

Golden Gate Season Opener, September 27-28, 2024

Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Competitors:

From all the members of the Golden Gate Forensics Collective, we would like to officially welcome you to the 2024-2025 competitive season!

We are pleased to announce the sixteenth annual *Golden Gate Season Opener* and *San Francisco State/City College of San Francisco Individual Events Swing*, September 29 - 30, 2023, 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, 2 divisions (Novice and Open) of Lincoln-Douglas debate, and two divisions (Novice and Open) of IPDA. We will have four preliminary rounds of Parliamentary debate, 4 preliminary rounds of LD and IPDA, and the appropriate number of elimination rounds based on the entry. Some divisions may collapse due to entry size. We will do everything we can to preserve the integrity of all Novice divisions.

We are keeping our new two-day schedule. On Friday, students must choose to compete in either Parliamentary Debate or the first Individual Events Swing. Double and triple entry within the IE patterns is permitted. On Saturday, students must choose to compete in the second individual events swing, Lincoln-Douglas debate, OR IPDA. Debaters may not double-enter; IE students may triple-enter.

This compressed schedule will include food breaks with food provided by the tournament. Accordingly, we will include a hospitality fee for competitors each day of the tournament.

San Francisco State is excited to welcome our guests. Please make sure each participant completes the waiver of liability at the end of the invitation. Also see [SF State's COVID-19 protocols](#) (subject to update): "Effective April 6, 2023, COVID-19 vaccinations are recommended as a safety measure to help prevent serious illness, but CSU employees will no longer be required to be fully vaccinated. Employees are required to comply with all health and safety measures established by the campus, or federal/state/ local laws and regulations, as appropriate. "

We are excited and look forward to hosting you in San Francisco this September. Please contact Tournament Director Sage Russo at srusso@mail.sfsu.edu if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Sage Russo	Orion Steele	Alexis Litzky	Nathan Steele
SF State	SF State	CCSF	CCSF

Golden Gate Season Opener, September 27-28, 2024

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

ALL ENTRIES (Debate and IE) should be submitted through www.forensicstournament.net. Be sure to enter both halves of the swing, entering students to compete in Friday and/or Saturday IE events in <https://forensicstournament.net/GGO/24/>

All entry will be closed the *Wednesday before the tournament at 5pm*. Please email Sage Russo directly after that with any drops or changes at srusso@mail.sfsu.edu.

ELIGIBILITY – Any student that meets AFA, NFA, or NPDA requirements for their respective event is eligible. SF State and CCSF students may participate, but will not accrue sweepstakes points.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Tournament tabulation: Nathan Lawless-Steele, CCSF and Kim Yee, SJSU & Ohlone

EVENTS OFFERED

Pattern A Impromptu Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Communication Analysis, Duo Interpretation, Programmed Oral Interpretation, and Dramatic Interpretation.

Pattern B: Extemporaneous speaking, After Dinner Speaking, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, and Informative Speaking.

RULES

1. Open and Novice IE's will be offered in accordance with AFA-NIET rules.
2. 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.
3. We reserve the right to collapse open and novice divisions in small events. If we collapse divisions, we will recognize the top novice competitor that does not advance to elimination rounds.
4. 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 will not average scores for a missed round. Please note that IPDA and LD do not count as an individual event.
5. Advancement to Elimination Rounds - Students will be ranked first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings (a.k.a. speaker points).
6. Placement/Advancement in Elimination Rounds - Students will be ranked first by lowest cumulative rankings in the elimination round, then by judge's preference, then by the highest reciprocal score in elim (a.k.a. decimal conversion), by the highest cumulative ratings (a.k.a. speaker points), and finally by the sum of ranks from both elimination rounds *and* prelims.
7. Judging – One critic covers 5 slots per pattern. Please ensure all of your judges are available for the entire tournament, it is the only way we can keep the tournament running on schedule. All IE judges are committed through finals. Judges that do not possess a Bachelor's degree can judge some novice events but will not be paid by the tournament for any rounds past their obligation. The tournament will make every effort to give judges 1-2 rounds off.

