

***Diablo Valley College & LA Valley College present:***

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Inaugural “Valley to Valley” Swing and LD/IPDA Tournament**

**Nov. 22 – 24, 2019**

The DVC Vikings and the LAVC Monarchs are pleased to invite you to the “Valley to Valley” Swing which will be held November 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill California. We are excited to offer two full individual event tournaments, Parli, LD and IPDA.

On Friday we will offer IPDA, Saturday we will be offering all 11 AFA individual events and LD. On Sunday we are offering a second IE tournament & Parli. (in order to keep the tournament on time, competitors must choose between LD and IEs on Saturday and IEs and Parli on Sunday). **In addition to great hospitality & food available throughout the tournament, we will be giving out custom championship belts to the top speaker in IE’s each day of the swing.**



All entries in individual events will be on <http://www.forensicstournament.net>

All entries in IPDA and LD will be available on <http://www.tabroom.com>

**Kevin Briancesco**  
Director of Forensics  
LA Valley College

**Robert Hawkins**  
Director of Forensics  
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**Accommodations:** We will provide breakfast and lunch both days of the swing. Please e-mail [rhawkins@dvc.edu](mailto:rhawkins@dvc.edu) for food restrictions. We will certainly offer a vegetarian option.

**Entries:** Entries are due on 11/21/19 at 7:00 p.m. You may access the invitation and entry system at [forensicstournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net) and [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com)



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Questions, comments, concerns, complaints? Feel free to send an e-mail: Robert Hawkins: [rhawkins@dvc.edu](mailto:rhawkins@dvc.edu)

**Tournament Address:** 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**Fee Calculation:** School Fee \_\_\_\_\_ \$25  
 Individual Events entries \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00  
 Uncovered slots of IE \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00  
 IPDA/LD entry \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00  
 NPDA \_\_\_\_\_ x 65  
 Uncovered NPDA \_\_\_\_\_ x 100  
 Uncovered IPDA \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50  
 Drops/changes at Registration \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00  
 I.E. No Shows \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 (Per Round) Subtotal

**Payment: All payments & checks should be made out to: Diablo Valley College Forensics Trust.**

The campus will have complimentary wifi. Password will be sent out as tournament approaches.

**FOOD OPTIONS:**

We will be offering **BREAKFAST, SNACK, AND LUNCH** throughout the tournament. If you or your students have a dietary restriction, please let us know. There is also plenty of food within Walking Distance ~ 5 to 7 min/Driving Distance ~ 2 min:

- - Sushi, El Tapitio, Mt. Mike’s Pizza, Giant Burger

Walking Distance ~ 15 to 20 min/Driving Distance ~ 3 min

- - Safeway, McDonalds, Burger Kingm In ‘n Out

Walking Distance ~ 20 min/Driving Distance ~ 5 min

- Sunvalley Mall: Food Court, BBQ, BJ’s, Red Robin, In-N-Out

Driving distance ~10 to 15 min

- Downtown Pleasant Hill - Multiple Food Options

**LODGING DETAILS:**

Local Rates: Concord Hilton - \$131; Best Western Heritage Inn - \$94; Concord Marriott - \$117

**Parking:**

Please park in Lot 7. **Parking is Free Saturday & Sunday.**

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## **AWARDS**

### **School Sweepstakes**

#### **1. Overall Sweepstakes for 2 and 4 year colleges: Top three schools for each division**

There will be two Sweepstakes Divisions: University and Community College. Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place schools in each division. Points are awarded as follows:

A) Individual Events: First = 10 pts; Second = 8 pts; Third = 6 pts; Finalist = 3 pts.

B) IPDA: Gold = 10 pts; Silver = 8 pts; Bronze = 6 pts; / LD: 1<sup>st</sup> = 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 8, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> = 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> = 4

*LAVC or DVC is not eligible for school sweepstakes awards, but all its students may compete for all other awards.*

### **Kevin Twohy IE Top Speaker Award**

Kevin Twohy was a former coach at DVC who made a tremendous contribution to the Speech & Debate world. This award will be given to the speaker who accumulates the most **OPEN** division sweepstakes points for her/his school. We value achievement in novice division, as reflected in our awarding sweepstakes points without distinction between divisions. However, we wish to recognize the highest accomplishment for individual excellence in the open division. For individual events (including duo), points will be awarded as follows: Individual Events: First = 10 pts; Second = 8 pts; Third = 6 pts; Finalist = 3 pts.

### **IPDA**

1. Our tournament is governed by IPDA rules. Rules for IPDA can be found at <http://www.ipdadebate.info>.

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

1. For NFA-LD the debate proposition for the current academic year shall be used. Resolved: The United States federal government should implement an energy policy that substantially increases investments in one or more of the following domestic energy sectors: nuclear, hydroelectric, geothermal, wind, solar.

