**IPDA National Championships and Convention, April 13-16, 2019**

**Please note the Saturday-Tuesday schedule for our National Tournament and Convention.**

The International Public Debate Association is pleased to announce our annual National Championships and Convention to be held April 13-16, 2019. LSU Shreveport, Bossier Parish Community College and Louisiana Tech will join forces to host our event. The venue will be the LSUS Campus. The National Championship tournament will start off with IPDA Team debate on Saturday. Then we will feature 8 preliminary rounds of debate in 4 IPDA Individual divisions: Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional beginning on Sunday.

We will be offering a special “Mentor Division” of Team IPDA that will run for four rounds during the same times as regular TIPDA. Judges will evaluate rounds on a modified ballot that allows for evaluation of the speaker point categories as well as providing constructive comments; however, wins/losses shall not be assigned. There will be no “elimination rounds” for this event, and no sweepstakes points shall be awarded. *This event is intended to be an instructional exhibition division.* Teams must be comprised of 1 novice (who will be the first speaker for a team) paired with 1 JV, Varsity or Professional eligible competitor (who will be the speaker for a team). This event is being offered for research purposes, and the IPDA Executive Committee has agreed that this one-time offering shall be viewed as “practice” and will not be counted as a “tournament” for purposes of Novice/JV eligibility. *No entry fees shall be charged for entries into this division.* Time limits will mirror TIPDA, however, the final AFF/NEG rebuttals will be eliminated, and that time shall be used for interaction between the mentor/mentee (prep time during the round).

In addition, the IPDA will also be hosting its National Convention prior to the beginning of individual, competitive rounds. This is an excellent opportunity for students and directors alike to feature debate-specific academic work in an educational and professional environment. If you are interested in presenting at our convention, or know someone who is, please contact IPDA Managing Director, Mary G. Jarzabek, via email at [mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu](mailto:mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu). Paper presentations are scheduled right after Friday’s registration again this year. We hope this will enable everyone to attend these enlightening convention events.

Our three host schools are working hard to make sure this is a memorable and educational event. Please join us!

Sincerely,

Mary G. Jarzabek -318-797-5318

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IPDA Managing Director

Louisiana State University in Shreveport

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**ENTRY PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE:** Entry deadline is 5:00 PM, Friday, April 5. Entries will be confirmed and finalized by Monday, April 8. We prefer emailed entries to the Managing Director, but will accept fax or mailed entries. Each entry change (including adds or drops) made after 5:00 PM, Tuesday, April 9 will be assessed a $20 add/drop fee per individual change. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Executive Committee of IPDA reserves the right to review and make changes to the name used to identify individuals or independent programs during the National Championship.

**RULES AND ENTRIES :** Four individual divisions will be offered: NOVICE, JUNIOR VARSITY, VARSITY, and PROFESSIONAL. One division of TEAM IPDA is offered with a “varsity” designation. If you have any questions about division eligibility, you can find your answers in the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws located on the web at [ipdadebate.info](http://www.ipdadebate.info). The tournament will follow IPDA guidelines and regulations as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws.

**JUDGES :** You will notice on the entry form there is no price for uncovered entries. **This is not an option!** We require that each program cover its entries to ensure a diverse and equitable judging pool. One judge will cover up to four debaters and/or two teams. Programs are mandated to meet this requirement (so for every four debaters or two teams you enter, you MUST bring a judge!). **All** judges are obligated to **ALL** rounds including **ALL** outrounds. We will, of course, try to release schools as soon as possible during the outrounds for their journey home. However, outrounds require extra judges and we need a diverse pool for balanced panels.

## Judging for the National Championship Tournament

To maintain consistency and fairness for the National Championships Tournament, participating programs will be expected to provide the same judges throughout the duration of the tournament.  The name of each judge should be submitted at the time of the team's entry. Judges unable to continue their duties for ANY reason during the tournament must be immediately replaced: even if this means removing a competitor from the tournament and placing them in the judging pool for the remainder of the tournament.  Rounds **must** be judged by the person named at the top of the ballot – NO “BALLOT” SWAPPING IS ALLOWED.

**Procedures for judging assignments and ballot distribution:**

Judges’ ballots for each program are going to be placed into a folder or packet designated for that program (e.g. Union will get a folder with all the ballots assigned to UU judges for that round).

1. EACH program will be asked to submit the name of the person who will be responsible for picking up these ballot folders.
   1. So choose wisely…a lot will be riding on this.
   2. Each judge will then return their ballots independently to the ballot table.
2. EACH program must pick up their ballot packets no later than fifteen minutes into prep time to allow their judges enough time to make it to their assigned rooms and start each round on time.
3. A “Three-Strike” penalty system will be used for failure to comply with these procedures.
   1. A strike will be:
      1. Failure of a program’s judge to start their assigned round within five minutes after that round’s prep time **has expired**.
      2. Failure of a program to notify the tab room of a name change on the designated ballot (judge swap out) before the round begins.  IF a program encounters a problem, the tab room MUST approve any change in judging assignments.
   2. Any delay stemming from tab room procedures will NOT be considered a strike.
4. PENALTIES:
   1. 1st strike-a warning will be issued to the program director.  It is assumed that this will correct any problems with a program’s judges.
   2. 2nd strike – a $50 fine or “extra fee” will be imposed on the program.
   3. 3rd strike – the program may be disqualified from the tournament.
5. Coaches and teams are encouraged to stay on top of their team's judging requirements and to take proactive steps to help ensure that their judges pick up all ballots promptly.

