Santa Clara University

Spring Invitational Philalethic Society

Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament

Friday-Sunday, Mar 31-Apr 2, 2017

Dear Coach:

Santa Clara University Philalethic Debating Society invites you and your squad to our annual Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament to be held on Friday to Sunday, Mar 31-Apr2. In order to end a reasonable hour, we have adjusted the tournament schedule to model the schedule of the Fall Tournament. The tournament is designed to foster interscholastic communication and reasoning activities outside the classroom in a supportive, educational atmosphere.  Middle schools and home schoolers are very welcome to attend and compete fully in the tournament

Debate will have 5 preliminary rounds. All individual events and debate formats will have a Novice and Open Division.

We will use the March/April LD and March Public Forum topics.

Parliamentary debate will be given one topic per flight per round. All Individual Events will be combined into one pattern.  Double entries in Events are allowed.  We will offer two divisions of Student Congress.

**Web Based Entry Procedures**:

Entries will only be accepted on-line at tabroom.com. It will take you a few minutes to set up your school's account, but once that is done the system is a breeze.  Plus, the system will enter all your judges and competitors - so when you enter the next tournament that uses this system you will not have to type the judges and competitors names again.  You will also be able to make changes to your entry up to noon Monday, March 27, 2017 with no additional fees. To enter go to tabroom.com. If you are new to the online system, you will need to first "Set up a new account" for your school.  After the account is set up, go to "View Tournament Calendar" and it will let you click on "Entry." Please note that high school tournaments and college tournaments are separated.

Please contact me at mjaich@scu.edu if you cannot get the website to accept or change your entries.

Make drops and adds on the web page.  Judge names must be entered by March 29, 2017 or you will be charged for penalty fees. Schools are required to provide at least 50% of their judging commitment, meaning **you cannot buy out of more than 50% of your judging requirement**.

As of noon Wednesday, March 29, 2017, fees will be set.  Please note that drops after fees assessment will be charged.  There is a fee computation sheet to figure out how much you will owe at registration.  Changes or drops after Wednesday, March 29, 2017 will be charged a $10 nuisance fee. All space in debate and events will be allocated on a first come, first served basis; register early. We will also be implementing caps. Each school will be allowed 4 entries per event per division, policy will have a cap of 5. Entries past the cap will be waitlisted and will be moved into the tournament if space is available.  **TBA entries must have names by March 17, 2016**. After this date, TBA entries will be placed on the waitlist and will not be moved into the tournament.

Judging

Schools should bring qualified judges. One judge for every two debate teams (Parli or Policy); four Public Forum teams/ four Lincoln Douglas debaters/duo entries or five event entries in each pattern. **Schools will be required to fulfill at least 50% of their judging obligation**, otherwise their entry may be reduced. Please call if you have questions about your judging requirements.

Schools will pay a judging penalty fee per event slot, Congress entry, Lincoln Douglas/Duo Interp or debate team not covered by school judges.  Please note: Congress judges can be entered into the IE judge category. We will allow senior high school debaters to judge novice division debate only.  Judge names must be posted by March 29, 2017 or we will assume you are not bringing judges and penalties accordingly will be assessed.

FEES:

\_\_\_\_ School fee X 1 = $50

\_\_\_\_ number of Event entries /Congress entered X $20= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ number of Parli/Public Forum/ Policy entered X $60 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ number of LD X $50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Penalties

\_\_\_\_ Event entries/Congress/Duos uncovered X $30 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Public Forum/ L-D/ uncovered X $75 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Policy/Parli Teams uncovered X $100 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Santa Clara Debate".

C/o Communication Dept., SCU, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053

Topics:

L/D Debate March/April Topic

2015-2016 Policy Debate Topic

Public Forum: March Topic

Parli: One topic will be announced for each flight of each round.

Divisions:

Novice and Open Division in Debate, Congress and Events.   Novice is normally defined as the first year of competition.

Patterns:

Debate Pattern: Policy, Parliamentary, Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas Debate plus Congress.

Events Pattern: Extemporaneous/Dramatic Interpretation /Expository/Original Prose Poetry / Oratorical Interpretation/ Impromptu /Persuasive /Humorous Interpretation/Thematic Interpretation and Duo Interpretation.

General Rules:

School registration in part or whole may be rejected due to space considerations. The tournament will consist of five preliminary debate rounds and the three preliminary rounds of events.   All divisions will receive awards.  We reserve the right to combine divisions if the entry warrants.  Sorry, we don’t do sweepstakes awards for the Spring Tournament.

Events Rules:

Students may double enter in Events.  Generally we use CHSSA rules but not in all cases.  Exceptions include: Persuasive will include both advocacy and other "persuasive" speeches. Extemp is combined national and international. Semifinals will be held in individual events with 50 or more entries or at the discretion of the tournament director. Under subscribed events may waive finals.

Debate Rules:

We will accept hybrid teams in debate.  We do not accept single person teams. Team debate must be two person. Brackets will be broken to avoid teams from the same school hitting each other.  Debate will hold octofinals if entry warrants.  Varsity events will go to Double octos if entry warrants. Check the schedule at registration to determine divisions going to octofinals. There are speaker awards in team debate events only. Sides will be assigned in Public Forum, and aff will speak first. Coin flips will only be used when teams are not sidelocked in elims.

Computers:

Computers are allowed in Extemp Prep, LD, Public Forum, Policy Debate and preparation for Parliamentary Debate prep.  Computers are not allowed during the speaking time in Parliamentary Debate.

Congress Rules:

Congress will have open and novice division.  Please designate the PO's with a 'po' for every five entries.  PO’s should emailed to me at mjaich@scu.edu. Congress bills will be posted closer to the tournament. Congress judges should be entered into the IE category.

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SCHEDULE

**PLEASE NOTE UPDATED AND REVISED SCHEDULE**

 (Please note that parking is $8 on Friday before 8pm; Free on Saturday & Sunday. There is also free street parking nearby)    Directions to SCU can be obtained from [www.scu.edu](http://www.scu.edu/).

Friday, March 31

3pm-5pm   Fees Paid - Benson Center, Parlor A

5pm-7pm   Round I Debate LD/Policy/Parli/PF

7pm-9pm   Round II  Debate LD/Policy/Parli/PF

Saturday, April 1

7am-8am  Final Registration – IE only schools - Benson Center, Parlor A

8am-10am  Rd III Debate LD and Policy/Parli and PoFo /Congress Rd 1 (Bills 1-2)\*

10am-Noon  Round I  Events

Noon-2pm  Rd IV Debate LD and Policy/ Parli and PoFo / Congress Round 2 (Bills 3-4)\*

2pm - 4pm Round II Events

4pm - 6pm Round V Debate  LD and Policy/Parli and PoFo/ Congress Rd 3 (Bills 5-6)\*

6pm - 8pm  Round III Events

8pm -10pm Double Octos – Varsity Debate events only

10pm Events Breaks

Sunday, April 2

8:30am-10am   Events Semifinals / Congress Semifinals (Bills 7-8)\*

10m-Noon  Octofinals Debate

Noon - 2pm    Events Finals

2pm-4pm   Quarters Debate / Congress Finals (Bills 9-10)\*

4pm - 5pm  Awards

5pm - 7pm  Semifinals Debate

7pm - 9pm  Finals Debate

\*Congress bills will be posted closer to the date of the tournament. Please see tournament website on Tabroom.com for Congress bills.