

**93rd ANNUAL R. D. MAHAFFEY MEMORIAL FORENSICS TOURNAMENT**  
**Linfield University**  
**November 10-12, 2023**

The Linfield University Forensics Team and the Oregon Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta welcome you to the ninety-third annual Mahaffey Memorial Forensics Tournament. To provide an accessible, safe, and more budget-friendly event, this year's tournament will be entire online—synchronous (held on the [Yaately platform](#)).

**ENTRY DEADLINE**

Please complete entries via web registration at <https://www.speechwire.com> no later than 11:59 p.m. on Monday, November 6. We need you to also enter your judges at that time. If you are unable to do so, please email Jackson. After 11:59pm Tuesday, November 7, fees will be assessed on your entry for any **drops** or **adds** (with late adds only possible if we have adequate judge coverage). Please make all entry changes directly on Speechwire until noon on Thursday, November 9 (which is the hard deadline for changes with late fees). Contact Jackson Miller ([jmiller@linfield.edu](mailto:jmiller@linfield.edu)) with any questions about registration. Payment via credit card is an option this year, although there is a 3.5% additional fee. We will send you a secure link for payment after you have completed registration.

**DIVISIONS/CONFLICTS**

The guidelines for debate divisions follow the standards adopted by the Northwest Forensics Conference (see “bylaws” section in “archives” at [northwestforensicsconference.com](http://northwestforensicsconference.com)). Individual events will follow NFC guidelines for placement of students in divisions. Novice and open division will be collapsed if there are fewer than 9 contestants entered in the division. Lower divisions will always be moved up. Junior division will be collapsed if there are fewer than 12 contestants in the division. All competitors must be undergraduate students representing official college or university forensics programs.

**All participants are responsible for reviewing and agreeing to the NFC Code of Ethics. Programs will be required to certify that all competitors and judges agree to these standards prior to the event. Additionally, no participant may record anyone without their consent.**

Novice Debate: Novice divisions in debate should be reserved for students with little or no experience. This is the place for students to gain experience in debate and to learn what the activity is about. In general, a novice division competitor will be in their first full year of collegiate forensics and will not have advanced to semi-finals at more than three tournaments in collegiate competition. Coaches should refrain from placing students with two or more years of high school experience in novice divisions.

Junior Debate: Junior division should be reserved for students who have a significant amount of high school experience in debate or have had significant success at the novice levels of debate. In general, a junior competitor will be in their first or second full year of collegiate forensics and will not have advanced to quarterfinals more than eight times in collegiate competition.

Open Debate: Students should be entered in senior divisions after they have demonstrated consistent success at the junior level. In general, a senior division competitor will be in their third or fourth full year of collegiate competition and/or will have demonstrated the consistent ability to be successful at the junior level. However, senior division is open to any competitor who wishes to enter it.

Novice Individual Events: Novice divisions in individual events should be reserved for students with little or no experience. This is the place for students to gain experience in college forensics and to learn what the activity

is about. In general, a novice divisions competitor will be in their first full year in collegiate forensics, and will not have won more than three first, second or third place trophies in that genre in collegiate competition. Coaches should refrain from placing students with two or more years of high school experience in novice divisions.

Junior Individual Events: Junior division should be reserved for students who have a significant amount of high school experience in competitive forensics or have had significant success at the novice levels of college forensics. In general, a junior competitor will be in their first or second full year of collegiate forensics and will not have advanced to finals more than eight times in that genre in collegiate competition.

Open Individual Events: Students should be entered in senior divisions after they have demonstrated consistent success at the junior level. In general, a senior division competitor will be in their third or fourth full year of collegiate competition and/or will have demonstrated the consistent ability to be successful at the junior level. However, senior division is open to any competitor who wishes to enter it.

