***2019***

***Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association Tournament***

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of TIFA, please allow me to invite you to the 2019 TIFA Tournament to be held on the campus of Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City.   Join us for competition and fun on Saturday, February 9, 2019 and Sunday, February 10, 2019. We are fortunate to have arranged the schedule again this year as to allow competitors to compete in both individual events and NPDA or IPDA debate. Debate competition will be held on Saturday with all IE's taking place on Sunday. The tournament will offer competition in all eleven AFA individual events as well as Radio Broadcasting.  **Because of the preparation period, students may only enter either Extemp or Radio Broadcasting**.

As always, the top two finalists in Persuasive Speaking qualify to compete in the prestigious Interstate Oratory Association championship held this year in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Remember that all IE and NPDA judges cannot be current undergraduate students. Also, novices in IE and NPDA need to be in their first year of college competition. IPDA novices must meet the IPDA category of a novice (fewer than 8 college tournaments) and cannot have competed at the TIFA state tournament in the past.

Judges and schedule permitting, we may be video recording competitors that make final rounds in a select few events. We’d like to record finals of open IPDA, NPDA, and 2-3 IE events (depending on entry size, but preferably one speech and one interpretation event). While we will gain the permission of these students before recording, you may let your students know beforehand. These videos will be placed at the members-only section of the TIFA website.

For impromptu speaking we’re continuing to use the following prompts. Round 1: Quotations. Round 2: Single panel cartoon. Round 3: Object.

Please enter you teams at www.speechwire.com. If you have any problems with speechwire, please let me know.

So come celebrate, witness, and participate in the 2019 Tennessee Forensics State Championship. If we can aid you in any way, please contact me or Pat Richey.

 Sincerely,

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**RULES and GUIDELINES:**

         No material may have been performed by a student in any competition (high school or college) prior to this academic year. This includes public speeches and interpretive cuttings. Students violating this rule will be disqualified.

        If you need a refresher on the IE's, or if this is all new information to you, you can see event descriptions at <http://www.mnsu.edu/spcomm/niet/eventdescriptions-new0607.htm>

        For NPDA, No 3 person debate teams will be allowed.  One hybrid or maverick (1 person) team will be permitted per school. Students on a hybrid must enter as the school where they are currently enrolled and team sweepstakes points will be divided evenly between the hybrid students’ schools.  If you are interested in your eliminated debaters entering the IPDA judge pool, please contact Chip Hall when you submit your entry. IPDA will follow guidelines set forth in the IPDA Constitution [www.ipdadebate.info](http://www.ipdadebate.info) . There will NOT be a professional division at TIFA.

* For both IE and Debate events, a student is considered to be a novice if he or she has no more than one semester of intercollegiate forensics experience before this semester. Competing at a tournament denotes experience.

Here are some guidelines for our non-traditional event:

**Radio Broadcasting:**.Radio Broadcasting students have 30 minutes to organize news material provided by the tournament into a 5 minute broadcast.  Students may omit content wherever necessary but cannot add original material with the exceptions of their name, hypothetical radio station call letters, weather, or traffic reports.  When performing, students should sit facing away from the judge.  Judging should be based only on what is heard, as if listening to the radio. Because of draw, students may only enter EITHER Extemp, or Radio Broadcasting, but not both.

 **SCORING:**

*Sweepstakes:*   Sweepstakes will be awarded in Individual Events using finals only.  Points will be awarded using the following formula:

1st place- 12 points

2nd place-10 points

3rd place- 8 points

4th place- 6 points

5th place- 4 points

6th place- 2 points

7th place – 1 point (if needed)

8th place ½ point (if needed)

Should we need more places, points would follow that same pattern. Non-advancing semi-finalists will also receive 1 point.

For NPDA Debate, each win receives 5 points.  In addition, debate speaker awards follow the same point value scoring as final rounds for pentathlon (see below).

For IPDA Debate, each win receives 3 points. In addition, debate speaker awards follow the same point value scoring as final rounds for pentathlon (see below).

