



Diablo Valley College & LA Valley College present:

The 1st Annual “Valley to Valley” Swing

Nov. 16 – 18, 2018

The DVC Vikings and the LAVC Monarchs are pleased to invite you to the “Valley to Valley” Invitational which will be held **November 16 to 18th at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill California.** We are excited to offer 3 forms of debate, IPDA, NPDA, and NFA-LD and two individual event tournaments!

Friday we are offering a full IPDA tournament with 4 prelims, bronze and gold rounds. On Saturday we will be offering all 11 AFA individual events as well as a 4 prelim, 3 elim NPDA tournament. Sunday we are offering a second IE tournament & NFA LD. (In order to keep the tournament on time, students must choose between debate or IE’s. *see schedule for clarification). **In addition to great hospitality & food available throughout the tournament, we will be giving out championship belts to the top speakers at each day of the swing. We will also be offering a cash award to the top finishers in NFA-LD.**

Debate entries will be run through <http://www.tabroom.com> and individual events will be on <http://www.forensicstournament.net>

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Accommodations: Food options are available in the cafeteria area on campus.

Entries: Entries are due on 11/14/18 at 7:00 p.m.

You may access the invitation and entry system at [tabroom](http://www.tabroom.com) & [forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net)

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Fee Calculation:

School Fee _____ \$25
Individual Events entries _____ x \$12.00
Uncovered slots of IE _____ x \$15.00
Parli Team entries _____ x \$65.00
Uncovered Parli Team _____ x \$100.00
LD entry _____ x \$35.00
Uncovered LD entry _____ x \$45.00
IPDA entry _____ x \$35.00
Drops/changes at Registration _____ x \$20.00
I.E. No Shows _____ x \$20.00 (Per Round) Subtotal

The campus will have complimentary wifi. Password will be sent out as tournament approaches.

FOOD OPTIONS:

We will be offering breakfast and snacks throughout the tournament. The cafeteria on campus will be open Friday and Saturday, and Sunday. There is also plenty of food within

Walking Distance ~ 5 to 7 min/Driving Distance ~ 2 min:

- - Hawaiian Poke
- - El Tapitio
- - Mt. Mike's Pizza
- - Giant Burger

Walking Distance ~ 15 to 20 min/Driving Distance ~ 5 min

- - Safeway
- - McDonalds
- - Burger King

Walking Distance ~ 20 to 25 min/Driving Distance ~ 5 min

- Sunvalley Mall: Food Court, BBQ, BJ's, Red Robin, In-N-Out

Driving Stance ~10 to 15 min

- Downtown Pleasant Hill - Multiple Food Options



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LODGING DETAILS:

Local Rates: Concord Hilton - \$101; Best Western Heritage Inn - \$84; Concord Marriott - \$87

Parking:

Please park in Lot 7. Parking is 3 dollars on Friday & Free Saturday & Sunday.

AWARDS

School Sweepstakes

1. **Overall Sweepstakes for 2 and 4 year colleges: Top three schools for each division**
2. **Debate sweepstakes: Top three schools, combined**
3. **IE Sweepstakes Top three schools, combined**

There will be two Sweepstakes Divisions: University and Community College. Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place schools in each division. Points are awarded as follows:

- A) Individual Events: First = 10 pts; Second = 8 pts; Third = 6 pts; Finalist = 3 pts.
- B) IPDA/NFA-LD: Gold = 10 pts; Silver = 8 pts; Bronze = 6 pts;
- C) Parli Debate: First = 20 pts, second = 16 pts; semis = 12 pts, quarters = 6 points; octo = 3 pts.

Kevin Twohy Top Speaker Award

Kevin Twohy was a former coach at DVC who made a tremendous contribution to the Speech & Debate world. This award will be given to the speaker who accumulates the most **OPEN** division sweepstakes points for her/his school. This is a change from past award calculations where novice points were included. We value achievement in novice division, as reflected in our awarding sweepstakes points without distinction between divisions. However, we wish to recognize the highest accomplishment for individual excellence in the open division. In debate events, students will earn half of the points that event produced, or 1/3 if on a three-person team. Ties will be broken based on most gold awards won. If necessary, further ties will be broken. For individual events (including duo), points will be awarded as follows: Gold – 10 points, Silver – 8 points, Bronze – 5 points, Finalist – 3 points. For debate points will be awarded as follows: 1st – 10 points, 2nd – 8 points, Semis -5 points, Quarters – 3 points, Octos – 1 point.