In debate and duo, the team member with the highest division placement determines the division in which the team is placed. In individual events, competitors are restricted to THREE EVENTS PER PATTERN. Students are responsible for making it to every round for which they are scheduled. Triple-entered participants who fail to make it to a scheduled round will not be allowed to make up the competition.

## **TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION/NOTES**

The tournament staff will include Directors of Forensics from throughout the region. Therefore, Linfield students will compete and will be eligible for awards if the judging pool permits. Sweepstakes points for the tournament will be calculated according to the NFC sweepstakes point system.

Individual events will be prematched using tabulation software. Participants for final rounds in individual events will be determined on the basis of: (1) cumulative rankings and (2) cumulative ratings. Should ties exist, the NFC tie breaking procedure will be used. Places will be determined on the basis of final round rankings. Should ties exist, the tie breaking procedure outlined in the NFC Bylaws will be used.

The first two round of debate will be prematched, so please report drops promptly. Powermatching will be done after every subsequent round, and the matching procedure will follow the NFC guidelines for designated tournaments. The debate tab room staff will determine variations in the procedure prior to the beginning of the tournament. NOTE: If it is necessary to keep the tournament running on time, we may use a lag power match. Participants for elimination rounds in debate will be determined on the basis of: (1) win-loss record; (2) adjusted cumulative speaker ratings after dropping highs and lows; (3) cumulative speaker ratings; (4) quality of competition (win-loss record of opposing teams).

## **AWARDS**

Due to the economic and environmental costs associated with shipping awards, online certificates will be awarded in place of most trophies. Award plaques will be presented to the tournament champion or top overall speaker in all events and divisions. Sweepstakes awards will be given to the top schools in each of the three NFC Divisions. The Linfield travelling trophy will be awarded to the institution with the highest sweepstakes points, regardless of division.

The Mahaffey Outstanding Speaker Award will be presented to the individual speaker earning the highest number of sweepstakes points in open division events, and the Marshall Award will be presented to the individual novice/junior speaker earning the highest number of sweepstakes points. For the Mahaffey/Marshall

awards points earned in the speaker's top FIVE individual events will count and the winner will be determined using the following criteria: (1) total number of sweepstakes points, (2) number of events advancing to finals, (3) number of first-place finishes in finals. Note: junior/novice level competitors can still earn points toward the Marshall award in events that are collapsed due to small entries.

The Singletary Outstanding Debater Award will be given to the top debater regardless of style of debate. For the Singletary award, the top individual speakers from each division of the three debate formats (BP, LD, IPDA) will be determined, and the winner will be selected using the following criteria: (1) standard deviation/z-score in their respective debate formats & divisions, (2) record in elimination rounds, (3) total number of competitors in the division. If all criteria have been exhausted and the tie cannot be broken, division may be used to break the tie with preference given to competitors in the higher division.

## FEES

We genuinely want to provide all programs the chance to participate. **Please contact us if you want to attend the tournament but are concerned about the fees, we are aware some programs have been severely affected by budget cuts and will try to make allowances for those programs.** Because our event will have significantly fewer trophies and fewer costs related to printing and catering, we have reduced fees.

Registration Fees (registration payment via credit card will include a 3.5% service charge)

School Fee:	\$30.00
Debate Fee:	\$50.00/team, \$25.00/IPDA, LD
Individual Events Fee:	\$7.00 per slot
Per-student entry fee	\$5.00 per person

### Judging Fees

Uncovered Debate:	\$150.00/team, \$75.00/IPDA, LD (in addition to the entry fee)
Uncovered IE:	\$15.00 per slot (in addition to the entry fee)

Late Fees (assessed for any entry changes after 11:59pm on Tuesday, November 7)

Late Drop Fee:	\$20.00
Late Add Fee:	\$20.00 (on top of reg. fees and any uncovered judge fees)
Late Judge Drop Fee:	\$20.00

Each school must provide the equivalent of one full-time judge for students to compete at this tournament. Programs that do not have a DOF should contact Jackson regarding a waiver of this rule. One full-time judge covers two debate teams or two contestants in IPDA or LD (we will NOT be fighting IPDA or LD). School constraints may require us to move judges between debate pools. All debate judges are committed through the first elimination round, and judges from schools with advancing teams and debaters are committed through the next round AFTER their teams or debaters are eliminated. One full-time judge covers ten total individual events regardless of pattern.

