



LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

Dear Debate Community,

On behalf of Louisiana Tech University, School of Communication, and LaTech Debate Team, I invite you to the **Hot & Spicy Tournament, December 8-10, at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana**. COVID-19 protocols will adhere to the policies of Louisiana Tech University and state policies. These will be communicated via e-mail prior to the start of the tournament. The competition will feature 4 preliminary rounds of TIPDA and 6 preliminary rounds of Individual IPDA; lunch will be provided on Saturday. We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of debate competition. Tab will be run by Bob Alexander of BPCC and Skatie (aka Steve and Girl Steve, Garcenzie) of LaTech.

Please note – we will be emphasizing to all judges that everything other than ensuring everyone is “ready” shall be considered “on the clock” (this includes thank you’s, roadmaps, arguments, etc.) and judges will be empowered to penalize competitors at their discretion (via speaker points and/or the assigning of the win) for violations of the time limits that are specified in the IPDA bylaws.

In the pages that follow, you will find all the details. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,
Megan Smith

Registration Information

Entry Deadline: All entries must be received by Monday, December 4, 2023, 5:00 pm. Entries should be made at <https://forensicstournament.net/latechhotandspicy/23> **Please make any checks payable to “Louisiana Tech University”**

HOTEL INFORMATION:

The nearest hotels to campus are: (We will not have reserved rooms for the tournament)
Hampton Inn- 1315 N. Trenton St, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 251-3090
Sleep Inn & Suites-106 S. Service Rd, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 232-1100
Best Western- 1011 Willow Glen Dr., Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 224-7499
Days Inn- 1801 N. Service Rd, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 251-2360
Holiday Inn Express- 1825 Roberta Ave, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 513-9777

With increase hotel costs an option is to look at West Monroe, LA hotels (it is a convenient route and about a 30-minute drive from hotels to campus, there are additional hotels not listed)

LaQuinta- 507 Constitution Dr, West Monroe, LA 71292- (318) 460-0391
Wingate- 228 Blanchard St, West Monroe, LA 71291- (318) 387-7395
Hilton Garden- 400 Mane St, West Monroe, LA 71291- (318) 398-0653

DIRECTIONS:

Louisiana Tech University is located at 502 Wisteria Lane, Ruston, LA 71272. The tournament will be run out of George T. Madison (GTM). Visitor parking is limited, but campus police knows there will be a large number of out-of-town visitors, if you get a ticket you can bring it to the ballot table and it will be taken care of.

From the north: Take Highway 167 south to I-20 west, exit 84. At the top of the exit ramp, turn left onto Tech Drive. Follow Tech Drive to campus. Turn left onto Railroad Avenue.

From the south: Take Highway 167 north to Ruston. Turn left on California Avenue. At the fifth stoplight, turn right on Tech Drive. Proceed down Tech Drive to Railroad Avenue. Turn right.

From the east: Take I-20 west to Ruston, exit 84. At the top of the exit ramp, turn left onto Tech Drive. Follow Tech Drive to campus. Turn left onto Railroad Avenue.

From the west: Take I-20 east to Ruston, exit 84. At the top of the exit ramp, turn right onto Tech Drive. Follow Tech Drive to campus. Turn left onto Railroad Avenue.

Below is a link to the campus map

http://www.latech.edu/documents/campus_map_color.pdf

PARKING AND REGISTRATION:

Parking is available in the Student Center Parking Lot across from Toliver Hall or behind University Hall (on Railroad Ave.). Registration, prep, and tab will be located in GTM. We will utilize Woodard Hall, Robinson Hall, and GTM for rounds. If you or any of your debaters have special needs, please indicate this on your entries and we will do everything we can to accommodate those requests.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

Friday, December 8

11:00-11:30: Registration
11:45: TIPDA Round 1
1:15: TIPDA Round 2
2:45: TIPDA Round 3
4:15: TIPDA Round 4 (tab open to all coaches for early review of ballots)
6:00-6:20: Coaches Review
6:30: TIPDA Elim 1
8:15: TIPDA Elim 2

Saturday, December 9

8:00: TIPDA Finals
8:30- Registration
9:30: Round 1
11:00: Round 2
12:30: Round 3
1:30: Lunch Break (provided)
2:30: Round 4
4:00: Round 5
5:30: Round 6 (tab open to all coaches for early review of ballots)

