



Queens College Speech and Debate Society
Inaugural QC Alumni Tournament

Saturday, October 25, 2025
Queens College, CUNY

Hosted by the Alumni and Students of the Queens College
Speech and Debate Society

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of Queens College at the City University of New York (CUNY), our dedicated alumni, and the students of the Queens College Speech and Debate Society, it is with great excitement that we welcome you to the inaugural **2025 Queens College Alumni Tournament** on **Saturday, October 25, 2025**.

This historic event marks the first alumni-centered tournament hosted by Queens College, bringing together our vibrant community of students, coaches, and alumni in a celebration of forensics excellence. The QC Alumni Tournament will feature all **11 AFA-NST events** alongside **IPDA Debate**, with all points and tabulations conducted according to AFA-NST procedures. Competitors will participate in **two preliminary rounds of individual events**, with the top six advancing to finals. In addition, we are pleased to offer:

- **Individual Speaker Awards** for the top three competitors entering at least four events in Patterns A & B.
- **Sweepstakes Awards** for the top three schools.

We are equally honored to share that on the following day, **Sunday, October 26, 2025**, Queens College will host the **Southern and Northern Atlantic Forensic Union (SNAFU) Tournament**, making this an extraordinary weekend of competition and camaraderie on our campus.

We are deeply grateful to our alumni and supporters whose commitment to Queens College Speech and Debate has made this moment possible. It is our hope that this tournament not only provides an opportunity for spirited competition, but also for mentorship, connection, and the strengthening of our forensic community.

For full entry information, please consult the official invitation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to **Randy Perez** at gcspechteam@gmail.com or **516-858-3156**.

We look forward to welcoming you to Queens College this October for a weekend of competition, reunion, and celebration.

Warmly,

Randy Perez, Tournament Director
Savannah Hope, Team President
Zaara Tasin, Team Treasurer
&

Alumni and Students of the Queens College Speech and Debate Society

Maim Hoque, Assistant Debate Coach



OVERALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES POSTED WILL BE IN EASTERN STANDARD TIME

(EST)!!

SCHEDULE FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

8:00am Registration (in front of Kiely 270)
9:00am Round 1, Pattern A
10:15am Round 2, Pattern A
11:15am Lunch
11:45am Extemp Draw (in Kiely 244)
12:15pm Round 1, Pattern B
1:15pm Extemp Draw (in Kiely 244)
1:45pm Round 2, Pattern B
3:15pm Finals, Pattern A
4:15pm Extemp Draw (in Kiely 244)
4:45pm Finals, Pattern B
7:30pm Awards (TBA)

SCHEDULE FOR DEBATE

8:00am Registration (in front of Kiely 270)
9:00am Round 1
10:15am Round 2
11:15am Lunch
12:15pm Round 3
1:45pm Round 4
3:15pm Elimination Round 1
4:45pm Elimination Round 2
6:15pm Elimination Round 3
7:30pm Awards (TBA)

IE PATTERN NOTES

- PATTERN A: Impromptu, Dramatic Interpretation, ADS, CA, Prose
- PATTERN B: Extemp, Persuasive, POI, Duo, Poetry, Informative
- Additional Pattern rules are in the next page under “Entry Rules”

GENERAL SCHEDULE NOTES

- The 15-minute forfeit rule will apply if a competitor/debater fails to appear at their designated room if they are not double or triple-entered for that round.
- Updates to the schedule will be posted on Speechwire if they occur. Please be vigilant!
- **STUDENTS MAY NOT CROSS-ENTER IN BOTH I.E.'s AND DEBATE!!**

DETAILED DEBATE SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES POSTED WILL BE IN EASTERN TIME (ET)!!