LAVC or DVC is not eligible for school sweepstakes awards, but all its students may compete for all other awards.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

We offer two preliminary rounds of Pattern A and Pattern B accompanied by the appropriate number of final rounds.

IE PATTERNS

Pattern A: Persuasion, DI, POI, Impromptu, Duo, CA

Pattern B: Extemp, Informative, Prose, Poetry, ADS

NFA-LD will be offered as an alternative event to pattern B on Saturday. It will have 4 preliminary rounds, followed by three elimination rounds.

On Saturday, Parli and individual events are conflicted. This means you must choose one or the other.

On Sunday, LD and individual events are conflicted. This means, you must choose one or the other.

General Tournament Procedures for Individual Events:

1. There will be a novice and open division for all events. We reserve the right to collapse divisions if entries warrant. We will follow AFA and NCFA protocol regarding collapsed divisions.
2. AFA rules will govern each event.
3. Novice division is limited to students who are in their first year of college competition and have not placed in the top three at three tournaments. A student may go novice in a non-like event even if they are in a higher division in another event. For example, a student who is in open division in platforms event may still go novice in an interpretation event.
4. Competitors may enter up to three events in each pattern, but be warned: the tournament will make **NO** special accommodations for double or triple entered students who are late to a round. If you miss the judge because you are double or tripled entered you will **NOT** be able to make it up. Students may compete in two duos with two different partners.
5. Competitors may not use selections used in competition prior to September 1, 2018.
6. One critic covers six IE slots, per pattern. A single judge on Saturday **MAY NOT** cover both NFA-LD debate and Pattern B Individual Events because these run concurrently.

DEBATE

NPDA (governed by National Parliamentary Debate Association rules)

1. A different resolution will be used each round.
2. The Team Parliamentary format shall be: 7-8-8-8-4-5.

3. There will be 4 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number elimination rounds, as permitted by NPDA.

4. There will be two divisions (Novice/Open). We will follow NPDA rules for eligibility. The student may not have more than two semesters of high school debate experience and must also be in the first two semesters of collegiate debate.

5. After topic announcement, teams will have twenty minutes to get to their respective rooms. Prepare as needed.

4. There will be no “Warm Room”. The official records will be kept in a closed tab room.

5. A strict 5 minute forfeit rule will be enforced. Teams should be in their room, ready to debate 20 minutes after topic announced. Any team not ready to debate 5 minutes after that 20 minutes has elapsed will be forfeited.

6. It is tournament policy that students should be prepared and willing to debate on either side of a topic. If a team refuses to debate a topic, it will be treated as a forfeit and the offending team will be given a loss and zero speaker points for that round.

7. Coaches, please instruct your judges as follows. Time blocks are 1 hour and 30 minutes for each round. It is expected that all parliamentary debates on Friday will be concluded in this time. That includes topic announce, the 20 minutes of prep, the debate itself and the completed ballot returned to the tab room. ONLY PROVIDE ORAL CRITIQUES AFTER THE COMPLETED BALLOT IS RETURNED!!! Please, instruct your judges to submit ballots ASAP or the tournament will grind to a halt! I’m going to be redundant here because this is vital: **Please, instruct your judges to return their completed ballots *before* launching into an oral critique. Decisions may be disclosed and oral critiques provided *after* ballots are submitted. Directors, inform your judges!**

8. Special Parliamentary Debate Teams

A. Three person Teams

Schools with an odd number of debaters may enter a three person team. The coach may select which two debaters participate in each round. For purposes of speaker awards, points will not be averaged for rounds, if any, a speaker misses. In other words, if debater A makes all four rounds, his points are totaled for speaker awards. Debaters B and C, each of whom did not compete in all four rounds, will only be eligible for an award earned through their actual earned points, whether that is one, two, or three actual competition rounds.

B. Hybrid Teams

A hybrid team may be allowed, at the tournament director’s discretion, if the directors of both programs involved in the partnership agree, e.g. Chabot and DVC. The intent of this rule is to allow debaters who have no available partner at their school to participate in the tournament. If a hybrid team member is matched against a team from his/her own school in elimination



rounds, the higher seeded team will automatically advance. No brackets will be broken in this instance.

