The University of Oklahoma and

West Texas A & M University

invite you to the 26th Annual

Sweetheart Swing

February 10-12, 2017

Hosted at

The University of Oklahoma,

Norman, OK

Tournament Theme: Love You to Pieces

Dear Forensics Community,

The University of Oklahoma and West Texas A & M University forensics teams are honored to invite you to our *26th annual Sweetheart Swing*, which will be hosted on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman February 10-12, 2017.

We invite you to join us for a weekend featuring:

* Two complete AFA Individual Event Tournaments
* NPDA Parliamentary Debate
* IPDA Individual Debate (Novice and Varsity)
* IPDA Team Debate (Novice and Varsity)
* NFA-LD

Students may enter in either IPDA or NPDA but not both. Entry in IPDA and NFA-LD will preclude IE competition on Saturday. Entry in TIPDA will preclude IE competition on Sunday. Students may enter three individual events per pattern. Registration is through Joy of Tournaments at <http://www.joyoftournaments.com/ok/sweetheart/info.asp>.

There is not an official tournament hotel this year but there are many lodging options in the Norman area. You may find information about these options at the following link: [Hotels](http://www.bing.com/mapspreview?&ty=17&q=norman%20ok%20hotels&ppois=35.1807975769043_-97.5001068115234_Riverwind%20Casino_YN700x401938028~35.2423057556152_-97.4790725708008_Holiday%20Inn%20Express%20%26%20Suites%20Norman_YN873x12341270305977022459~35.1800231933594_-97.5000762939453_Riverwind%20Hotel_YN700x220918213~35.2198181152344_-97.481315612793_Days%20Inn%20Norman_YN873x3694323456098722323~35.2262687683105_-97.4876098632813_Hilton%20Garden%20Inn%20Norman_YN700x161786838~&v=2&sV=1&qpvt=norman+ok+hotels&FORM=SNAPST)

We hope to welcome you to Norman in February and look forward to receiving your entry by: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely.

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**Tournament Guidelines**

AFA-NIET rules will be followed in the participation and tabbing of all individual events.

Students may enter a maximum of *three* events per pattern. Semifinals will be held in all events with 45 or more entries, and finals will be held in all events. The patterns are:

Pattern A: DI, EXT, PER, POE, PRO

Pattern B: ADS, CA, DUO, IMP, INF, POI

Debate will follow IPDA, NFA, and NPDA guidelines. NPDA will be offered on Friday with outrounds as needed on Saturday. IPDA will be offered Friday and continue through Saturday. NFA-LD will be offered Saturday. Students who participate in IPDA, TIPDA. or NFA-LD may not concurrently register for IEs.

Registration will take place on Joy of Tournaments and is due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Drops or changes may be made until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

The tournament directors reserve the right to limit the number of entries from a school, and to balance rounds to accommodate judging obligations from schools with large entries.

**Fees**

Individual Events: $10 *(one judge covers 8 slots*)

NPDA Teams: $65 (*one judge covers 2 teams*)

IPDA: $25 (*one judge covers 4 debaters*)

TIPDA: $40 (*one judge covers 2 teams)*

NFA-LD: $40 (*one judge covers 2 debaters*)

**Miscellaneous Fees**

Uncovered IE entries: Fee + $10

Uncovered NPDA entries: Fee + $50

Uncovered LD: Fee + $50

Uncovered IPDA: Fee + $35

IE Drops at tournament: Fee + $20

NPDA Drops at tournament: Fee + $50

LD Drops at tournament: Fee + $40

IPDA Drops at Tournament: Fee + $25

All IE judges are expected to be available for final rounds. Debate judges are expected to be available for one round past when their teams are eliminated. Judges may be shifted between IE and debate events based upon available coverage at the discretion of the tournament staff.

**Awards**

All IE finalist and debate elimination round contestants will receive awards.

**OU Awards**

In the OU portion of the tournament, sweepstakes awards will be given to the top 3 school from both the debate and IE portions of the tournament. Awards will be given to the top school from Oklahoma and the top two-year college.

