-finalists are worth 2 points. Finalists will receive 12 points for first place, 10 points for second, 8 points for third, 7 points for fourth, 5 points for fifth, and 3 points for sixth. In Parli debate, preliminary wins are worth 1.5 points (top three debate teams count). First place receives 12 points, second place 10 points, non-advancing semi-finalists 8 points
      5. Entry Due Dates: Please submit your entry for the SNAFU tournament to Lee Mayfield, [mayfiecl@jmu.edu](mailto:mayfiecl@jmu.edu) (please indicate this is a SNAFU entry in the subject line) no later than Wednesday January 22nd @ 5 p.m. You can also fax the entry 540-568-6591 (attention Leey Mayfield) or Phone it in (540) 568-3427.
      6. **Fees:** Membership fees for the year are a bargain-basement low $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). Uncovered judge fees are $10 a slot. 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. A great deal, I know! Drops will be assessed a $10 fee for drops received between Wednesday after 5pm and Friday at 5pm. Drops will be assessed a $25 fee if received after Friday at 5pm or at registration. Dropped judges will be assessed a $50 fee in addition to the additional uncovered judge slots.
      7. **Judges:** 1 judge covers eight slots. When counting judging obligations, 1 Debate slot counts as three slots worth of judging. Judging obligation is based on the initial entry to the tournament. We would rather have your judges than your money!
      8. For any questions about the SNAU Tournament please contact Lee Mayfield, Director of Forensics, James Madison University.

**Directions: From the South, Capital Beltway**

* Take I-395 North to Exit 4 (Seminary Road West)
* Go west on Seminary Road for three traffic ligh ts
* Turn right on Beauregard Street
* Take the first left on Fillmore Avenue
* Turn right into the college
* The tournament is located in the middle section of Bisdorf (AA). Registration will be in AA-158. Parking will be free in Lot B-6 or the covered B-3 lot for tournament participants.

**Directions: From the North, Arlington and D.C.**

* Take I-395 South to Exit 5 (King Street West)
* Turn left onto Beauregard Street
* Turn right into the college, the tournament will be housed in the middle section of Bisdorf (AA). Registration will be in AA-158. Parking will be free in Lot B-6 or the covered B-3 lot for tournament participants.



**Southern Northern Atlantic Forensic Union (SNAFU)**

**Parliamentary Debate Rules & Procedures**

1. Each debate team shall consist of two people prepared to debate as either the Government or Opposition. Tournament postings will identify which side of the debate each team will be on or if it is a round in which teams will flip for sides. Topic announcement always occurs in the round.
2. There will be four preliminary rounds at the tournament and the appropriate number of elimination rounds based upon entry. With respect to the type of resolutions that will be used, there will be specific rounds for policy, fact, value, and metaphor resolutions.
3. For topic selection the judge will have one list with the three topic choices. The judge will give the list to the Opposition team who will have one minute to strike one of the three choices. Immediately following the Opposition strike the judge will give the remaining two choices to the Government team who will then have one minute to read and strike one of the two remaining topics. The remaining topic after the Government strike will be read aloud by the judge designating the official resolution for the round.
4. Teams shall be given fifteen minutes of preparation time for the debate after the resolution has been read into the round. The Government team reserves the right to prepare in the competition room if they like. If the Government team uses the competition room for preparation, both the judge and the opposition must vacate the room until it is time for the debate to begin. If the Opposition team uses the competition room for preparation, both the judge and the Government team must vacate the room until it is time for the debate to begin.

1. No coaching (by fellow teammates, coaches, etc.) is allowed in Parliamentary Debate during preparation time. Judges will patrol prep time in order to ensure compliance with all rules. Violation of these rules will result in a forfeit of the round.

1. A dictionary and/or an almanac (including the CIA World Factbook) are the only printed materials that can be used by debaters in preparation time. The use of cell phones or any other published material during preparation time is strictly verboten. Violation of these rules will result in a forfeit of the round.

1. Format of the debate (there is not prep time between speeches)

* First Government Constructive Speech: 7 minutes  
  - First Opposition Constructive Speech: 8 minutes  
  - Second Government Constructive Speech: 8 minutes  
  - Second Opposition Constructive Speech: 8 minutes  
  - Opposition Rebuttal by First Opposition Speaker: 4 minutes  
  - Government Rebuttal by First Government Speaker: 5 minutes

1. Debate teams are responsible for getting to rounds on time.  Topic announcements must commence by 10 minutes past the posted time.  Any debater who is not present for the debate 15 minutes after topic announcement will cause their debate team to forfeit the debate (pending agreement by the

tournament director).

1. Debate runs across both patterns at the tournament. Debaters may enter one other event in each bracket BUT not EXTEMP. Unless otherwise noted by the tournament director, debaters should always do debate first.
2. For rules other than those listed above (i.e. Points of Information procedure), the NPDA constitution, by-laws and guidelines (most recently updated) shall be followed for the tournament.

**Richard J. Ernst/SNAFU Entry Form (THIS SHEET IS FOR SUNDAY ONLY…entry for SAT should be submitted via speechwire, contact Nathan Carter if you have questions, nacarter@nvcc.edu)**

**College/University \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Director\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**College/University Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Handicap Accessibility Needed: Yes \_\_ No\_\_\_**

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**JUDGES: (please indicate any conflicts):**

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