**Arkansas Tech University Debate & Forensics**

1815 Coliseum Drive Russellville, AR 72801

February 1, 2017

To Our IPDA Colleagues,

The Arkansas Tech University Debate & Forensics Team is proud to invite you to our beautiful campus in Russellville, AR for the 3rd Annual “Team Me Up” and “TECHnically Speaking” IPDA debate tournaments which will take place during the weekend of February 24th- 26th, 2017. We are proud to once again offer a weekend of competition featuring **two full team IPDA tournaments as well as a full Individual IPDA tournament**.

**The “Team me up” tournament (TMU)** will be a Team IPDA debate tournament consisting of 4 preliminary rounds and associated elimination rounds; this tournament will take place on Friday, Feb. 24th. **This is an “open” division tournament; all competitors who meet the qualifications for the varsity division of IPDA may enter.**

**The “TECHnically Speaking” tournament (TECH)** will feature a second team tournament (again with 4 preliminary rounds and associated elimination rounds) as well as a full (6 preliminary rounds with associated elimination rounds) Individual IPDA tournament. **Due to the flight system we are utilizing at this tournament** (a modified version of that proposed by Duerringer and Adkins), those **individuals in the Professional Division of TECH will not be eligible to enter in the TIPDA division of the TECH tournament.**

Each TECH round will be 2 hours, 20 minutes long, sub-divided into 5 periods as follows:

 Period 1 (30 minutes): Flight A Strike & Prep

 Period 2 (30 minutes): Flight A, Flight B Strike & Prep

 Period 3 (30 minutes): Flight B, Flight C Strike & Prep

 Period 4 (40 minutes): Flight C

 Period 5 (10 minutes): Return for next round (Flight A) Strike & Prep

IPDA rules will be adhered to at our tournament; if you need a copy of the rules for IPDA debate, they are located on the association website at [www.ipdadebate.info](http://www.ipdadebate.info).

The preliminary schedule for our tournament weekend is as follows (elimination round schedules may be adjusted depending on the number of entries per category):

**Friday (Team Me Up [TMU] TIPDA Tournament):**

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| **Time** | **Scheduled Event** |
| Noon- 12:30 | Registration |
| 12:30- 1:40 | TMU Round I |
| 1:45- 2:55 | TMU Round II |
| 3:00- 4:10 | TMU Round III |
| 4:15- 5:25 | TMU Round IV |
| **Time** | **Scheduled Event** |
| 5:30- 6:15 | Dinner/ Ballot Check |
| 6:15- 7:25 | TMU Quarterfinals |
| 7:30- 8:40 | TMU Semifinals |
| 8:45- 9:55  | TMU Finals |

 **Saturday (TECHnically Speaking [TECH] Tournament):**

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| **Time** | **Scheduled Event** |
| 7:30- 8:00 | Registration (TECH only) |
| 8:00- 10:20 | TECH Round I |
| 10:20- 12:30 | TECH Round II |
| 12:30- 1:00 | Lunch Break |
| 1:00- 3:20 | TECH Round III |
| 3:20- 5:30 | TECH Round IV |
| **Time** | **Scheduled Event** |
| 5:30- 6:30 | Dinner Break (6:00- 6:30: TECH TIPDA Ballot Check & Coin Flip) |
| 6:30- 8:00 | TECH Round V (Flights A & B only) |
| 8:10- 10:20 | TECH Round VI (Flights A & B) TECH TIPDA Quarterfinals\*  |

**Sunday (Out-rounds):**

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| **Time** | **Scheduled Event** |
| 8:00- 9:30 | TECH Octafinals\* (Flights A & B)  |
| 9:45- 10:30 | Awards |
| 10:30- 12:50 | TECH Quarterfinals\*(Flights A & B) TECH TIPDA Semifinals\* |
| **Time** | **Scheduled Event** |
| 12:50- 3:10 | TECH SemifinalsTECH TIPDA Finals\* |
| 3:10- 4:40 | TECH Finals\* (Flights A & B) |

 Thank you in advance for your support of our tournament offerings; we look forward to a great weekend of debate competition!

Sincerely,

Gabriel L. Adkins, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Communication

Director of Debate and Forensics

Arkansas Tech University

**Lodging:**

The following Hotels in Russellville and Clarksville are recommended. Additional lodging options (if needed) can be found in the nearby towns of Morrilton, AR and Clarksville, AR (both are within 30 miles of our campus). There are several other hotels in the area; please feel free to contact Dr. Adkins at gadkins@atu.edu if you need additional hotel listings.