2. The format shall be: 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with 4 minutes running prep time per person.

3. There will be 4 preliminary rounds and three elimination rounds.

4. There will be two divisions (Novice and Open). We will follow NFA-LD rules for eligibility. We reserve the right to collapse if necessary.

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.



6. Time blocks are 1 hour and 30 minutes for each round. This includes debating, returning the ballot, and any oral critique AFTER returning the ballot. Disclosure of decision is permitted. Please, observe these time requirements! We do not want the entire tournament to be late because of critics' lengthy oral critiques! **Return the ballot BEFORE beginning the critique! Directors, inform your judges!** Have the judges pretend they are in an individual event round: no feedback before the ballot goes in!

**All debate elimination round advancement and seeding will be based on the following (Brackets will be broken for debate events.)**

1. Won-lost record,
2. Overall speaker points
3. Adjusted speaker points (dropping high/low)
4. Opponents' wins
5. Opponents' points

### **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

We offer two preliminary rounds of Pattern A and Pattern B accompanied by the appropriate number of final rounds.

### **IE PATTERNS**

**Pattern A: Extemp, Informative, ADS, Prose, Poetry**

**Pattern B: Impromptu, Persuasive, CA, POI, Drama, DUO**

### **NPDA**

Debate: The tournament will follow NPDA rules for their respective debate events regarding breaks and collapsing of divisions with the following stipulations:

- a) NPDA will break to a full quarters so long as it does not exceed half the field. In the event that a division does not reach 16 teams, half the field will be broken. Brackets will be broken in NPDA per NPDA guidelines. Mavericks will NOT be allowed, however 3 person teams will be allowed at the director's discretion. We encourage you to seek out a hybrid with another school in the event that you have an extra debater.
- b) We will use the following tie-breaks: win/loss, total speaker points, adjusted speaker points, judge variance, opp record.

**Debate events and individual events are conflicted. This means, you must choose one or the other.**



General Tournament Procedures for Individual Events:

1. There will be a novice and open division for all events. We reserve the right to collapse divisions if entries warrant. We will follow AFA and NCFE protocol regarding collapsed divisions.
2. AFA rules will govern each event.



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3. Novice division is limited to students who are in their first year of college competition and have not placed in the top three at three tournaments. A student may go novice in a non-like event even if they are in a higher division in another event. For example, a student who is in open division in platforms event may still go novice in an interpretation event. **Students with any high school experience should be in open.**
4. Competitors may enter up to three events in each pattern, but be warned: the tournament will make **NO** special accommodations for double or triple entered students who are late to a round. If you miss the judge because you are double or tripled entered you will **NOT** be able to make it up. Students may compete in two duos with two different partners.
5. One critic covers six IE slots, per pattern. One critic covers 2 IPDA or LD entries. A single judge on Saturday/Sunday **MAY NOT** cover both IPDA or LD debate and Individual Events because these run concurrently.

**Friday Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2019**

### **IPDA Schedule**

10:00 Registration

11:30 Round 1

12:45 – Round 2

1:45 – Round 2

2:00 – Round 3

3:15 – Round 4

4:45 – Bronze

6:00 - Gold

Awards ASAP

**Saturday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2019**

**IE Schedule**

7:00 – 7:45 Registration

8:15 Pairings released

8:30 Extemp Draw

8:45 A1

10:00 B1

11:15 Extemp Draw

11:30 A2

**12:30 LUNCH**

1:30 B2

3:15 Extemp Draw for Finals

3:30 Pattern A Finals

4:45 Pattern B Finals

6:15 Awards (ASAP)

**LD Schedule**

7:00 – 7:45 Registration

8:45 Round 1

10:00 Round 2

11:15 Round 3

**12:30 LUNCH**

1:30 Round 4

2:45 Elimination Rd 1

4:00 Elimination Rd 2

5:15 Elimination Rd 3

6:15 pm Awards (ASAP)



**Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**IE Schedule**

7:00 – 7:45 Registration

8:30 Extemp Draw

8:45 A1

10:00 B1

11:15 Extemp Draw

11:30 A2

**12:30 LUNCH**

1:30 B2

3:15 Extemp Draw for Finals

3:30 Pattern A Finals / IPDA Bronze

4:45 Pattern B Finals / IPDA Gold

6:00 IE Awards

**Parli Schedule**

7:00 – 7:45 Registration

8:00 – Rd 1 – Topic Announce

9:30 – Rd 2 – Topic Announce

11:15 – Rd 3 – Topic Announce

**12:45 LUNCH**

1:30 – Rd. 4 – Topic Announce

3:15 – Elim 1 – Topic Announce

4:45 – Elim 2 – Topic Announce

6:15 – Elim 3 – Topic Announce

Debate Awards ASAP