*Individual Event Pentathlon*

The top 3 individual students in pentathlon will receive an award. Pentathlon eligibility requires students to compete in 5 events, which must include at least one interpretation event (DI, DUO, POE, POI, PRO), one public address event (ADS, CA, INF, PER), and one limited preparation event (EXT, IMP). Only the top 5 events will be included in pentathlon, and two duos count as one event.

*Debate Awards*

The top 3 speakers in novice and varsity IPDA will receive awards. The top 3 speakers in NFA-LD will receive awards. The top 3 speakers in NPDA will receive awards.

**WTAMU Awards**

In the WTAMU portion of the swing, sweepstakes awards will be given to the top 3 schools and individual speakers. There will be an individual event pentathlon (see OU description for details). The top IE school and speaker for the swing will also be honored. The top 3 speakers in TIPDA will receive awards.

**Combined Awards**

To be eligible for a combined award schools/individuals must compete on all 3 days of the tournament. A debate award will be given to the top 3 schools who participate in debate events. A combined sweepstakes award will be given to the top 3 schools who participate in both debate and individual events.

The following will be used to calculate sweepstakes awards. Each team’s top 4 slots in each event will be counted toward sweepstakes. Each student’s top 5 events will be calculated towards individual events sweepstakes. Sweepstakes points are assigned as follows:

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| **Individual Events** | **Debate** |
| 1st place – 6 points | Preliminaries win – 3 points |
| 2nd place – 5 points | Preliminaries loss – 1 point |
| 3rd place – 4 points | Outrounds win – 6 points |
| 4th place – 3 points | Outrounds loss – 2 points |
| 5th place – 2 points | Finals win – 12 points |
| 6th place – 1 point | Finals loss – 6 points |
| 7th place/non-advancing semi-finalist – 0.5 point |  |

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| **Friday, February 10** |
| 2:00 Registration |
| 2:30 NPDA Round 1  | **IPDA Debate** |
| 3:45 NPDA Round 2 | 3:30 Round 1 |
| 5:00 NPDA Round 3 | 4:45 Round 2 |
| ***6:15 Dinner Break*** | ***6:15 Dinner Break*** |
| 6:45 NPDA Round 4 | 7:15 Round 3 |
| 8:00 NPDA Round 5 |  |
| **Saturday, February 11** |
| 7:00 Registration | 7:30 Round 4 |
| 7:00 NPDA Quarterfinals | 9:00 Round 5 |
| 8:00 Extemp Draw | 10:30 Round 6 |
| 8:30 Flight A Round 1, LD Round 1 | 12:15 Coaches Check |
| 9:45 Flight B Round 1, LD Round 2 | 1:00 Elimination 1 |
| 11:00 NPDA Semifinals | 2:30 Elimination 2 |
| 12:00 Extemp Draw | 4:00 Elimination 3 |
| 12:30 Flight B Round 2, LD Round 3 | 5:30 Elimination 4 (if needed) |
| 2:00 NPDA Finals |  |
| 2:45 Flight A Round 2, LD Round 4 |  |
| 4:00 Extemp Draw for Finals |  |
| 4:30 Flight A Finals, LD Semi-finals |  |
| 5:45 Flight B Finals, LD Finals |  |
| 7:00 Awards |  |
| **Sunday, February 12** |
|  | **TIPDA Debate** |
| 7:45 Extemp Draw | 7:45 Round 1 |
| 8:15 Flight A Round 1 | 9:15 Round 2 |
| 9:30 Flight B Round 1 | 10:45 Round 3 |
| 10:45 Flight B Round 2 | 12:15 Round 4 |
| 12:15 Extemp Draw | 1:00 Coaches’ check |
| 12:45 Flight A Round 2 | 1:45 Elimination Round 1 |
| 2:00 Finals Flight B & any Semi-finals | 3:00 Elimination Round 2\* |
| 3:15 Extemp Draw for Finals | 5:00 or ASAP Awards\* |
| 3:30 Any remaining finals |  |
| 5:00 or ASAP Awards | \*If a 3rd TIPDA elimination round is needed we will hold it after awards |