



Hey y'all!

We're mixing it up across state lines and Tech is coming to Texas!

The "Hot & Spicy" team at Louisiana Tech University is boot scootn' on over to Deep in the Heart of Tex-Mex to add a little fun and forensics flavor to team up with Stephen F. Austin State University Lumberjacks. Together, we're cohosting the first-ever LA/TX Two-Step Tournament!

Located on the beautiful SFA campus in Nacogdoches, Texas, the tournament will provide team debate on Friday, October 19, and individual debate on Saturday, October 20—Sunday, October 21.

"Step 1" will feature 4 preliminary TIPDA rounds and "Step 2" will feature 6 IPDA preliminary rounds. The competition will feature all four divisions (novice, junior varsity, varsity, and professional). We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of forensic competition.

All entries must be received by Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 5:00 pm. They may be emailed to Kimberly Wagner at squyreska@sfasu.edu or phoned to **936.468.1086**.

Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, **Wednesday, October 17**, at which point fees will be set. Late fees will be charged for any changes after **Wednesday, October 17** at noon (in addition to any fees associated with the entry).

We're hoping that even if the forensics opportunities don't persuade you to join us, maybe lunch will! We plan to offer a fun and flavorful mix of food (perhaps tacos and gumbo!) for lunch on Saturday, October 20.

We also plan on a few fun treats—and maybe even a few tricks—since Halloween is only a few weeks away!

In the pages that follow, you'll find all the details for the tournament. If you have questions, please feel free to contact either or us at any time.

See ya soon!

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HOTEL & RESTAURANT INFORMATION

While there is no block rate available, Nacogdoches has a wide variety of hotels fit for all budgets, and there are a variety of restaurants close to campus and accommodations to choose from.

Top-rated Hotels

The Fredonia Hotel	936.564.1234
Magnuson Hotel	936.564.2802
Hampton Inn	936.560.9901
Days Inn	936.715.0005
Comfort Suites	936.560.9900
Best Western	936.560.1906
Super 8	936.560.2888
Holiday Inn Express	936.564.0100
Quality Inn	936.564.2800
LaQuinta Inn	936.560.5453
Continental Inn	936.560.5555
Econo Lodge	936.569.0880

Top-rated Restaurants

Clear Springs Restaurant
Dolli's Diner
Zoukis Mediterranean
The Jalepeno Tree
Auntie Pasta's
Butcher Boy's BBQ
Pepper Jack's
Peking Chinese Restaurant
NacBurger
Raising Cane's
The Fredonia Hotel Restaurant
Maklemore's Ale-House & Bistro

ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION

Registration will be on the first floor of the Vera Dugas Liberal Arts North Building, located off of Aikman Drive. Each team will be provided with a welcome packet with a schedule, map, and information about local restaurants and activities. A map is also provided below. All buildings will be clearly marked.

DIRECTIONS & PARKING

The University physical address is 1936 North Street, Nacogdoches, Texas, 75946. On Friday, when you arrive on North Street, turn onto Vista Drive (main campus entrance) for your visitor parking permit. They will provide you with a map and directions for parking. On Saturday and Sunday, you may park anywhere on campus. Detailed information about parking will be provided the week of the tournament.

MEALS & SERVICES

On-campus restaurants and student services will not be available after 4:00 p.m. on Friday. However, there are many restaurants right across from campus to cater to your needs and vending machines in the Baker Patillo Student Center. More information will be provided in your Welcome Packet. Plans are to provide lunch on Saturday.

JUDGING RULES & JUDGE'S TRAINING

There will be a short, mandatory judge's training at the beginning of the tournament for both TIPDA & IPDA.

One judge during debate rounds covers 4 IPDA debaters (4 individual and/or 2 IPDA-Teams). As is commonplace in IPDA, once eliminated from competition, IPDA competitors may be used to judge IPDA elimination rounds. All judges are obligated to judge one round beyond the elimination of their program. **If you do not bring judges, you will be charged additional fees.**

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to all elimination round participants in all events. Awards shall be presented to the top five speakers in each debate division. The top three programs and the top two-year colleges shall receive awards for sweepstakes. Additionally, for those schools entering both halves of the Swing tournament, the top three programs and the top two-year college shall receive awards for Swing sweepstakes.

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

A. General information

1. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate sweepstakes awards.

B. Points formula

1. All of a school's top four entries in each individual event will count toward sweepstakes totals, and all of a school's top four debaters in each debate division will count toward sweepstakes totals.
2. Debate points will be awarded according to the following formula:
 - 5 points for each preliminary round win
 - 6 points for breaking to elimination rounds
 - 6 points for 1st speaker
 - 5 points for 2nd speaker
 - 4 points for 3rd speaker
 - 3 points for 4th speaker
 - 2 points for 5th speaker
 - Individual debate points will be halved, with the exception of speaker awards.

SCHEDULE

Friday, October 19

12:00 Registration
12:30 Welcome
12:45 Judge Training
1:00 TIPDA Round 1
2:30 TIPDA Round 2
4:00 TIPDA Round 3
5:30 TIPDA Round 4
7:00 Coach Check
7:30 TIPDA Elimination 1

Saturday, October 20

8:00 TIPDA Elimination 2
9:30 TIPDA Elimination 3
10:00 Registration
10:30 Welcome
10:45 Judge Training
11:00 IPDA Round 1
12:30 IPDA Round 2
2:00 IPDA Round 3
3:00 Lunch provided
4:00 IPDA Round 4
5:30 IPDA Round 5

7:00 IPDA Round 6
8:30 Coach Check

Sunday, October 21

8:00 Elimination 1
9:30 Awards
Remaining Elimination
Rounds to follow awards

ENTRIES

Entries should be emailed (preferred) to **Kimberly Squyres Wagner** at squyreska@sfasu.edu or phoned to **936.468.1086**. **PLEASE MAKE ANY CHECKS PAYABLE TO "SFA Debate."**

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Tournament Entry Form

SCHOOL: _____ EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

	Competitor Name	Division	Judge Name (1 covers 4 IPDA entries)
1.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
2.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
3.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
4.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
5.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
6.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
7.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
8.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
9.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
10.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
11.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
12.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
13.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
14.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	
15.		Novice/JV/Varsity/Pro	

	Team Competitor Name	Team Competitor Name	Judge Name (1 covers 2 TIPDA entries)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Fees	Number of Entries	Total Amount
	_____ IPDA @ \$25 each (covered)	_____
	_____ IPDA @ \$50 each (uncovered)	_____
	_____ TIPDA @ \$40 each (covered)	_____
	_____ TIPDA @ \$65 each (uncovered)	_____
	Total Fees:	_____

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