Please note that the tournament will not be obligated to accept more than 2 uncovered debate or 5 uncovered IE entries from any one school. If we need to ask schools to drop some teams due to judge limitations, programs with uncovered entries will be asked to drop first.

## EVENT GUIDELINES

### DEBATE

- All debate formats will follow NFC guidelines for division placement.
- A contestant may not enter more than one debate format.
- Three-person debate teams and “mavericks” are not permitted.

### BRITISH-PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE (J, O)

The BP divisions will use the WUDC rules with a 7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7 format and 15 minutes to prepare. The topics will be centrally announced. Students can use any printed materials during preparation time, but internet access and electronic access to computer files is not allowed. SPECIAL NOTE: To encourage participation in the Spanish language division (where all motions, debating, and judge feedback will be in Spanish), **entry fees will be waived** for Spanish division teams provided schools are able to **cover their entries with qualified Spanish-speaking judges**. WUDC rules can be found at <https://www.worlddebating.org/training-resources#h.9f3q61dlxtra>

### IPDA DEBATE (N, J, O)

The IPDA divisions will use the rules as presented in the IPDA constitution with a 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format and 30 minutes of pre-round preparation. Debaters will be presented with 5 motions focusing on recent news and current events, and each side will have two strikes. Brackets will be broken in elimination rounds. IPDA rules can be found at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

### NFA-LD DEBATE (J, O)

We will offer two divisions of NFA-LD debate. The LD divisions will utilize the 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 format per the National Forensics Association. Brackets will be broken in elimination rounds. NFA LD rules can be found at <https://nationalforensicassociation.files.wordpress.com/2022/04/ld-description-1.pdf>

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, we will follow the official AFA-NIET rules which can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/event-descriptions>

**Tournament Schedule**  
(Note: all times are *Pacific*)

FRIDAY, November 10

8:00-8:45	IE check-in. All individuals must check in by 8:45am
8:45	extemp draw
9:00-10:15	1A (extemp begins at 9:15)
10:30-11:45	1B
11:45-12:30	lunch break
12:15	extemp draw
12:30-1:45	2A (extemp begins at 12:30)
2:00-3:15	2B
3:30	extemp draw
3:45-5:00	3A (extemp begins at 3:30)
5:15-6:30	3B

SATURDAY, November 11

8:30	Check-in BP, and all judges (new judges are required to examine judge training documents)
8:45	Check-in LD and IPDA
9:00	Round 1 BP, IPDA, LD
10:30	Round 2 IPDA, LD
11:15	Round 2 BP
12:00	Round 3 IPDA, LD
1:00-1:45	lunch break
1:45	extemp draw finals
2:00	Pattern A Finals (extemp begins at 1:45)
3:30	Round 3 BP; Round 4 IPDA, LD
5:00	Pattern B Finals
7:00	IE Awards

SUNDAY, November 12

8:15	Check-in all
8:30	Round 4 BP; Round 5 IPDA, LD
10:45	Round 5 BP
11:00	Elimination Round 1 IPDA, LD
12:30-1	lunch break
1:00	Debate Awards
1:30	Debate elimination rounds as needed

**EVENT PATTERNS**

- DEBATE: BP (J, O), LD (J, O), IPDA (N, J, O)
- PATTERN A: Extemp (N, J, O), Persuasion (N, J, O), ADS (J, O), Poetry (J, O), POI (J, O), DI (J, O)
- PATTERN B: Impromptu (N, J, O), Informative (N, J, O), CA (J, O), Prose (N, J, O), Duo (J, O)