



2022 Championships Invitation

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Dear Forensics Community,

Building upon the success of last year's online championships, *National Online Forensics* is excited to announce the **2022 National Online Forensics Championships for College, High School, Middle School, and Elementary**. This will be a **synchronous** video conference national championship tournament.

Tournament Dates:

College March 17-20, 2022 Register by Mar 13, 2022	High School June 2-5, 2022 Register by May 29, 2022	Middle School June 2-5, 2022 Register by May 29, 2022	Elementary June 2-5, 2022 Register by May 29, 2022
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National Online Forensics sees a tremendous value in an online national championship that can afford more competitors and programs the opportunity to compete and showcase their skills on a national level.

Key Points:

- Registration is due by the Sunday before the tournament at 8pm Pacific time on ForensicsTournament.net
- Reasonable entry fees payable by credit card on the website. Payment will be available the week of the tournament.
- Competitors will need to compete with the authorization and support of their school's coaching staffs. No independent competitor entries will be accepted.
- Each school is required to provide one judge for every 5 IE entries per pattern/2 debate teams. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, uncovered entries may be allowed (penalty fees apply).
- The tournament will use synchronous video conferencing on the 8x8 platform. Please see the *Best Practices* section of this invite for tips on how to effectively use the platform.
- There will be a single championship division for all events.
- The Opening Ceremony, most college final rounds, and the Awards ceremony will be live-streamed on YouTube.

We hope you and your team can join us for a celebration of the hard work our forensics competitors have been doing all season. If you have any questions please feel free to email us at info@nationalonlineforensics.org

Sincerely,

The National Online Forensics Team

2022 College Tentative Schedule*

Thursday, March 17 (all times Pacific)	Friday, March 18 (all times Pacific)	Saturday, March 19 (all times Pacific)	Sunday, March 20 (all times Pacific)
9:30am Pattern C Round 1	9:30am Pattern D Round 1	9:30am (9:15 am draw) Pattern A Round 1	9:30am Pattern B Round 1
11:00am Pattern C Round 2	11:00am Pattern D Round 2	11:00am (10:45am draw) Pattern A Round 2	11:00am Pattern B Round 2
12:30 - 1:30pm Lunch Break	12:30 - 1:30pm Lunch Break	12:30 - 1:30pm Lunch Break	12:30 - 1:30pm Lunch Break
1:30pm Pattern C Round 3	1:30pm Pattern D Round 3	1:30pm (1:15pm draw) Pattern A Round 3	1:30pm Pattern B Round 3
3:00pm Pattern C Round 4	3:00pm Pattern D Round 4	3:30pm (3:15pm draw) Pattern A Elim 1 (Events TBA)	3:30pm Pattern B Elim 1 (Events TBA)
5:00pm Pattern C Elim 1	5:00pm Pattern D Elim 1		5:00pm Pattern B Elim 2 (Events TBA)
6:30pm Pattern C Elim 2	6:30pm Pattern D Elim 2	5:30pm (5:15pm draw) Pattern A Elim 2 (Events TBA)	7:30pm/ASAP Awards

* Schedule may be adjusted depending on entries

Pattern A: Informative, After Dinner, Prose, Poetry, Extemp

Pattern B: Persuasion, Comm Analysis, Drama, POI, DUO, Impromptu

Pattern C: NPDA

Pattern D: NFA-LD, IPDA

2022 High School Updated Schedule* 5/29/22

Thursday, June 2 (all times Pacific)	Friday, June 3 (all times Pacific)	Saturday, June 4 (all times Pacific)	Sunday, June 5 (all times Pacific)
3:30pm Pattern A Round 1	3:30pm Pattern A Round 3	8:00am Pattern B Round 1	8:00am Pattern C Round 1
5:30pm Pattern A Round 2	5:30pm Pattern A Round 4	9:30am Pattern B Round 2	9:30am Pattern C Round 2
		11:00am Pattern B Round 3	11:00am Pattern C Round 3
		12:30-1:00pm Lunch	12:30-1:00pm Lunch
		1:00pm Pattern B Elim 1 (Finals: Pers, Imp, SPAR)	1:00pm Pattern C Elim 1 (Finals: Interp, Extemp, Info)
		2:30pm Pattern A Elim 1 (Semis: LD Finals: Parli)	
		4:30pm Pattern A Elim 2 (Finals: LD)	7:30pm Awards