Golden Gate Season Opener, September 27-28, 2024

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE ASSOCIATION (IPDA)

Tabulation: Orion Steele, SFSU & Ryan Guy, MJC

RULES

1. IPDA will follow guidelines as prescribed by the [IPDA best practices manual](#).
2. Topics:
 - a. Each debate will have a strike card with 5 possible topics (2 policy, 2 value, and 1 fact). Once competitors receive the topics, the negative will strike one topic. The process of striking continues by alternating strikes (affirmative, negative and finally affirmative again) until one topic remains. That will be the topic for the round.
 - b. 30 minutes of preparation time begins at the start of the topic draw period (meaning that any time that is used deliberating on "strikes" comes at the expense of preparation time).
 - c. Students will strike in their competition room at the assigned time with the judge, but may prepare wherever they choose.
 - d. The format for the event will be:
 - i. 1st affirmative - 5 minutes
 - ii. Cross-ex - 2 minutes
 - iii. 1st negative - 6 minutes
 - iv. Cross-ex - 2 minutes
 - v. 2nd affirmative - 3 minutes
 - vi. 2nd negative - 5 minutes
 - vii. Final affirmative - 3 minutes
 - e. **Lighting:** Due to a large entry and judging needs we may flight rounds, meaning 1 judge will evaluate 2 debates in one round of IPDA in the same room.
 - f. **Judging:** IPDA debate encourages a diverse judging pool. To that extent, traditional debate judges (degreed individuals with some degree of experience in academic debate) are a part of the field. However, IPDA expands this field to encourage community and student involvement. Anyone (lay judges) are available to judge this event.
 - g. **Judge Commitment:** Schools should provide 1 judge per 4 IPDA contestants.
 - h. There will be no speaker awards in IPDA.

PARLIAMENTARY and LD DEBATE

Debate Tabulation: Orion Steele, SFSU & Ryan Guy, MJC

RULES

1. Parliamentary debate
 - a. Parliamentary debate will abide by NPDA rules and guidelines.
 - b. Prep time will be 20 minutes after topic announce, with a 5 minute forfeit rule.
 - c. The format for the debate will be:
 - i. First Proposition Constructive Speaker: 7 minutes
 - ii. Opposition Flex Time: 2 minutes
 - iii. First Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes
 - iv. Proposition Flex Time: 2 minutes
 - v. Second Proposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes
 - vi. Opposition Flex Time: 1 minute
 - vii. Second Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes

Golden Gate Season Opener, September 27-28, 2024

- viii. Opposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 4 minutes
- ix. Proposition Flex Time: 1 minute
- x. Proposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 5 minutes
- d. Flex time may be used by the controlling team to prepare arguments, drink water, set up stands, ask questions of their opponents, etc. Flex time may not be used as additional speech time.
- e. Brackets will be broken
- 2. Lincoln-Douglas debate
 - a. Lincoln Douglas debate will abide by NFA-LD guidelines.
 - b. Brackets will be broken.
 - c. There will be no speaker awards in LD.
- 3. General guidelines for all events
 - a. Hybrids/Mavericks - Hybrid teams are welcome but all Parliamentary debaters must compete with a partner.
 - b. 3-person teams require tournament director approval. 3-person teams can break but are not eligible for speaker awards.
 - c. Judging - Each school is expected to provide one judge for every two teams (or 2 LD slots) they enter. Each judge will be obligated through the first elimination 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 \$150 per uncovered team (or \$50 for LD). We would much rather have your judges than your money. If you have extra judges available from your school please let us know, as we would probably like to hire them. 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. Judges that do not possess a Bachelor's degree can judge some novice events but will not be paid by the tournament for any rounds past their obligation. The tournament will make every effort to give judges 1-2 rounds off.

AWARDS

We will identify a Top Speaker as well as Team Sweepstakes Awards for the top 3 institutions in 2 divisions: 2-year and 4-year schools. Points are awarded in Individual and Debate events based on the following formulas:

Individual Events & IPDA	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Semis
	10	8	6	5	4	3	2

Parli & LD Debate	1st	2nd	Semis	Quarters	Octos	Double Octos
	20	18	16	12	10	8

Golden Gate Season Opener, September 27-28, 2024

ENTRY FEES

Fees are the same for the whole tournament, and you may pay for both halves of the swing and all debate events with one check after fees have been assessed and finalized. We would prefer you to bring your own critics; the uncovered slots go directly to hired judges from the tournament.

Per person, per day tournament hospitality fee: \$17

*Covers costs for Friday lunch, dinner, snacks, and refreshments for students and judges

*Covers costs for Saturday breakfast, lunch, snacks, and refreshments for students and judges

*Teams attending only one day of the tournament will have their fees adjusted.

Individual event slot: \$12.00

Fee for each uncovered IE entry: \$20.00

NFA-LD Debate slot: \$20.00

IPDA Debate \$20.00

Fee for each uncovered NFA-LD entry: \$60.00

Fee for each uncovered IPDA entry: \$30.00

Debate team (NPDA): \$50.00

Fee for each uncovered debate team: \$100.00

Missed Ballot Fee: \$25.00

Fees will be initially assessed on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Final fees will be calculated with expected payment by Saturday, September 28, 2024.

