

**91st ANNUAL R. D. MAHAFFEY MEMORIAL FORENSICS TOURNAMENT**  
**Linfield University**  
**November 12-14, 2021**

**We welcome you to the ninety-first annual Mahaffey Memorial Forensics Tournament. The event will be entire online—synchronous, held on the Yaatly platform. While COVID-19 has required us to make this year’s event virtual, we have also tried to balance competitive demands with the added stress of screen time and have scaled back this year’s event in the interest of our overall well-being.**

**ENTRY DEADLINE**

Please complete entries via web registration at <https://www.speechwire.com> no later than 11:59 p.m. on Monday, November 8. We need you to also enter your judges at that time. If you are unable to do so, please email Una. Fees will be assessed on your entry as it stands 11:59pm Tuesday, November 9. Please report entry changes as soon as possible. Contact Una Kimokeo-Goes ([ukimokeo-goes@linfield.edu](mailto:ukimokeo-goes@linfield.edu)) with any questions about registration. **This year we are able to take payment via credit card, 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. Students who are triple-entered and 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. 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 may 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). Sweepstakes points for the tournament will be calculated according to the following formula:

### **SWEEPSTAKES**

Sweepstakes awards will be given according to the NFC sweepstakes point system.

### **AWARDS**

Due to the economic and environmental costs associated with shipping awards, online certificates will be awarded in place of most trophies. However, we will give sweepstakes awards to the top schools in each of the three NFC Divisions. We will also send physical awards for the Mahaffey Outstanding Speaker, presented to the individual earning the highest number of sweepstakes points in open division events, and the Singletary Outstanding Debater Award, given to the top debater regardless of style of debate. 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 events will count and the Mahaffey/Marshall 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.

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) number of times the debater earned the highest speaker points in prelim rounds, (2) record in elimination rounds, (3) total number of competitors in the division. In the event that all criteria have been exhausted and the tie cannot be broken for either the Singletary award, division may be used to break the tie with preference given to competitors in the open 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. However, we found that reducing fees made it especially difficult to know how to hire an appropriate number of judges. We need programs to cover their entries. If you are unable to do so, please contact us, but we may not be able to accommodate uncovered entries. Registration payment via credit care will be 3.5% higher.

#### Registration Fees

School Fee:	\$25.00
Debate Fee:	\$40.00/team, \$20.00/IPDA
Individual Events Fee:	\$6.00 per slot
NFC Fee (for students from NFC schools):	\$5.00 per person

#### Judging Fees

Each school must provide the equivalent of one full-time judge in order for students to compete at this tournament. Programs that do not have a DOF should contact Una regarding a waiver of this

rule. One full-time judge covers two debate teams or two contestants in IPDA or LD. **School constraints may require us to move judges between debate pools.** All debate judges are committed through the quarterfinal round. One full-time judge covers ten total individual events regardless of pattern. **Please note that the tournament may not be able to accept uncovered speech or debate entries.** In lowering costs, we find it more difficult to appropriately estimate judge needs and thus we are asking all programs to cover their entries—entirely. If this is a difficulty, please reach out and we can see what we can do, but if necessary, uncovered teams and speakers will be dropped 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.

### 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 time limits per the National Forensics Association and will utilize NFA rules found at <https://sites.google.com/site/nationalforensicsassociation/competition/lincoln-douglas-debate>

Brackets will be broken in elimination rounds.

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

The BP division will use the WUDC rules with a 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. WUDC rules can be found at [http://wudc.yaled Debate.org/wudctemp/?page\\_id=112](http://wudc.yaled Debate.org/wudctemp/?page_id=112)

### 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. IPDA rules can be found at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

### 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>

**Schedule as of 9/29/2021**

**FRIDAY, November 12**

10:30-11:20 Check-in. All individuals must check in by 11:20am  
11:30 Extemp Draw  
11:45 Pattern 1A  
1:30 Pattern 1B  
3:00 Extemp Draw  
3:15 Pattern 2A  
5:00 Pattern 2B

**SATURDAY, November 13**

8:30 Check-in BP, and all judges  
8:45 Check-in LD and IPDA  
9:00 Round 1 Debate  
11:00 Extemp Draw Finals  
11:15 Pattern A Finals  
1:00 Round 2 Debate  
2:45 Pattern B Finals  
4:30 Round 3: Debate  
6:00 IE Awards

**SUNDAY, November 14**

8:15 Check-in all  
8:30 Round 4 Debate  
11:00 Elim 1  
1:00 Debate Awards  
1:45 Elim 2  
3:15 Elims 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), Prose (N, J, O), POI (J, O), DI (J,O)

**PATTERN B:** Impromptu (N, J, O), Informative (N, J, O), Communication Analysis (J, O), Poetry (J, O), Duo (J,O), Editorial Commentary (O)