C. Maverick Debaters are NOT allowed. All debate teams must consist of two individuals. No 2-on-1.

NFA-LD (governed by NFA-LD rules)

1. For NFA-LD the debate proposition for the current academic year shall be used. You know, about the moon.
2. The format shall be: 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with 4 minutes running prep time per person.
3. There will be 4 preliminary rounds and two elimination rounds.
4. There will be two divisions (Novice and Open). We will follow NFA-LD rules for eligibility. We reserve the right to collapse if necessary.
5. A 5 minute forfeit rule will be strictly enforced. Any team not ready to debate 5 minutes after the scheduled

start time forfeits unless the delay has been created by the tournament.

6. Time blocks are 1 hour and 45 minutes for each double-flight round (two rounds). This includes debating, returning the ballot, and any oral critique AFTER returning the ballot. Disclosure of decision is permitted. Please, observe these time requirements! We do not want the entire tournament to be late because of one or two critic's lengthy oral critiques! **Return the ballot BEFORE beginning the critique! Directors, inform your judges!**

Debate Elimination Round Advancement and Seeding will be based on the following (Brackets will be broken for debate events, except for hybrid teams, as explained above.)

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| 1. won-lost record, | 4. adjusted speaker points (dropping double high-low) |
| 2. adjusted speaker points (dropping high-low) | 5. strength of opponents' record |
| 3. overall speaker points | 6. opponents' points |

One final note. The administration, faculty, and staff of Diablo Valley College are committed to providing a safe and pleasant tournament experience. For the protection, comfort, and enjoyment of all, we urge each tournament attendee, be they competitor, coach, judge, or guest, to conduct themselves with dignity and respect for others.

Guidelines for Maintaining a Professional and Respectful Educational Environment:

All tournament attendees are to be protected from an intimidating, hostile, or threatening work or educational environment. All attendees will be held to the standards established by [California Education Code 212.5](#) and/or [Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972](#). Failure to follow these guidelines may result in being removed from the tournament and/or being disqualified from the round in question. All incidences of such violations should be reported to the tournament director, Robert Hawkins.

Friday, Nov. 16th, 2018

IPDA Debate

10:30am..... Registration
11:00am.....Prep
11:30am.....Round 1
12:15am.....Prep
12:45am.....Round 2
1:30am.....Prep
2:00pm.....Round 3
2:45pm.....Prep
3:15pm.....Round 4
4:15pm.....Prep
4:45pm.....Bronze Round
5:30pm.....Prep
6:00pm.....Gold Round
7:00pm Awards

Saturday, Nov. 17th, 2018

NPDA

7:30 am Registration

8:00 am Round 1

9:30 am Round 2

11:15 Round 3

12:45 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Round 4

3:15 pm Elim 1

4:45 pm Elim 2

6:15 pm Elim 3

6:30 PM..... Awards

IE Schedule

7:30 to 8:15 am.....Registration

8:15 AMExtemp draw

8:30 AM..... A1

9:45 AMB1

11:00 AMExtemp draw

11:15 AM A2

12:15 PM.....Lunch break

1:00 PMB2

2:15 PMExtemp draw

2:30 PMA Finals

3:45 PM.....B Finals

6:30 PMAwards

Sunday Nov. 18th, 2018

NFA-LD & IE Schedule

8:00 am to 9:00 am..... Round 1
9:15 am to 10:15 pm..... Round 2
10:30 am to 11:30 pm.... Round 3
11:45am to 12:45 pm.....Round 4
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.....Lunch
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm..... Elimination
Round 1
3:30 pm to 4:30 pmElimination
round 2
4:45 pm to 5:45 pm..... Elimination
round 3
5:30 pmAwards

IE Schedule

7:30 to 8:15 am.....Registration
8:15 AMExtemp draw
8:30 AM..... A1
9:45 AMB1
11:00 AMExtemp draw
11:15 AM A2
12:15 PM.....Lunch break
1:00 PMB2
2:15 PMExtemp draw
2:30 PMA Finals
3:45 PM.....B Finals
5:30 PMAwards