Teams who need to drop entries due to student health will not be charged any fees. For example, if a student is sick, let us know ASAP.

Golden Gate Season Opener, September 27-28, 2024

HOTEL INFORMATION

Most of these hotels offer double bed rooms (quad occupancy) in the \$95-\$150 price range, which is about the cheapest range for this area. Priceline, kayak, and other online hotel reservation sites may offer cheaper prices than if you call these hotels.

Hampton Inn – Daly City
2700 Junipero Serra Boulevard
Daly City, CA 94015
[Get Directions](#)
(650) 755-7500
www.hamptoninn.com

~ 3 miles from campus, a 10-minute drive with no traffic

El Camino Inn
7525 Mission Street
Daly City, CA 94014-2941
(650) 755-8667
www.elcaminoinn.com

~ 3 miles from campus, a 10-minute drive with no traffic

Alpine Inn & Suites
560 Carter Street
Daly City, CA 94014
(415) 334-6969 ()
alpinemotorinn.com

~5 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive with no traffic

Mirage Inn & Suites
2600 Sloat Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94116
(415) 665-9000
<http://mirageinnandsuites.com/>

1.6 miles from campus, a 5-minute drive with no traffic

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport
1333 Bayshore Highway
Burlingame, California, USA 94010
(650) 347-1234
www.sanfranciscoairport.hyatt.com

~13 miles from campus, a 20-minute drive with no traffic

Best Western Grosvenor Airport Hotel
380 South Airport Blvd
South San Francisco, CA 94080
[Get Directions](#)
(650) 873-3200
www.grosvenorsfo.com

~10 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive with no traffic

Comfort Inn & Suites - Airport
121 East Grand Avenue
South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 589-7100 ()
www.sfosuites.com

~10 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive with no traffic

Geary Parkway Hotel
(415) 752-4406
4750 Geary Blvd Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94118
<http://www.gearyparkwaymotel.com/>

~4 miles from campus, a 13-minute drive with no traffic

DIRECTIONS

The ballot table, tab room, food & beverages, and all central activities will be held in the Humanities building atrium on the SF State campus, most easily accessed on Tapia St. between Holloway Ave. and Font Blvd.

From Daly City/South SF/Airport area:

Take 280 North

Follow signs for 1 North towards SFSU and the Golden Gate Bridge

Continue on Junipero Serra Blvd. (slight right)

Left on Holloway Ave.

Right on Tapia Dr.

From North Bay

Take 101 South across GG Bridge

Follow signs for 19th Ave.

Right onto Holloway Ave.

Right onto Tapia Dr.

From East Bay

Take 80 West across Bay Bridge

Follow signs to 101 South

Golden Gate Season Opener, September 27-28, 2024

Take exit to 280 South

Take the CA-82 N/San Jose Ave. exit toward CA-1 N/Mission St.

Slight right at the first stoplight onto Sagamore

Stay in right lane and follow onto Brotherhood Way

Take the Junipero Serra Blvd. N/CA-1 N ramp to SF State University

Continue on Junipero Serra Blvd. (slight right)

Left on Holloway Ave.

Right on Tapia Dr.

PARKING

Parking is available in the parking structure on campus, for \$8 per car per day. Be sure to clearly display the permit on the dash of your car. Continue down Holloway to Lake Merced, and turn right to reach the parking structure.

There is also some very limited street parking. Be sure to check if it is 1-hour, 2-hour, 4-hour, or unlimited parking, and move your vehicle accordingly. Be vigilant!

Also SFSU is a smoke-free campus. There are designated smoking areas Please be respectful.

FILMING ON CAMPUS

All other individuals (non-Cinema students, faculty, staff, and the general public) seeking to film on campus must apply for a film permit by contacting the Conference & Event Services office at hdcscs@sfsu.edu. The Conference & Event Services office will coordinate the project with university stakeholders to secure final approval.

The tournament requests that all parties being filmed in rounds must expressly consent to being filmed.