* Schedule may be adjusted depending on entries

Pattern A: LD, Parli

Pattern B: Persuasive, Impromptu, SPAR

Pattern C: Interp, Extemp, Informative

2022 Middle School Updated Schedule*

Thursday, June 2 (all times Pacific)	Friday, June 3 (all times Pacific)	Saturday, June 4 (all times Pacific)	Sunday, June 5 (all times Pacific)
	8:00am Pattern A Round 3	8:00am Pattern B Round 1	8:00am Pattern C Round 1
	10:00am Pattern D Round 3	9:30am Pattern B Round 2	9:30am Pattern C Round 2
12:00pm Pattern D Round 1	11:30am Pattern A Round 4	11:00am Pattern B Round 3	11:00am Pattern C Round 3
1:30pm Pattern D Round 2	1:30-2:00pm Lunch	12:30-1:00pm Lunch	12:30-1:00pm Lunch
3:30pm Pattern A Round 1	2:00pm Pattern D Elim 1	1:00pm Pattern B Elim 1 (Semis: Imp, Finals: Per & HI)	1:00pm Pattern C Elim 1 (Finals: Ext, Dec, Poe)
5:30pm Pattern A Round 2	3:30pm Pattern A Elim 1	2:30pm Pattern A Elim 2	3:00pm Pattern C Elim 2 (Finals: Info, Story, DI)
	5:30pm Pattern D Elim 2	4:30pm Pattern B Elim 2 (Finals: Imp & Pro)	7:30pm Awards

* Schedule may be adjusted depending on entries

Pattern A: LD, Public Forum, Congress, Parli

Pattern B: Prose, HI, Persuasive, Duo, Impromptu

Pattern C: Extemp, DI, Declamation, Poetry, Storytelling, Informative

Pattern D: SPAR

2022 Elementary School Updated Schedule*

Thursday, June 2 (all times Pacific)	Friday, June 3 (all times Pacific)	Saturday, June 4 (all times Pacific)	Sunday, June 5 (all times Pacific)
No Events Scheduled	No Events Scheduled	8:00am Pattern A Round 1 9:30am Pattern A Round 2 11:00am Pattern A Round 3 12:30-1:00pm Lunch 1:00pm Pattern B Round 1 2:30pm Pattern B Round 2 4:30pm Pattern B Round 3	9:30am Pattern A Elim 1 (Semis: SPAR) 11:00am Pattern B Elim 1 (Semis: Imp & Story, Finals: Info, Dec) 12:30-1:00pm Lunch 1:00pm Pattern A Elim 2 (Spar Finals) 3:00pm Pattern B Elim 2 (Finals: Imp, Story, Pers, Poe) 7:30pm Awards

* Schedule may be adjusted depending on entries

Pattern A: Congress, SPAR

Pattern B: Duo, Impromptu, Declamation, Poetry, Storytelling, Informative, Persuasive

Individual Events

- Three prelims will be held; two final rounds will be held as necessary (Bronze/Gold format).
- Competitors may enter a maximum of two events per pattern
- All double-entered students are responsible for making it to their second round on time. Late students shall receive last in the round and are required to check-in to both rooms.
- 1 Judge is required for every 5 entries per pattern
- Prelim Ranking: Ranks/Decimal/Drop High Rank
- Elim Ranking: Total Rank/Number of Firsts in Event/Rank in Elim/Decimal in Elim/Judge Pref in Elim
- Speaker Points will not be used.
- Competitors will be recognized with *Gold*, *Silver*, and *Bronze* awards. The top 5% of competitors in each event will be recognized with a Gold award, the top 10% Silver, and top 20% with Bronze. For example, if an event has 50 entries there will be roughly 3 Gold awards, 2 Silver, and 5 Bronze depending on tiebreakers and breaks. All competitors in elimination rounds will receive recognition.
- The top speaker in each event will be recognized as the National Champion.

Limited Prep Events:

- Impromptu topics will be provided to each competitor in the Live Video Room (their competition room) chat box. Judges will need to copy/paste the topics (provided on the eBallots) in the chat window for the competitors.
- Each competitor will receive a different set of impromptu topics.
- Extemp questions will be provided for all speakers in a separate Extemp Prep Live Video Room. Competitors do not need to stay in the Extemp Prep Room after receiving the questions. The extemp proctor will copy/paste the questions into the chat window at the specified time.

Platform Events:

- While competitors are allowed to still use electronic Visual Aids, they are encouraged to have them printed on 8.5x11 pages to show to the audience while presenting.
- Screen sharing to show a PowerPoint or image is **permitted**. Competitors should be familiar with the 8x8 video sharing feature and do so at their own risk. Any technological issues may influence judge ranks.

Interp Events:

- **Books are encouraged but not required. Given the nature of the video conferencing system, holding books while performing can block many cameras. Competitors are encouraged to use them to hold true to traditional forensics tournaments but this adaptation is left to the competitors. Judges are instructed not to penalize competitors for not using books.**
- Competitors may, if they desire, stand up while performing to showcase blocking, but the technology works better sitting in front of the camera.