8:00 - 8:30AM ET Registration		1:45	Round 4, IPDA
8:30	Draw for IPDA Round 1	2:35 – 2:45	Coaches Review
9:00	Round 1, IPDA	2:45	Draw for IPDA Elimination Round 1
9:45	Draw for IPDA Round 2	3:15	Elimination Round 1, IPDA
10:15	Round 2, IPDA	4:15	Draw for IPDA Elimination Round 2
11:15	Lunch	4:45	Elimination Round 2, IPDA
11:45	Draw for IPDA Round 3	5:45	Draw for IPDA Elimination Round 3
12:15 PM	Round 3, IPDA	6:15	Elimination Round 3, IPDA
1:15	Draw for IPDA Round 4	ASAP	Awards & Results

SCHEDULE NOTES

- The 15-minute forfeit rule will apply if a debater fails to appear at their designated virtual debate room.
- Updates to the schedule will be posted on Speechwire if they occur. Please be vigilant!
- Students MAY NOT cross-enter in both debate and I.E.'s (Individual Events)

IMPORTANT LOCATIONS

Registration will be on the 2nd floor of the Kiely Hall hallway in front of Kiely Hall 270 and start at 8:00AM. Please look at posted signs throughout the Kiely Hall building.

- Tab Room – Kiely Hall 248
- General assembly area & awards location – Benjamin Rosenthal Library 230
- Judge's Lounge – Kiely Hall 264
- IPDA draw & prep area – Kiely Hall 270
- Extemp draw & prep area - Kiely Hall 244

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS for Saturday, October 25th, 2025

MOST RECOMMENDED OPTION

Street parking adjacent to the Queens College campus is available on Kissena Blvd and Melbourne Avenue, highlighted in yellow on the map below. Park on the street and enter campus by walking through Public Safety at the main entrance at Kissena Blvd and 65th Avenue. Street parking is free on weekends and is a short walk to the tournament headquarters (Kiely Hall Building).

ALTERNATIVE CAMPUS PARKING OPTIONS

You can park in parking lots 2 and 7, highlighted in yellow on the map below. You must enter campus at the main entrance on Kissena Blvd and 65th Avenue and proceed through campus to the designated areas drawn in yellow.



I.E. & DEBATE ENTRY RULES

- Pattern A is EXT, PER, POI, DUO, PRO.
- Pattern B is INF, IMP, DI, ADS, CA, POE.
- All entries are due by Tuesday, October 21st at 1pm EST via Speechwire.
- All teams are expected to cover at least 50% of their entries with judges. No exceptions unless negotiated well in advance and at tournament director's discretion.
- The tournament director reserves the right to reject excessive entries that are not properly covered by judges.
- **Absolutely no individual can cross-enter in both I.E.'s and debate!**
- Each student may be entered up to 3 events per I.E. speech pattern.
- Each team is capped at 6 entries per event.
- Each student must be eligible to compete under their respective sanctioning organization's rules and guidelines for their event.
- Each judge covers six I.E. entries or two debate entries.
- Coaches are highly encouraged to enter their student's pronouns and pronunciation on their Speechwire entry.

SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

1. Awards will be announced to each finalist within their respective event.
2. In each debate format, there will be three elimination rounds (depending on number of entries): Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals.
3. Team sweepstakes points are awarded as follows:

POINTS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- a) 2 points for each 6th – 7th Place Finalist
- b) 4 points for each 4th – 5th Place Finalist
- c) 6 points for each 3rd Place Finalist
- d) 8 points for each 2nd Place Finalist
- e) 10 points for each 1st Place

POINTS FOR DEBATE

- a) 3 points for each preliminary win (regardless of how many teams per division; teams earning less than 2 wins receive no sweepstakes points)
 - b) 3 additional points for reaching Quarterfinal Rounds
 - c) 3 additional points for reaching Semifinal Rounds
 - d) 3 additional points for reaching Final Round
4. In addition, the top individual speakers and top debate schools in the IPDA debate format will be recognized.