Sunday, December 10

8:00-8:20: Coaches Review
8:30: Elim 1
10:15: Elim 2
11:30: Awards
12:00: Elim 3
1:15: Elim 4
2:30: Elim 5
*Note: the schedule for elimination rounds will be shortened if possible

EVENT INFORMATION:

1. **Entry Deadline:** All entries must be received by Monday, December 4, 5:00 pm on <https://forensicstournament.net/latechhotandspicy/23> Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 6. Only drops will be accepted after that date until the start of registration. Any changes during registration or later will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00 per alteration.

2. Novice, junior varsity, varsity and professional IPDA debate shall be offered in addition to Team IPDA debate. Schools shall not be limited in covered entries per event. We reserve the right to limit entries that are not covered by judges.
 - a. All **IPDA debate rounds** shall follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time. Divisions offered will be Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional. 7 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. In the event that a partial elim round (ex: "partial double octafinals") is offered, a maximum of one partial round per division will be held (ex: If a division qualifies for oct's with 60 entries and more than 32 have 4-3 records or better, only the top 32 would advance to the "partial" elim round). See IPDADebate.info for division eligibility requirements (or simply ask us if you need clarification).
 - b. All **Team IPDA Debate** rounds shall follow the 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time and follow the rules established under the International Public Debate Association. Four Preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. Also, note that TIPDA counts as a separate tournament of eligibility toward novice/junior varsity tournament counts.
 - c. If LaTech places competitors in the tournament, they will not be counted toward sweepstakes. No LaTech competitors will be judged by individuals affiliated with LaTech.

3. Points formula

- a. All of a school's top three competitors in an IPDA division and top two teams in TIPDA will count toward sweepstakes totals.
- b. Points will be awarded according to the following formula:
 - 3 points for each preliminary round win (6 points for team debate)
 - 3 points for breaking to elimination rounds (6 points for team debate)
 - 5 points for 1st speaker
 - 4 points for 2nd speaker
 - 3 points for 3rd speaker
 - 2 points for 4th speaker
 - 1 points for 5th speaker

4. Tiebreakers:

- a. For determining competitors advancing to elimination rounds in individual debate we will look first to the number of wins, second to high/low adjusted speaker points and third to the number of total speaker points. For determining speaker awards in individual debate, we will look first to high/low adjusted speaker points and second to total speaker points. For TIPDA, the same tiebreakers shall be followed except that total points and high/low adjusted points will be reversed (because of fewer preliminary rounds).
- b. **Sweepstakes:** In the event of a sweepstakes tie, we will look first to the number of competitors advancing to elimination rounds, second to prelim round win percentage.

5. **Judges:** One judge covers up to 4 debaters per format (the same judge may cover 4 individual debaters and 2 debate teams); debaters may be used to judge elimination rounds of debate once eliminated from the competition. All judges are obligated to judge one round beyond the elimination of their program.
6. **Tournament Ethics Statement:** We encourage all programs to review these expectations prior to entering this tournament. The behavior of all attending the tournament will be in keeping with the NCA Policy on Anti-Harassment Code of Conduct available by clicking [here](#). The LaTech Hot & Spicy Tournament expects that behavior between all participants, coaches, judges, and guests be respectful and appropriate at all times. If any participant has concerns over propriety or good sportspersonship, they should discuss the matter with their coaching staff. Any coach, judge, or guest should address any concerns with the Tournament Director/Tabulation Room Staff. As a condition of entry, all participants, coaches, judges, and guests agree that any decision issued by the Tournament Director is binding and final.
7. **Fees:** TIPDA entries are \$40 each and uncovered entries are an additional \$25 each. IPDA Entries are \$25 each and uncovered entries are an additional \$20 each. Change Fees: Drops or substitutions will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 6. Any drops or changes after that date until the start of registration will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00 per alteration.
8. **Awards:** Trophies will be given to all quarterfinalists and above in each IPDA division and in TIPDA; top 3 speakers in each IPDA division and in TIPDA; sweepstakes; and the Gibson award (top speaker overall for the competition). Certificates will be given to all other winners.