 **Hampton Inn** (479) 858-7199

 **Fairfield Inn & Suites** (479) 967-9030

 **Clarion Inn & Suites** (479) 968-4300

 **Days Inn & Suites** (479) 705-7600

 **La Quinta Inn & Suites** (877) 298-2066

**Entry Deadlines, Fees, and Judges:**

1. The entry deadline will be noon on Tuesday, February 21st, 2017. Changes will be accepted at no charge until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017. Any additional changes or drops after that time will be charged a fee of $10.00 per alteration.
2. Entries should be sent to gadkins@atu.edu. PLEASE TITLE the subject line of the e-mail “Debate Entry Fees”!!!
3. Entry Fees are as follows:
	1. **Team IPDA entries:**
		1. Covered: $40.00 per tournament ($80.00 per team for entry into both Team IPDA tournaments)
		2. Uncovered: $70.00 per tournament ($140.00 per team for entry into both Team IPDA tournaments)
	2. **Individual IPDA entries:**
		1. Covered: $25.00 per entry
		2. Uncovered: $40.00 per entry
4. One judge will cover 2 IPDA Teams (for both team tournaments) AND/OR 4 Individual IPDA entries.
	1. Judges (and eliminated competitors if needed) will be expected to be available for judging one round past the round in which all of their squads competitors are eliminated.

**Special Notes:**

1. Parking on Friday is available next to the Tucker Coliseum. On Saturday & Sunday the campus is open parking.
2. The Tab Room will be closed to competitors during the tournament. Coaches who are not competing (i.e. in the Professional Division) will have access to the Tab Room throughout the tournament.
3. All IPDA rules will be adhered to throughout the tournament, including those rules regarding the use of evidence. Please prepare your squads accordingly. You are also encouraged to familiarize your judges with the standard “back of the ballot” guidelines found on page 6 of the following document from the IPDA website: <http://www.ipdadebate.info/uploads/4/9/8/1/4981933/guide_to_a_typical_ipda_tournament.pdf>
4. The 30 minute strike and prep time will be enforced. This time will start as soon as the last strike sheet for the round is distributed. Competitors and judges will be expected to be AT THE ASSIGNED ROOM AND READY TO BEGIN THE DEBATE by the end of the 30 minute strike and prep period.
	1. If competitors are not at the room within 5 minutes of the end of the prep period, they will forfeit that round to their competitor(s) and be assigned zero speaker points (if Team IPDA, this will apply to both forfeiting competitors) for that round.
	2. The competitor(s) on the receiving end of the forfeit will accordingly be assigned speaker points based on the average of their speakers points in their other rounds (again, this will apply to both competitors in a Team IPDA round) for any rounds forfeited to them.
	3. Exceptions to the above will be considered by the Tournament Director on a case-by-case basis if needed. Exceptions to the forfeit rule will only be considered in extreme and uncontrollable circumstances.
5. Points and will be assigned in accordance with the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws.
6. If possible (based on competitor availability), outrounds on Sunday will be accelerated and/or condensed. It is our goal to conclude the tournament as quickly as possible to get all of the travelers on their way home as soon as possible.

**Spring 2017 ATU’s Team-Me-Up/TECHnically Speaking Debate Tournament School Entry Form:**

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| Institution Name | Contact Name | E-mail | Emergency Phone (Cell) |
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**Team Me Up TIPDA Tournament Entries:**

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| Team Member Names | TIPDA Entry Fee |
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| ***Total TMU Entry Fees:*** | **$** |

**TECHnically Speaking TIPDA Tournament Entries:**

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| Team Member Names | TIPDA Entry Fee |
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| ***Total TECH TIPDA Entry Fees*:** | **$** |

**TECHnically Speaking Individual IPDA Tournament Entries:**

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| Competitor Name | Division | IPDA Entry Fee |
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| ***Total TECH IPDA Entry Fees:*** | **$** |

**Institution Judges:**

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| Judge Name | Coach? |  |
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| ***Uncovered Judging Fees (if applicable):*** | **$** |

**Entry Fee Totals:**

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| Team Me Up | $ |
| TECHnically Speaking TIPDA | $ |
| TECHnically Speaking IPDA | $ |
| Uncovered Judging Fees | $ |
| ***Total ATU TMU/TECH Swing Entry Fees:*** | **$** |

***If space for additional entries is needed, please use additional tournament entry forms.***