



**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Michael Dugaw Smelt Classic  
& AFA-NST District II Fall Qualifier**  
December 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Colleagues,

On behalf of Lower Columbia College and District II of the American Forensics Association, you and your forensics program are cordially invited to attend the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Michael Dugaw Smelt Classic. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's tournament will be unique in the long history of this tournament. This will be a synchronous, online tournament held on the Yaatly platform from December 4-6, 2020. The speech portion of the tournament will serve as the AFA-NST District II fall term qualifier.

We will be offering IPDA debate (5 preliminary rounds), all eleven AFA-NST Individual Events, as well as the supplemental event Editorial Commentary (2 preliminary rounds). Novice, Junior, and Open divisions will all be available at the time of registration. In accordance with AFA district qualification requirements, all AFA-NST events will be collapsed into a single open division. In collapsed events, the top competitor in each lower division will be acknowledged in our awards ceremony.

For many programs, this will likely be the last tournament of the fall academic term. Our goal is to host a tournament that is both a constructive mid-season tournament for those who will continue in the new year, and a meaningful end of season tournament for those who are graduating or moving on for any other reason.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information. We look forward to hosting you this December!

Sincerely,

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## **REGISTRATION**

Please enter online at [speechwire.com](http://speechwire.com)

**Entry Deadline: 11:00pm PST Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Drop Deadline: 7:00pm PST Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **EVENTS & PATTERNS:**

Debate: IPDA

IE Pattern A: Impromptu, Informative, Communication Analysis, Poetry, Prose, Duo,

IE Pattern B: Extemporaneous, Persuasive, A.D.S., P.O.I., Drama, Editorial Commentary

**IPDA Debate** IPDA will follow the rules as presented in the IPDA constitution. We will use the standard 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with thirty (30) minutes between strike and the beginning of the round. IPDA rules and further information can be found at <http://www.ipdadebate.info>

**Speech Events:** AFA-NST rules will govern the 11 standard speech events. Information and event descriptions can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/event-descriptions> We will also be following the temporary minimum standards for competition passed by the AFA-NST committee.

**Editorial Commentary:** This is a supplemental category at our tournament that is meant to simulate a radio or television editorial commentary. The student will prepare a manuscript, which attempts to influence an audience toward a particular position related to a current event. The competitor will deliver this speech while seated at a table or desk (as a news anchor would). The time limit is 3:45-4:15 minutes, and should be strictly adhered to. Judges are to give NO time signals, though the competitors may time themselves or receive time signals from a coach or teammate.

**COMPETITION:** Competition will take place on the Yaatly platform. Students and judges must create accounts on Yaatly in order to participate. More information on how to set up organizations and accounts, as well as frequently asked questions regarding competition on the platform, are available at [info.yaatly.com](http://info.yaatly.com).

No participant in this tournament, in any event, may record anyone without their consent. We expect that every participant, regardless of location, will abide by the principles of two-party consent.

**ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:** Students may triple enter within a given pattern, but they do so at their own risk. It is the student's responsibility to communicate with judges and make it to each round in a timely manner. No student may enter the same event twice.

The only exception to the entry restrictions Duo. Students entered in Duo may enter twice provided that they have a different duo partner for each entry.

## **DIVISION GUIDELINES:**

Please consider the following guidelines when determining what division your students should be entered in:

- **Novice:** a novice speaker is any student who has less than two semesters (or three quarters) of high school or college experience. They have not advanced to elimination rounds more than three times in the event in question. If the circumstances warrant, a student may enter as a novice in some events while entering at a higher level in others.
- **Junior:** a junior speaker is any student in their first or second year of collegiate competition. They have not placed in elimination rounds more than three times in the event in question at the junior or open level.
- **Open:** all students meeting national eligibility requirements may enter in the Open division. Eligible students must not have completed their bachelor's degree.

**COLLAPSING EVENTS:** Novice, Junior, and Open divisions will be collapsed for all individual events in accordance with the requirements for AFA-NST district qualifier tournaments. However, the top novice and junior competitors in each category will be acknowledged at the awards ceremony. IPDA divisions may be collapsed based upon entries. Please stay tuned for an update when registration has closed.

**JUDGES:** Please make every effort to cover your entries. One judge covers 2 IPDA entries and 8 IE entries (regardless of pattern). We will assume that your judges will be available at the point in the tournament where your students start competition and will be committed at least one round beyond the point where your students are eliminated.

Assuming that we have a sufficient judging pool, our intent is to single-flight IPDA and have panels of three judges for all IPDA elimination rounds. For AFA-NST events, our goal is to have two judges in each preliminary round and drop each competitor's lowest rank to determine advancement to final rounds. If we lack the judges to make this happen, we will still attempt two judges in half of the preliminary rounds so that advancement to final rounds is based on three ranks.

**FEES:** School = \$20.00, IPDA entry: \$30.00 IE entry = \$8.00.

**UNCOVERED ENTRY FEES:** IEs = \$12.00, IPDA = \$50.00 (in addition to the entry fee)

**AFA-NST FEE:** \$50 per school (if not paid already)

Fees will be set Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Fee breaks are available for programs who have had recent budget cuts or freezes. We do not want cost to be a barrier for participation. This tournament will be better if more programs can participate. Please reach out in advance of the registration deadline to request a fee reduction.*

**AWARDS:** Though competition will be virtual, we will have awards that will be shipped to each school after the conclusion of the tournament. Awards will be presented to all IPDA semifinalists and the top five speakers in each division, the top three competitors in each IE, as well as top novice and junior in each event.

**TEAM SWEEPSTAKES:** Awards will be given for the top three programs in 2-year and 4-year school divisions. Sweepstakes will be calculated using the point scheme below. Only competitors placing in the top 50% of their field are eligible to earn sweepstakes points.

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup>/Semis</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup>/Quarters</u>	<u>Finalist/Octos</u>
IEs	10	8	6	4	2
Debate	15	12	9	6	3

**INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES:** The Shark Trophy, presented in honor of northwest forensics legend Shannon Valdivia, is a travelling trophy given each year to the top individual competitor based on the total number of sweepstakes points earned. Points will be earned based on the above schematic, as well as the following bonuses for placing among the top five speakers in debate:

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup></u>
IEs	5	4	3	2	1

**GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS RULES:** All materials used in competition shall not have been used by the student in any tournament prior to September, 2020. A contestant may not use the same cutting/content or any portion of that cutting/content in more than one prepared event at this tournament.

Out round brackets in debate will be broken to avoid teams from the same school meeting.

**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**  
**2020 Dugaw Smelt Classic**  
(all times Pacific Standard Time)

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 3:00 pm: Round Zero
- 3:30 pm: Round 1A (IMP, INF, CA, POE, PRO, DUO)
- 4:45 pm: 1B Extemporaneous draw begins
- 5:00pm: Round 1B (EXT, PER, ADS, DI, POI, EC)

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00am: Round Zero
- 8:30 am: Round 2A
- 9:45 am: 2B Extemporaneous draw begins
- 10:00 am: Round 2B
- 11:30 am: IPDA 1
- 12:30 pm: Lunch break
- 1:15 pm: Pattern A Finals
- 2:45 pm: Pattern B Finals
- 4:15 pm: IPDA 2
- ASAP: IE Awards (AFA-NST qualifiers announced)

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 am: Round Zero
- 8:30 am: IPDA 3
- 9:45 am: IPDA 4
- 11:30 am: IPDA 5
- 12:30 pm: Lunch break
- 1:15 pm: IPDA Quarterfinals
- 2:45 pm: IPDA Semifinals
- 4:15 pm: IPDA Finals
- ASAP: Debate & Sweepstakes Awards