Southern and Northern Atlantic Forensics Union

The Southern and Northern Atlantic Forensic Union (SNAFU) cordially invites you and your students to join/attend our 2024 - 2025 SNAFU Season Tournaments. **For the 2024-25 season, all SNAFUs will be in-person tournaments!** SNAFU tournaments are part of swings, paired with another SNAFU or the host school.  At all tournaments we will offer all 11 AFA events at both halves of the swing, as well as IPDA Debate.  In addition, we may offer a novice breakout round in an event at the tournament director’s discretion. The entry for all tournaments will be due by Wednesday before the tournaments by 3:00pm Eastern Standard Time. What follows is information that should make your trip to the swings easier to plan.

**2024-25 Season**

October 27 SNAFU 1: @ Dutchess County Community College

November 9 SNAFU 2: Ed Leonard Memorial Tournament

November 10 SNAFU 3: Charity Ball Tournament

 (Both tournaments @ Seton Hall University)

February 2 SNAFU 4: @ Cornell University

If you have any questions about this invitation, please contact Trent Webb by email at 516.463.5253 or Trent.Webb@hofstra.edu

Read through this email to find out how to accept or reject the invitation, submit your entries online, and learn more about the tournament from the manager.

**IMPORTANT! - How to submit entries for your team**

All SNAFU tournaments will use Speechwire for registration!

1. In your preferred web browser, go to <http://www.SpeechWire.com> and click on the 'Your account' tab at the very top of the screen.

2. Log in with your email address and account password. If you have forgotten your password, click the 'Forgot password?' button. If there is a new head coach this year, please email accounts@speechwire.com to get the email address on the head coach account changed.

3. Click the 'Tournament registration' icon and then click on the SNAFU tournament for which you’d like to submit your entries.

If you have trouble registering, please email SpeechWire account support at accounts@speechwire.com for assistance.

**IMPORTANT! – How to use Speechwire for e-ballots**

Please make sure each of your judges have an active Speechwire account!

1. Go to [live.speechwire.com](http://live.speechwire.com/)

2. Log in with your email and password

3. See your e-ballots on that page once they are released

4. Click an e-ballot and click start when the round has begun

**Membership fees**:  For the 2024-25 season, $300.00 covers entry into all SNAFU tournaments; swing partner fees are separate; any uncovered slot judging fees are in addition to entry fees as outlined later in this invitation. Please direct ALL fee/financial questions to our treasurer, Randy Perez at qcspeechteam@gmail.com .

**Sweepstakes points**:  we will follow the awarding of sweepstakes points laid out by the AFA-NST.  6 points for 1st place, 5 points for 2nd place, 4 points for 3rd place, 3 points for 4th place, 2 points for 5th place, 1 point for 6th place and any remaining place after that. For IPDA, sweepstakes points are awarded as follows: 2 point per prelim win, 4 points for reaching semifinals (if applicable), 5 points for 2nd place, and 6 points for 1st place.

**SCHEDULE**

8:00am Registration

8:30am     Extemp Draw/IPDA Draw

9:00am     IA (Extemp/POI/Duo/Per/Informative/Pro) and Debate 1

10:00am IPDA Draw

10:15am     IB (Impromptu/DI/ADS/CA/Poetry) and Debate 2

12:00pm     Extemp Draw/IPDA Draw

12:30pm     IIA and Debate 3

1:30pm IPDA Draw

1:45pm     IIB

2:00PM Debate 4

3:15pm     Extemp Draw/IPDA Draw

3:30pm     Finals A (IPDA Semifinals at 3:45pm)

4:30pm IPDA Draw

4:45pm     Finals B (IPDA Finals at 5:00pm)

6:30pm     Awards

**ENTRY INFORMATION**:

PLEASE NOTE that swing partners MAY have different rules from the SNAFU half of the swing. Please see the separate invitation from the host school for details on their tournament. For SNAFU tournaments:

1. Teams are limited to 6 entries per event.

2. Students may enter a maximum of 3 events per bracket; 2 duos count as 2 events. DEBATERS MAY ENTER ONE INDIVIDUAL EVENT IN EACH BRACKET AND MAY NOT ENTER EXTEMP.

3. The deadline for entry is the Wednesday before the tournament at 3pm eastern time.

4. Entry fees are $10 per event slot for nonmember schools.

5. Please provide a qualified judge for every eight IE slots and every 2 IPDA slots.

6. Hired judges are available at $20 per uncovered slot.

7. Drop fees are original entry fee plus $15 penalty after entry deadline plus $25 if on Saturday or Sunday.

8. Dropped judges after the entry deadline will each be assessed a $150 fee in addition to standard judge fees.

9. To register for the SNAFU portion, please go to www.speechwire.com and request a password to submit your entry. You should receive by email your password information and can then enter your students and judges at the Speechwire website. You will receive a confirmation email detailing your entry in the evening after the entry deadline. Please be sure to check the entry you submitted and immediately correct any errors directly at the Speechwire website.

Novice/Varsity IPDA: A novice is defined as a student in their first two semesters of debate of any format, including high school. Please make sure you enter students in the appropriate division. The tournament director reserves the right to collapse divisions based on entry size. Please note: novice divisions/breakout rounds in IE or IPDA do NOT count towards sweepstakes.

**OPEN DOOR POLICY**

SNAFU will use an open door policy at its tournaments. Students should feel free to prioritize their mental health at tournaments. As such, students may leave a round at any time before, during or after another competitor’s performance without questions or penalty from judges.

**COMPETITION AND AWARDS**

1. The SNAFU tournament will offer 2 rounds of preliminary competition and a final round.

2. Any event with more than 50 entries competing in both preliminary rounds will feature a semifinal round.

3. We will offer an award for the top six entries in each individual event (two awards for duos).

4. The top three individual sweeps winners will each receive an award (students must be entered in four events to be eligible).

5. The top three schools will each receive an award.

6. We will use AFA-style rules and tabulation.

7. For IPDA, we will offer 3 or 4 preliminary rounds with the appropriate number of outrounds. Both finalists will receive an award.

We hope you will join us for what will surely be a fun and competitive event! See you in October and beyond!

Sincerely,

The SNAFU Board

Trent Webb, Hofstra University (President/Tournament Director)

Randy Perez, City University of New York (CUNY) (Treasurer)

Margeaux Lippman, Dutchess Community College

Abigail Thow, Seton Hall University

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