*Pentathlon:*  In order to qualify for pentathlon, a student must compete in a minimum of 5 events.  Debate does **not** count as an event for pentathlon.  Only a student's 5 best events will count toward pentathlon.

Pentath Points will be awarded in the following ways:

PRELIMS:             a scoring of a "1" will receive 3 points

                               a scoring of a "2" will receive 2 points

                               a scoring of a "3" will receive 1 point.

 FINALS:   1st place finish receives 6 points

                   2nd place finish receives 5 points

                   3rd place finish receives 4 points

                   4th place finish receives 3 points

                   5th place finish receives 2 points

                   6th place finish receives 1 point

                   should more than 6 break to a final, 7th would get ½ a point, 8th would get ¼, etc.

 **REGISTRATION:**

1. Each school may enter an unlimited number of students per event.

2. Each student may enter as many events as they wish with two exceptions below, but each student is responsible for getting to rounds on time.

3. Students may only enter either Extemporaneous Speaking or Radio Broadcast, but not both.

4. Students may compete in either NPDA or IPDA, but not both.

**GROUP A:                             GROUP B:**

Extemporaneous Speaking                   Impromptu Speaking

Dramatic Interpretation Prose Interpretation

Program Oral Interpretation                 Informative Speaking

Radio Broadcasting Poetry Interpretation

After Dinner Speaking                 Communication Analysis

Persuasive Speaking  Duo Interpretation

Please enter on [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com). Please be sure to **TYPE** both first and last names on your school's entry. **Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., EST, Tuesday, February 5, 2019.** No additions will be accepted after this time.

If you have issues with Speech Wire, E-MAIL your entry to: chiphall72@gmail.com

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Changes made after 4pm, Wed, Feb 6th are subject to a $5 penalty per IE drop, or $10 debate drop.

Changes made after 4pm, Thurs, Feb 7th are subject to a $10 penalty per IE drop, $20 debate drop, or $25 judge drop.

Changes made at registration are subject to a $20 penalty per IE drop, $30 debate drop, $40 judge drop.

**FEES:**

* Each school will pay $40 school fee.
* Each IE entry slot is $7
* Each uncovered entry slot is $10
* Each debate team is $40
* Each uncovered debate team is $50
* Each IPDA Debater is $25 (remember IPDA uses lay judges with a high school degree or higher)
* Each Uncovered IPDA Debater is $40 (remember IPDA uses lay judges with a high school degree or higher. One judge covers 2 debaters: Sorry but we do not have time to flight the tournament.)
* One IE judge covers six IE slots.  One parli judge covers 2 teams. One IPDA judge covers TWO debaters (we will not flight because of time constraints).

 Make checks payable to TIFA treasurer, Jason Stahl or “TIFA”. Cash is better.

***TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE***

**Saturday NPDA, February 9**

8:15-9:00  Registration

9:00   Round 1

10:30 Round 2

12:00-12:30 Lunch 12:30 Round 3

2:30  Round 4

4:45  Elim1

6:30   Elim 2

8:00   Elim 3 (if needed)

**Saturday IPDA, February 9**

8:15-9:00 Registration

9:00 Round 1

10:15 Round 2

11:30 Round 3

12:30 -1:00 Lunch

1:00 Round 4

2:15 Round 5

3:30 Round 6

4:45 Coaches Review

5:00 Elim 1

6:30 Elim 2

8 Elim 3 (if needed)

9:30 Elim 4 (if needed)

**Sunday, February 10**

7:30 – 8:00                  Registration

8:00                        Extemp Draw

8:30 – 9:45                  Round I Flight A

10:00                           Extemp Draw

10:30 – 11:45              Round II Flight A

11:45 - 12:45               Lunch — TIFA Coaches Meeting

12:45 – 2:00                Round I Flight B

2:00 – 3:15                  Round II Flight B

3:15                             Extemp Draw Finals

3:30                             Finals of A (Extemp Finals Start at 3:45)

4:45                             Finals of B

6:30                            Awards