**HOTELS:**

All rates listed below are pre-tax rates. You should mention the “IPDA National Debate Tournament” for these rates. The first hotels listed have a special rate inside the block. After the respective cutoff dates, you will pay the going market rate. All hotels reserving rooms for us have set a 2 week cutoff date for room rates – prior to our tourney.

***Hotels holding a block of rooms***

**Wyndham Garden** - Shreveport $89 Group Code: IPDA Debate (Lakeisha Holden)

318.606.4723 (5 minutes from LSUS) 1419 E 70th St., Shreveport, LA 71105

2 free breakfasts per room

Exceptions for schools booking 3+ rooms

**Holiday Inn Express Downtown** $95 Mention IPDA for this rate (Melissa Ferland)

318.222.7717 102 Lake Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

Free Breakfast for all guests

**Hilton Garden Inn –** Shreveport $89 Mention IPDA Debate Tournament (Deborah Coleman)

318.686.0148 Reservation Dept. 5971 Financial Plaza St., Shreveport, LA 71129

Great property, but quite a drive from this I-20 location

**Please contact Mary Jarzabek for additional lodging information:** [**mary.jarzabek@lsus.edu**](mailto:mary.jarzabek@lsus.edu)

**2019 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

# **Saturday, April 13**

8:00 am **Team Debate Registration**, LSUS University Center – 1st floor

Main Prep – 2nd floor and Tabroom – 1st floor

8:45 am Team Round 1 - (all times reflect start of IPDA draw for each round)

10:15 am Team Round 2

11:45 am Team Round 3

1:45 pm Team Round 4

3:15 pm Team Round 5

4:30 pm Coaches Review

5:15 pm **Breaks posted**

ASAP Team Doubleoctos

7:00 pm Team Octos

8:45 pm Team Quarters

# **Sunday, April 14**

8:00 am Team Semifinal Round

8:30 am Joint meeting of Governing Board and Exec. Committee – LSUS University Center

10:00 am Team Final Round

**Registration** Final Check In – LSUS University Center – 1st floor

**(Registration closes at 11 am)**

10:30 am **Presentation of papers** – Panels will be held in rooms in LSUS University Center – check postings

12:00 pm Round 1

1:40 pm Round 2

3:20 pm Round 3

5:00 pm Round 4

**7:30 pm Season Awards Reception hosted by BPCC – Wyndham Garden Hotel**

## Monday, April 15

8:00 am Round 5

9:40 am Round 6

11:20 am Round 7

1:00 pm Round 8

2:30 pm **Lunch Break – Pizzas will be provided by IPDA**

3:00 pm Coaches Review

4:00 pm **Breaks posted**

4:15 pm First Elimination Round

5:45 pm Second Elimination Round

\*7:20 pm Third Elimination Round – if needed

\* Times may vary depending on the need for additional outrounds!

\* ALL participants need to hasten the outround process!

## Tuesday, April 16 – All outrounds will be held on LSUS Campus

8:00 am Quarterfinal Rounds

9:30 am Semi Finals for all divisions

11:00 am Finals for all divisions

12:30 pm Travel to Awards location

1:00 pm IPDA Awards Ceremony - TBA

**ENTRY FORM – Due by Friday, April 5 at 5 pm**

School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Individual IPDA Competitors: Please **Print** Full Names – Add more lines if needed. Circle division entered.

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4.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Professional Novice Varsity Jr Varsity

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TEAM IPDA Competitors: Please **print** full names – add more lines if needed.

\*\* All TEAM IPDA competitors must meet the Varsity Division qualification\*\*

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Mentor (TIPDA style) Division Competitors: Please **print** full names – add more lines if needed.

\*\*Each Mentor team must have a single novice competitor. No points will be awarded, but no fees apply.

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Judges – Add more lines if needed. **PLEASE INDICATE TIPDA OR IPDA JUDGING.**

If you have more judges than needed – please note it. We can offer some judging slots to schools with high travel costs.

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FEES: **Programs are required to be current with their Association dues in order to participate.**

Program Tournament Registration Fee $35.00

Program Convention Fee $20.00

Program Annual Dues $35.00

\_\_\_\_ Individual IPDA @ $35.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ TEAM IPDA @ $60.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Banquet tickets @ $ 30.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ask about availability of veggie plates)

Total Fees.......................................... $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: International Public Debate Association

Please send your entries to IPDA Managing Director (info below).

Mary Jarzabek, IPDA Managing Director:

Email: [mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu](mailto:mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu)

Fax: (318) 797-5132

Phone: (318) 797-5318

All entries will be confirmed via email no later than Monday, April 8, 2019 at noon.

**If your entry is not confirmed, then assume it has not been received and contact the managing director.**

Snail Mail: NOT RECOMMENDED

Mary Jarzabek

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Shreveport, LA 71115

**AWARDS:**

Tournament trophies will be given to all competitors who break to outrounds, the top five speakers in each division, and the top five overall sweepstakes programs. IPDA has a national tournament award for the top sweepstakes community college winner and the Scholastic Champion. The formula for calculating points will be the same as that detailed in the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws.

Season awards based on this debate season’s cumulative points will also be given to the top ten individuals in each division, the top five speakers in each division, and the top five programs in each division. The Founder’s Award will also be presented to the top five programs earning the most combined points over the course of six regular season tournaments. In addition, awards such as the Bennett Strange Coach of the Year Award, the Scholastic Championship Award, and other association-specific awards will be presented.