Golden Gate Season Opener, September 27-28, 2024

San Francisco State University

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, PROMISE NOT TO SUE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AGREEMENT TO PAY CLAIMS

Activity: Golden Gate Season Opener (Forensics Tournament)

Activity Date(s) and Time(s): September 27-28, 2024

Activity Location(s): Humanities and other campus buildings

In consideration for being allowed to participate in this Activity, on behalf of myself and my next of kin, heirs and representatives, I release from all liability and promise not to sue the State of California, the Trustees of The California State University, San Francisco State University, and their employees, officers, directors, volunteers and agents (collectively "University") from any and all claims, including claims of the University's negligence, resulting in any physical or psychological injury (including paralysis and death), illness, damages, or economic or emotional loss I may suffer because of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I am voluntarily participating in this Activity. I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to/from and participating in this Activity, which include but are not limited to physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis), economic or emotional loss, and/or death. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or other's actions, inaction, or negligence; conditions related to travel; or the condition of the Activity location(s). Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known or unknown to me, of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I agree to hold the University harmless from any and all claims, including attorney's fees or damage to my personal property, that may occur as a result of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity. If the University incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse the University. If I need medical treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance.

I am 18 years or older. I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the University from all liability, (b) promising not to sue the University, (c) and assuming all risks of participating in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I understand that this document is written to be as broad and inclusive as legally permitted by the State of California. I agree that if any portion is held invalid or unenforceable, I will continue to be bound by the remaining terms.

I have been informed and understand there remains a risk of exposure to COVID-19. I understand that regardless of any precautions taken, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 will exist. I have read this document, and I am signing it freely. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.

Participant Signature: _____

Participant Name (print): _____ Date: _____

If Participant is under 18 years of age: I am the parent or legal guardian of the Participant. I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the University from all liability on my and the Participant's behalf, (b) promising not to sue on my and the Participant's behalf, (c) and assuming all risks of the Participant's participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity. I allow Participant to participate in this Activity. I understand that I am responsible for the obligations and acts of Participant as described in this document. I agree to be bound by the terms of this document. I have read this two-page document and I am signing it freely. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.

Signature of Minor Participant's Parent/Guardian _____

Name of Minor Participant's Parent/Guardian (print) _____ Date _____

Minor Participant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

SCHEDULE

Golden Gate Season Opener, September 27-28, 2024

Friday, Friday, September 27th

(Students choose to compete in Individual Events or Parli)

9:00 AM – Snacks and coffee in Humanities atrium

Parli	IE Swing # 1
10:00 AM - Round 1 Topic Announcement 11:15 AM - Round 2 Topic Announcement 12:15 PM – LUNCH in atrium 1:00 PM - Parli Round 3 Topic Announcement 2:30 PM – Parli Round 4 Topic Announcement 4:30 PM - Parli Elim 1 Topic Announcement 6:00 PM - DINNER <i>Elimination rounds continue Saturday</i> 12:00 PM - Parli Elim 2 Topic Announcement 2:45 PM - Parli Elim 3 Topic Announcement	10:00 AM – A1 (Duo, POI, Drama, CA, Impromptu, Persuasive) 11:00 AM – Extemp Draw 11:15 AM – B1 (Extemp, ADS, Prose, Poetry, Informative) 12:15 PM – LUNCH in atrium 1:00 PM – A2 2:00 PM – Extemp Draw 2:15 PM – B2 3:45 PM – A Finals 4:45 PM – Extemp Draw 5:00 PM – B Finals 6:00 PM - DINNER

7:00 PM – Opening Ceremony and Awards

Saturday, September 28th

(Students choose to compete in Individual Events, NFA LD, or IPDA)

7:30 AM – Continental breakfast in the Humanities atrium, Registration in Humanities 290

IE Swing # 2	Lincoln-Douglas	IPDA (double-flighted)
9:00 AM – A1 (Duo, POI, Drama, CA, Impromptu, Persuasive) 10:30 AM – A2 12:00 PM - LUNCH in Atrium 1:00 PM – Extemp Draw 1:15 PM – B1 (Extemp, ADS, Prose, Poetry, Informative) 2:15 PM – Extemp Draw 2:30 PM – B2 3:45 PM – A Finals 5:00 PM – Extemp Draw 5:15 PM – B Finals	8:00 AM Pairings released 8:30 AM - Round 1 9:45 AM - Round 2 11:00 AM - Round 3 12:00 PM - LUNCH (& Parli Elim) 1:15 PM - Round 4 3:30 - Bronze Round 5:00 - Silver/Gold Round	8:00 AM - Round 1A Topic Strike 8:30 AM - Round 1B Topic Strike 9:45 AM - Round 2A Topic Strike 10:15 AM - Round 2B Topic Strike 12:00 PM - LUNCH (& Parli Elim) 12:30 PM - Round 3A Topic Strike 1:00 PM - Round 3B Topic Strike 2:00 PM - Round 4A Topic Strike 2:30 PM - Round 4B Topic Strike 4:00 - Bronze Round Topic Strike 5:30 - Silver/Gold Round Topic Strike

7:00 PM – Closing ceremony and awards