Debate

- Standard pairing will be used with 2 random rounds followed by 2 High-Low rounds.
- In Elims, brackets will be broken to facilitate debating.
- Two final rounds will be held. Teams not advancing from the first elimination round will receive Bronze; teams advancing but not winning the final will receive Silver; teams winning the final will receive Gold.
- competitors may only enter one format of debate per pattern.
- 1 Judge is required for every 2 debate entries
- Speaker Point Scale will be 100-70
- Prelim Ranking: Wins/Total Points/HL Points/Z Score/Opp Wins
- Speakers Ranking: Total Points/HL Points/Ranks/Z Score
- A 5 minute forfeit rule will be put in place for all debate rounds.
- Public Forum topic: Resolved: The United States should establish a comprehensive bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan.
- LD topic: Resolved: Radicalism is preferable to incrementalism to achieve social justice

Congress

- Preliminary Round Sectioning: Competitors will ideally be assigned to panels/chambers of 10-20 competitors apiece. Each panel/chamber shall not exceed 24 competitors.
- Competitors will remain in the same chambers for all prelim rounds.
- If only one panel/chamber has been created during preliminary rounds, there will be no final round held.
- If more than one panel/chamber has been created during preliminary rounds, then at least twenty percent (20%) of the event shall advance to elimination rounds (plus ties). A minimum of 15 competitors shall advance regardless of event size, so long as this number does not surpass fifty percent (50%) of the field.
- Competitors will be recognized with *Gold*, *Silver*, and *Bronze* awards.
- If one elimination round is held, the Elim Ranking system below will be used with roughly five percent (5%) of event entries receiving Gold, ten percent (10%) of event entries receiving Silver, and the remaining competitors in the elimination round receiving Bronze. For example, if there are 30 competitors in Congress and 15 advance to a single elimination round, there would be 2 Golds, 1 Silver, and 12 Bronze awards.
- If two elimination rounds are held, all competitors not advancing from Elim 1 will receive a Bronze award. Elim 2 round competitors will then be ranked with roughly five percent (5%) of event entries receiving Gold and the remaining competitors in the Elim 2 round receiving Silver. For example, if there are 60 competitors in Congress and 30 advance to Elim 1 in two panels/chambers, competitors not advancing beyond Elim 1 would receive Bronze. If 15 competitors subsequently advance to Elim 2, there would be 3 Golds and 12 Silvers.
- Prelim Ranking: Ranks/Decimal/DropHighRank/Parliamentarian Ballot
- Elim Ranking: Total Rank/Number of Firsts/Elim Rank/Elim Decimal/Judge Pref/Parliamentarian
- 1 Judge is required for every 5 Congress entries.

Sweepstakes

- Top schools will be recognized in the following categories:
 - Elementary, Middle, High School, Community College, and University.
- Top 5 individual event speakers will be recognized.
- Top Debate speakers will be recognized in each debate event.
- See the NOF Bylaws for event point values.

Fees

- School Fee: \$50
- Individual Event Entries: \$15/entry
- Duo Entries: \$30/entry
- Congress Entries: \$15/entry
- 1-Person Debate Event Entries: \$30/entry
- 2-Person Debate Event Entries: \$60/entry
- Judges: First Missed Ballot - \$20 / Subsequent Missed Ballots - \$50
- Uncovered IE/Congress Slot (with Tournament Director Approval): \$30/slot
- Uncovered Debate Entry (with Tournament Director Approval): \$125/team
- Changes after the entry deadline: \$20 per change (subject to tournament director approval)
- Judge drops within 24 hours of the tournament will be charged a \$100 judge no-show fee.
- Judges who submit incomplete eBallots (with little to no substantive feedback) may be charged a judge no-show fee for failing to complete their judge assignment which includes both ranking the speakers along with giving sufficient comments.
- Students who drop from the tournament after the entry deadline will be charged an additional \$20 no show fee for each student if the coach notifies the tournament before the dropped round. Students who drop without notifying the tournament will be charged an additional \$30 no-show fee.

Any schools seeking to buy out of their judging requirements must have approval by the Tournament Director. Please contact us early so we can let you know if we will be able to approve uncovered entries.

Any judges seeking to be hired by the tournament may fill out their interest by using the following [form](#).


The tournament reserves the right to assign ballots to judges which are scheduled:

Due to the complex nature of the schedule, judges may be asked to accept ballots in events they did not initially register. For example, if a judge is signed up to accept debate ballots, but the tournament needs more Impromptu judges, then that judge would be expected to take the Impromptu ballot. We will do our best to accommodate event requests, but may not be able to do so.

To ensure timely pickup of ballots, all judges on the standby list should wait in the Standby Judge Room (<https://8x8.vc/NOFStandby>) until dismissed. This will also ensure judges are not missing ballots pushed to them during the tournament.

Official Rules

For more information about National Online Forensics Tournaments, please consult our by-laws:

 [National Online Forensics \(NOF\) By-Laws](#)