ENTRIES

1. Each school may enter up to six entries in each event.
2. Each student may enter up to 3 events per pattern. Two Duos count as two events.
3. No double entry is allowed for students entered in debate and speech events.
4. Pattern A is EXT, PER, POI, DUO, PRO. Pattern B is INF, IMP, DI, ADS, CA, POE.
5. All entries are due by **Tuesday, October 21st at 1pm EST via Speechwire.**
6. **NOTE:** All teams must cover a minimum of 50% of their entry.
No exceptions unless negotiated *well in advance and at director discretion.*
7. We will use the current standing event definitions and time limits as published by the American Forensics Association. We will offer a semi-final round for any event with 40 or more entries competing in both preliminary rounds of competition.

TOURNAMENT FEES

Invoices will be sent out via PayPal unless instructed otherwise

Make all checks payable to:

Queens College Association and put “QC Speech & Debate Society” in the Memo section.

Slot fees will be assessed as follows:

School entry fee: \$30 per school

Covered IE entry slot fee (IEs): \$10 each

Uncovered IE slot fee: \$15 each (one judge covers 6 IE slots)

Covered IPDA slot fee: \$35 per debater (one judge covers 2 debate slots)

Uncovered IPDA slot fee: \$60 per debater

NOTE: All teams must cover a minimum of 50% of their entry.

No exceptions unless negotiated *well in advance and at director discretion.*

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO OR AT REGISTRATION,

Fees will be assessed on Tuesday, October 21st at 3pm. Add/drop fees will be assessed as follows:

Add/drops on Wednesday, October 22nd: \$15 per change plus entry fee

Drops on Thursday, October 23rd: \$20 per drop plus entry fee – no adds permitted

Drops on Friday, October 24th: \$30 per drop plus entry fee – no adds permitted

Drops on Saturday, October 25th: \$50 per drop plus entry fee – no adds permitted.

Judge drops through Friday, October 24th: \$80 per drop

Judge drops on Saturday, October 25th: \$125 per drop

Judges who fail to pick their ballots will render their students ineligible for elimination rounds.

IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT INFO

WARM ROOMS

Our tournament will not have "warm rooms." While we encourage cordial and constructive feedback between judges and debaters, judges should not be obliged to engage in conversation with students. Debaters should not pressure their judges for commentary after rounds. **JUDGES SHOULD NOT DISCLOSE THEIR REASON FOR DECISIONS (RFD) DURING OR AFTER ROUNDS!**

DEBATE ROUND FORFEIT RULE

Any debater who is more than 15 minutes late to their assigned virtual room automatically forfeits their round, resulting in a "bye" or automatic win for the opposing debater. Please make every effort to have your debaters appear at their appointed rounds so that our tournament runs smoothly.

ETHICS STANDARDS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND ALL DEBATE FORMATS

The Queens College Alumni Tournament will adhere to the rules prescribed by the International Public Debate Association (for IPDA debate) and the American Forensic Association (for I.E. speech events). Before tournament day, please take time to familiarize yourself and your team to the rules contained within the Constitution and its Bylaws of these organizations.

DEBATE PAIRINGS

Rounds 1 and 2 of debate will be randomly paired. However, Rounds 3 and 4 of debate will be power-matched. Brackets will not be broken in elimination rounds.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

This tournament will observe an open-door policy. Students should feel free to prioritize their mental health at tournaments. Students are welcome to leave the round any time before, during, or after another competitor's speech performance without any penalty from the judge.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT COMPETITION RULES

It is my wish for everyone to have an enjoyable experience at the tournament. To ensure fairness, the following rules will be observed:

The American Forensic Association National Speech Tournament (AFA-NST) rules and descriptions will govern all Individual Speech Events.

- A. Students may not have competed with the selections in any intercollegiate competition prior to September 1, 2025.
- B. As per the AFA-NST language, the use of the Internet and/or electronic files are permitted in Extemp.
- C. The following events will be offered in open divisions of competition:
 - PATTERN A: Impromptu, Dramatic Interpretation, ADS, CA, Prose
 - PATTERN B: Extemp, Persuasive, POI, Duo, Poetry, Informative
- D. Oral interpretation and Public Address individual speeches must follow the 8 – 10-minute format. Limited Preparation speeches are limited to only 7 minutes of speaking time.
- E. Competitors are expected to cite their sources orally in Public Address and Extemporaneous speech events.
- F. All speech events will be governed by AFA-NST rules. Rules can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/afa-niet-charter?authuser=0>

IPDA DEBATE COMPETITION RULES

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE ASSOCIATION (IPDA)

It is my wish for everyone to have an enjoyable experience at the tournament. To ensure fairness, our tournament will follow IPDA rules found within the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws which were last updated in October 2018. To view the constitution, please visit the website at: <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>.

