

Golden Gate Season Opener – SFSU/CCSF Swing September 25-27, 2015

Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Competitors,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 competitive season!

We are pleased to announce the eighth annual Golden Gate Season Opener and SF State – City College of SF Individual Events Swing, September 25-27, 2015, 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, two divisions (Novice & Open) of NPDA Parliamentary Debate, 2 divisions (Novice and Open) of Lincoln-Douglas debate, and three divisions (Novice, Junior, Open) of policy debate. We will have six preliminary rounds of Parliamentary and Policy debate, 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.

We will keep our modified schedule to give students the most event options. We are offering Lincoln-Douglas debate on Sunday opposite the IE tournament, so a student could theoretically compete in Parliamentary and LD debate, in addition to one IE tournament on Saturday.

One change to this year's schedule is an attempt to contain Parliamentary debate to Friday and Saturday. 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 and IE finals 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 Albinak at albinak@sfsu.edu or Alexis Litzky, at 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.

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

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GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT RULES – AFA, NFA, and NPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere in this invitation.

ENTRY - Online entry for all Individual events and Parliamentary debate is required at: www.forensicstournament.net. Be sure to enter both halves of the swing (Tournament #1 & #2), in addition to your Parliamentary and LD debate entries.

Policy debate entry is required at: www.tabroom.com.

All entry will be closed *on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 5pm*. Please email Teddy 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

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

- Open and Novice IE's will be offered in accordance with AFA-NIET rules.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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).

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PARLIMENTARY, LD, AND POLICY DEBATE

Debate Tabulation: Micheal Stroud (University of Texas at Austin).

RULES

- Parliamentary debate will abide by NPDA rules and guidelines.
- Policy debate will abide by the CEDA/NDT best practices guidelines.
- Hybrids/Mavericks - Hybrid teams are welcome but all Policy and Parliamentary debaters must compete with a partner. 3-person teams require tournament director approval.
- Brackets will not be broken in Policy debate, but will be broken in Parliamentary and LD debate.
- 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.

NFA-LINCOLN DOUGLAS

We have tried to offer LD in the past and had to cancel due to lack of diversified entry. If you plan on entering any students in LD please do so as soon as humanly possible. If you are even thinking about entering, please email Teddy with an estimate so we can plan accordingly. If the entry does not justify holding 1 collapsed division, we will cancel this event no later than Friday, September 25, 2015.

AWARDS

SWEEPSTAKES

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. Duo and team debate competitors will be given ½ of the points above for the purpose of calculating the Top Speaker Award.

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

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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. Fees will be assessed once entry closes on Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

School fee:	\$25.00
Individual event slot:	\$8.00
Duo Interpretation slot:	\$15.00
Uncovered individual event slot:	\$15.00
NFA-LD Debate slot:	\$20.00
Uncovered NFA-LD slot:	\$50.00
Debate team (CEDA and NPDA):	\$75.00
Uncovered debate team:	\$150.00

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
(650) 755-7500
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
~ 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
~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
~13 miles from campus, a 20-minute drive with no traffic

Comfort Inn & Suites - Airport
121 East Grand Avenue
South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 589-7100
www.sfosuites.com
~10 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive with no traffic

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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 19th 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 \$7 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 on State Drive to reach parking structure.

There is also some 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. Campus safety takes infractions seriously and will ticket violators smoking in a non designated smoking area. See campus map for DSA.

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GGO SCHEDULE

Individual Events Schedule

Saturday, September 26, 2015

CCSF Tournament

7:00 AM – Registration in Humanities 290, continental breakfast in the atrium
9:00 AM – Extemp draw
9:15 AM – A1 (Extemp, ADS, Prose, Poetry, Informative)
12:00 PM – B1 (Duo, POI, Drama, CA, Impromptu, Persuasive)
1:00 – Lunch break
1:30 PM – Extemp draw
1:45 PM – A2
3:15 PM – B2
5:15 PM – Extemp draw
5:30 PM – A Finals
6:45 PM – B Finals
8:00 PM – Awards

Sunday, September 27, 2015

SF State Tournament

7:00 AM – Continental breakfast in the atrium
8:15 AM – Extemp draw
8:30 AM – A1 (Extemp, ADS, Prose, Poetry, Informative)
9:45 AM – B1 (Duo, POI, Drama, CA, Impromptu, Persuasive)
11:00 AM – Extemp draw
11:15 AM – A2
12:15 PM – Lunch break
1:00 PM – B2
2:15 PM – Extemp draw
2:30 PM – A Finals
3:45 PM – B Finals
5:30 PM – Awards

Parliamentary Debate Schedule

Friday, September 25, 2015

1:00-2:00 PM – Registration in Humanities 290
2:30 PM – Round 1 Topic Announcement
4:00 PM – Round 2 Topic Announcement
5:30 PM – Round 3 Topic Announcement
Dinner provided in atrium
7:00 PM – Round 4 Topic Announcement

Saturday, September 26, 2015

7:00 AM – Continental breakfast in the atrium
8:00 AM – Round 5 Topic Announcement
10:30 AM – Round 6 Topic Announcement
12:30 PM – First elimination Topic Announcement
3:30 PM – Second elimination Topic Announcement
5:00 PM – Third elimination Topic Announcement
6:30 PM – Fourth elimination Topic Announcement
8:00 PM – Awards

Lincoln Douglas Debate Schedule

Sunday, September 27, 2015

8:00 AM Pairings released
8:30 AM Round 1
9:30 AM Round 2
10:30 AM Round 3
11:30 AM Round 4
1:30 PM 1st Elim
2:30 PM 2nd Elim

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Policy Debate Schedule

Friday, September 25, 2015

2:00 PM – Registration on campus in HUM 290
3:00 PM – Pairings for Rounds 1& 2 released
4:00 PM – Round 1
Dinner provided in atrium
6:30 PM – Round 2

Saturday, September 26, 2015

7:00AM – Continental breakfast in atrium
8:00 AM – Pairings for Rounds 3 & 4 released
9:00 AM – Round 3
11:30 AM – Round 4
1:30 PM – Lunch break on your own
2:30 PM – Pairings for Round 5 released
3:30PM – Round 5
5:30PM – Pairings for Round 6 released
6:00 PM – Round 6

Sunday, September 27, 2015

7:00AM – Continental breakfast in atrium
8:00 AM – Pairings for elimination rounds released
9:00 AM – First elimination round
12:00 PM – Policy debate awards
1:00 PM – Subsequent elimination rounds as needed