

2024

Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association Tournament

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of TIFA, please allow me to invite you to the 2024 TIFA Tournament to be held on the campus Cleveland State Community College, in Cleveland, TN. Join us for competition and fun on Saturday, February 17 and Sunday, February 18, 2024. Once again, competitors will be able 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. Please review NEW rules for Radio Broadcasting!**

Come celebrate, witness, and participate in the 2024 Tennessee Forensics State Championship. If we can aid you in any way, please contact Patrick Richey or Laurie Rowland.

As always, the top two finalists in Persuasive Speaking qualify to compete in the prestigious Interstate Oratory Association Championship held this year from April 26th through the 28th, at the University of Illinois-Chicago. It will be their 150th anniversary.

Please enter your teams at www.tabroom.com. If you have any problems with tabroom, please let Patrick Richey know.

Tabroom Tournament Link: <http://tifa.tabroom.com>

Hotels near Cleveland State:

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott: 2815 Westside Dr NW, Cleveland, TN 37312 (423) 664-2501

La Quinta Inn & Suites: 130 Interstate Dr NW, Cleveland, TN 37312 (423) 813-7300

Wingate by Wyndham: 110 Interstate Dr NW, Cleveland, TN 37312 (423) 478-1212

Comfort Inn & Suites: 107 Interstate Dr NW, Cleveland, TN 37312 (423) 339-1000

Holiday Inn Express & Suites: 4355 Holiday Inn Express Way Northwest, Cleveland, TN 37312 (423) 790-1199

Hampton Inn: 4355 Frontage Rd NW, Cleveland, TN 37312 (423) 458-1222

TownePlace Suites by Marriott: 160 Bernham Dr NW, Cleveland, TN 37312 (423) 716-6737

Directions to Cleveland State Community College

From 75 South:

Take Paul Huff Parkway/Cleveland Exit 27, take a right at the end of the exit onto Paul Huff Parkway. At first red light, turn left onto Adkisson Dr. Continue 1 mile and Cleveland State Community College will be on the right.

From 75 North:

Take Paul Huff Parkway/Cleveland Exit 27, take a left at the end of the exit onto Paul Huff Parkway. At first red light, turn left onto Adkisson Dr. Continue 1 mile and Cleveland State Community College will be on the right.

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.
- Remember that all IE and NPDA judges **cannot** be current undergraduate students, but IPDA judges may. Also, novices in IE and debate need to be in their first two semesters of college competition and cannot have competed at the TIFA state tournament in the past. Competing strictly in IE does not make you varsity in debate. Competing strictly in debate does not make you varsity in IE. Please note that this may not lineup with national definitions of novice and teams may wish to enter their first-year competitors in varsity divisions to ensure the rounds will count for national competition.
- Impromptu speaking will have quotations as prompts.

- If you need a refresher on the Individual Events, 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 Patrick Richey when you submit your entry. IPDA will follow guidelines set forth in the IPDA Constitution www.ipdadebate.info. **There will NOT be a junior varsity or professional division at TIFA.**

Here are some guidelines for our non-traditional event:

NEW - Radio Broadcasting: (New rules; Please read closely): The focus of this event is to demonstrate skill in selection, organization and presentation of a simulated broadcast news/talk program. Speakers will choose and edit their own material to be exactly five minutes in length. Previous versions of this event focused on tournament staff providing copious written material. To be more mindful of the actual processes of contemporary radio news/talk, we have updated the rules to best reflect current trends as a competitive event.

30 minutes before each round, students will receive a randomized list of topics each broadcaster must cover (participants will no longer receive a packet of pre-selected articles). Students, then, create an entirely factual account of the topics identified. A portion may be the student's opinion about any of the topics.

Like in Extemporaneous Speaking, each ordered speaker will receive a different set of topics to ensure fairness: Round 1, Speaker 1 might be prompted to provide stories about Central America, Pop Culture and Climate Change; Speaker 2 could, then, receive a list that includes European Football, the the U.S. Primary and U.S. Higher Education recruitment practices. While other stories can be included to make time, judging criteria will favor those identified in the round's prompt. Judges will be made aware of the topics in advance.

Call letters/radio-platform identification, as well as references to weather, sponsors, programming, etc., are acceptable, but not required.

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:

Extemporaneous Speaking
Dramatic Interpretation
Program Oral Interpretation
Radio Broadcasting
After Dinner Speaking
Persuasive Speaking

GROUP B:

Impromptu Speaking
Prose Interpretation
Informative Speaking
Poetry Interpretation
Communication Analysis
Duo Interpretation

Please enter on www.tabroom.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., CST, Tuesday, February 13, 2024.** No additions will be accepted after this time.

If you have issues with www.tabroom.com , E-MAIL your entry to: patrick.richey@mtsu.edu

Changes made after 4pm, Wed, February 14th are subject to a \$5 penalty per IE drop, or \$10 debate drop.

Changes made after 4pm, Thurs, February 15th 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 Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association (TIFA). Cash is better.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday NPDA, February 17

8:15-9:00	Registration
9:00	Round 1
10:30	Round 2
12:30 -1:00	Lunch
1:00	Round 3
2:30	Round 4
4:45	Elim1
6:30	Elim 2
8:00	Elim 3 (if needed)

Saturday IPDA, February 17

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
3:15	Coaches Review
3:45	Elim 1
5:00	Elim 2
6:15	Elim 3 (if needed)

Sunday IEs, February 18

7:30 – 8:00	Registration
8:00	Extemp/Radio Draw
8:30 – 9:45	Round I Flight A
10:00	Extemp/Radio 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/Radio Draw Finals
3:30	Finals of A (Extemp/Radio Finals Start at 3:45)
4:45	Finals of B
6:30	Awards