

Welcome to the 2009-2010 forensics season!

Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Competitors,

San Francisco State University is pleased to announce the second annual Golden Gate Season Opener and the SF State – City College of SF Individual Events Swing September 18-20, 2008 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, and three divisions (Novice, Junior, Open) of policy debate. We will have six preliminary rounds of debate and the appropriate number of elimination rounds based on the entry.

Competitors wishing to compete in both parliamentary debate and individual events may do so, but should they qualify for the second elimination round in parliamentary debate they must withdraw from the second half of the swing (fees will be refunded).

The tournament hotel is the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport (650-347-1234), which is a beautiful convention hotel property where we hosted the 2005 CEDA National Tournament and last year's season opener. The Hyatt is offering us an incredible rate (at least by SF standards) of \$105 per night. **The cut-off date for the hotel block is Friday, September 4, 2009.** You are encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible. If you encounter any problems making reservations, please contact Alexis Litzky as soon as possible, at [alitzky@sfsu.edu](mailto:alitzky@sfsu.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 the Hyatt and all else being equal should be your top choice. Oakland (OAK) and San Jose (SJC) often have substantially reduced fares and are only 30-45 driving minutes away from the Hyatt.

We will also be offering childcare for the entire tournament, for a nominal fee. If you are interested, please contact Kristina Whalen at [kwhalen@ccsf.edu](mailto:kwhalen@ccsf.edu).

We are excited and look forward to hosting our friends and colleagues in San Francisco this September. Tournament information is available at our website, [www.sfstateforensics.com](http://www.sfstateforensics.com), and we hope that you will contact us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Alexis Litzky & Kristina Whalen

## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

The Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport is located at 1333 Bayshore Highway, south of the campus in Burlingame, CA. Quadruple occupancy rooms are \$105 per night. Reservations can be made by calling 800-492-8804, or on-line through the Hyatt website at: <http://sanfranciscoairport.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>.

Please be sure to place "G-SFS1" in the "Group/Corporate" box, or ask for the San Francisco State Forensics group, to book the block rate.

Wireless Internet is available in all rooms for a fee of \$9.95 for a 24-hour period. Free wireless access in common areas.

## **CAMPUS PARKING**

Parking is available in the parking structure on campus, for \$5 per car per day. Be sure to clearly display the permit on the dash of your car. Accessible from Lake Merced Blvd.

## **SCHEDULE**

\*\*\*Note – Parliamentary Debaters Making it to the **Second** Elimination Round Must Withdraw from the Second Tournament of the IE Swing – Fees will be Refunded\*\*\*

### **IE Schedule**

#### **Friday, September 18, 2009**

7:00 PM – Registration at the Hyatt

#### **Saturday, September 19, 2009 - Tournament #1**

7:00 AM – Late registration in Humanities 116, continental breakfast in the atrium

7:45 AM – Extemp draw

8:00 AM – A1 (Extemp, ADS, Prose, Poetry, Informative)

9:15 AM – B1 (Duo, POI, Drama, CA, Impromptu, Persuasive)

11:00 AM – Lunch on your own

12:00 PM – Extemp draw

12:15 PM – A2

3:00 PM – B2

4:15 PM – Extemp draw

4:30 PM – A Finals

5:45 PM – B Finals

8:00 PM – Awards

#### **Sunday, September 20, 2009 - Tournament #2**

7:30 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 on your own

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 18, 2009**

2:00 PM – Registration in Humanities 116  
3:00 PM – Round 1 Topic Announcement  
4:30 PM – Round 2 Topic Announcement  
6:00 PM – Round 3 Topic Announcement  
7:30 PM – Round 4 Topic Announcement

### **Saturday, September 19, 2009**

10:30 AM – Round 5 Topic Announcement  
1:30 PM – Round 6 Topic Announcement  
6:30 PM – First elimination round Topic Announcement  
8:00 PM – Awards

### **Sunday, September 20, 2009**

8:00 AM – Continental breakfast in atrium  
9:00 AM – Second elimination round Topic Announcement  
11:00 AM – Third elimination round Topic Announcement  
12:15 PM – Lunch on your own  
1:00 PM – Fourth elimination round Topic Announcement

## Policy Debate Schedule

### **Friday, September 18, 2009**

2:00 PM – Registration on campus in Humanities 116  
3:00 PM – Pairings released  
4:00 PM – Round 1  
6:00 PM – Round 2

### **Saturday, September 19, 2009**

7:00 AM – Pairings released, continental breakfast in atrium  
8:00 AM – Round 3  
11:30 AM – Round 4  
1:30 PM – Lunch on your own  
2:30 PM – Round 5  
6:00 PM – Round 6

### **Sunday, September 20, 2009**

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

## **EVENTS**

Online entry is required at: [www.debateresults.com](http://www.debateresults.com).

### **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS PROCEDURES, RULES, AND FEES**

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

Individual Events Tabulation: Kristina Whalen (City College of San Francisco), Ryan Smith (CSU Long Beach).

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 3 novices and possibly have breakout finals---depending on judge availability.
- 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 cannot average scores for a missed round.
- No materials used in competition shall have been used by the student in intercollegiate competition prior to September 1, 2009.
- Per AFA rules, San Francisco State and City College of San Francisco students may compete in the IE swing and will be eligible to advance to final rounds, but will not be eligible for sweepstakes awards.
- We will identify an Top Speaker for the Swing as well as Team Sweepstakes Awards for the Swing 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 debate competitors will be given ½ of the points above for the purpose of calculating the Top Speaker Award.

Fees:

Individual Events Fees are \$8 per slot. One judge covers 10 slots per tournament or 20 slots for the swing. Uncovered slots are \$15. Please do all that you can to cover your judging commitment. We have a limited amount of hired judges available – preference for hiring these judges will be given to those traveling the greatest distance. Each school will be charged a \$25 school fee.

## **PARLIMENTARY AND POLICY DEBATE PROCEDURES, RULES, AND FEES**

Policy Debate Tabulation: Greg Achten (UC Berkeley), Becky Opsata (DVC)

Parliamentary Debate Tabulation: Marlin Bates (University of Pacific)

Hybrids/Mavericks:

Hybrid teams are welcome but all debaters must compete with partners.

Brackets:

Brackets will not be broken in policy debate but will be broken in parliamentary debate.

Fees:

Fees will be \$75 per team. Each school will be charged a \$25 school fee.

Judging:

Each school is expected to provide one judge for every two teams they enter. Each judge will be obligated through the quarterfinals 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 \$100 per uncovered team. We are not trying to make money on hired judges. We would much rather have your judges than your money. If you have extra judges available from your school please let me know, as we would probably like to hire them. We will use preference/strike sheets for prelims and elims in policy debate. 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. Points may be awarded in full and half point increments only.

For parliamentary debate the tournament will abide by NPDA rules/guidelines.