According to the IPDA Constitution, "IPDA" or the "International Public Debate Association" is an audience-friendly debate format with great emphasis on persuasion, rhetorical speaking abilities, and inclusivity of interested individuals who are encouraged to debate "regardless of educational background, prior experience, or any other demographics." The philosophic tenets of the IPDA Constitution are sevenfold, which are inclusivity, lay judging, limited preparation, extemporaneous delivery, rhetorical delivery, and ethos.

The IPDA Debate format are as follows:

- A. Topics will be announced in-round with 5 topics (2 value, 2 policy, 1 metaphor) provided for strikes. Negative strikes first, and then turns are taken until one topic remains to be debated.
- B. **Debaters will not be allowed to consult any other person during prep time, including coaches.** Per IPDA rules, they will be allowed paper and/or electronic research material, which may be quoted or paraphrased from notes during the round, but not read directly, as extemporaneous delivery is required.
- C. Time limits:

Affirmative Constructive	5 minutes
Cross Examination	2 minutes
Negative Constructive	6 minutes
Cross Examination	2 minutes
First Affirmative Rebuttal	3 minutes
First Negative Rebuttal	5 minutes
Second Affirmative Rebuttal	3 minutes

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE IPDA DEBATE FORMAT

- Competitors will receive their topics at their designated competition room 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE ACTUAL ROUND BEGINS. (Example: if the first round starts at 9:00AM, then competitors MUST be at their designated rooms no later than 8:30AM).
- Judges are expected to keep time during rounds. IPDA competitors will have exactly 30 minutes of preparation time following the first negative strike.
- IPDA strike sheets will contain a variety of topics ranging from domestic, economic, social and international events.

Quick Guide – Campus, Dining, Hotels, Parking

Key Campus Locations

- Registration – Kiely Hall 270 (2nd floor hallway)
- Tab Room – Kiely Hall 248
- General Assembly & Awards – Benjamin Rosenthal Library 230
- Judge’s Lounge – Kiely Hall 264
- IPDA Draw & Prep – Kiely Hall 270
- Extemp Draw & Prep – Kiely Hall 244

Parking

- Free street parking on Kissena Blvd & Melbourne Ave (short walk).
- Alternative: Parking Lots 2 & 7 (enter via main entrance at Kissena Blvd & 65th Ave).

Nearby Dining Options

- **Gino’s Pizza – 65-01 Kissena Blvd | (718) 939-4887 (shortest distance to campus)**
- Bagels Plus Deli – 70-39 Parsons Blvd | (718) 591-3615
- McDonald’s – 72-69 Kissena Blvd
- Valentino’s Pizzeria – 71-47 Kissena Blvd | (718) 591-6464
- Dunkin’ – 153-67 Horace Harding Expy | (718) 358-4031
- Qiu Sushi – 60-05 Kissena Blvd | (718) 799-0628
- Subway – 59-16 Kissena Blvd | (718) 886-0193
- Tost (Vegan) – 60-10 Kissena Blvd | (718) 460-8678
- Smash House Burgers – 69-44 Main St | (718) 640-1762

Hotels

- Hyatt Place Flushing – 133-42 39th Ave | (718) 888-1234
- Sheraton LaGuardia East – 135-20 39th Ave | (718) 460-6666
- Fairfield Inn LaGuardia – 28-66 College Point Blvd | (718) 939-8888
- John Hotel – 133-12 37th Ave | (718) 886-8555
- Holiday Inn Express LaGuardia – 113-10 Horace Harding Expy | (718) 699-5000

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