

**Fall 2011**

**Dear colleagues,**

**Irvine Valley College invites your school to our “Free for me” Lincoln Douglas Tournament to be held on October 21, 2011. Since this tournament falls on a Friday afternoon we will have enough rooms for sixty LD debaters.**

**The tournament will offer both novice and open divisions for NFA LD and Parliamentary LD. A novice is defined as someone who has never debated in high school or college before September 1, 2011. The tournament will consist of four preliminary rounds only.**

**In the spirit of being free there are NO fees for this tournament. We will not charge a school or team fee. We also will not charge any judging fees. That is because for each two LD debaters (or fraction thereof) you must provide one qualified judge to be available for all four rounds. Due to an anticipated lack of judges you cannot buy out of judging. We will accept lay judges.**

**Judges will be free to have an oral critique of five minutes (timed) after making their decision in the round.**

**To be free of the hassles of rush hour traffic we will start the tournament at noon (postings at 11:30) with rounds at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm. Awards should be done by 4pm. Postings and awards will be at the Business Science and Technology Innovation Center (BSTIC) on the West entrance to the campus (on Jeffrey). Please eat before coming to the tournament. Feel free to bring your own snacks and water.**

**NFA LD will debate the trade with China topic. Standard times**

**Parli LD will debate motions from the following topic areas:**

- **Capital punishment**
- **Gun control**
- **Income tax reform**
- **Presidential election reform**

**We will allow group prep for this tournament – 15 minutes prep + 5 minutes walk time. The times of the speeches are:**

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- 1. Government Constructive - Seven (7) minutes.**
- 2. Opposition Constructive - Nine (9) minutes.**
- 3. Government Rebuttal - Five (5) minutes.**
- 4. Opposition Rebuttal - Six (6) minutes**
- 5. Government Rebuttal - Three (3) minutes.**

**Please sign-up for the tournament by 6:00pm October 19. Feel free to email your entry to [grybold@ivc.edu](mailto:grybold@ivc.edu). Provide names of teams, event, division, list of judges with any restrictions and a phone number of the coach in charge. Your entry is not official until you get a confirming email from Gary Rybold. If you have any questions, call Gary's office at 949/451-5417.**

**Our campus is located at 5500 Irvine Center Dr, Irvine, CA 92618. Free directions to the campus are available online.**

**Gary Rybold & Edwin Tiongson**