

It's Not 30-Below Swing

**Hosted by
University of Kentucky
&
Texas Christian University**

January 16-18, 2015

**Texas Christian University,
Fort Worth, Texas**



Dear Forensics Community:

The forensics teams of Texas Christian University and the University of Kentucky, and the Texas Zeta and Kentucky Nu chapters of Pi Kappa Delta cordially invite you to the inaugural It's Not 30-Below Swing to be hosted on the beautiful sunny campus of Texas Christian University January 16-18, 2015.

We invite you to join us for a weekend of competition featuring two complete individual event tournaments with the ten NFA events as well as AFA program oral interpretation, and a debate tournament with NPDA, NFA-LD, and IPDA debate formats. Each individual event tournament (Horned Frog Invitational on Saturday and Wildcat Invitational on Sunday) will include two preliminary rounds and a final (semi-finals if necessary). NPDA and IPDA will include six preliminary rounds on Friday, and out-rounds as needed on Saturday. NFA LD will run concurrent with Sunday's IE tournament, and will include four preliminary rounds and two out-rounds. Debate events will include novice, JV, and open divisions if warranted by entry sizes of each event.

Students may enter in either NPDA or IPDA on Friday, but not both. Entry in NFA LD will preclude IE competition on Sunday. Students may enter three individual events per pattern. Two duos counts as two events.

Further details about the It's Not 30-Below Swing follow on the next few pages. We look forward to receiving your entry by the deadline: Tuesday, January 13, 2015. We can't wait to welcome you to beautiful Fort Worth in January!

Sincerely,

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Schedule

Friday, January 16

Not 30-Below Debate

- 10:30 Registration
- 11:30 NPDA/IPDA Round 1
- 12:45 NPDA/IPDA Round 2
- 2:30 NPDA/IPDA Round 3
- 4:00 NPDA/IPDA Round 4
- 5:00 Dinner Break
- 5:30 NPDA/IPDA Round 5
- 7:00 NPDA/IPDA Round 6
- 8:30 NPDA/IPDA Elim Round 1

Saturday, January 17

Horned Frog Invitational

- 7:00 Registration/Breakfast
- 7:30 NPDA/IPDA Elim Round 2
- 8:30 Extemp Draw
- 9:00 Flight B Round 1
- 10:15 Flight A Round 1
- 11:30 Lunch and
NPDA/IPDA Elim Round 3
- 12:30 Extemp Draw
- 1:00 Flight B Round 2
- 2:15 Flight A Round 2
- 3:30 Extemp Draw
- 4:00 Flight B Finals
- 5:15 Flight A Finals
- 7:00 Awards
- 8:00 NPDA/IPDA Elim Round 4 (if needed)

Sunday, January 18

Wildcat Invitational

- 7:30 Registration
- 8:00 Extemp Draw
- 8:30 Flight B Round 1, LD Round 1
- 9:45 Flight A Round 1, LD Round 2
- 11:00 Lunch
- 11:30 Extemp Draw
- 12:00 Flight B Round 2, LD Round 3
- 1:15 Flight A Round 2, LD Round 4
- 2:30 Extemp Draw
- 3:00 Flight B Finals, LD Semifinals
- 4:15 Flight A Finals, LD Finals
- 6:00 Awards

Individual Event Patterns

Pattern A

- After Dinner Speaking
- Duo Interpretation
- Impromptu
- Informative Speaking
- Poetry

Pattern B

- Drama Interpretation
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Persuasion
- Program Oral Interpretation
- Rhetorical Criticism
- Prose

Entries

Deadline: Entries should be sent to both Amorette Hinderaker at a.hinderaker@tcu.edu and Timothy Bill at timothy.bill@uky.edu on the official entry form provided no later than 5:00 on Tuesday, January 13. Drops and changes may be made without penalty until Wednesday, January 14 at 5:00. Changes after this time will incur an additional fee of \$10 per slot.

Debate Limitations: Students may enter either NPDA or IPDA, but not both. The tournament directors reserve the right to collapse open and novice divisions of debate if entry size warrants this action. Students who enter NFA LD will not be able to compete in individual events on Sunday (but may do so on Saturday).

Individual Event Limitations: Students may enter a maximum of three individual events per pattern. Competitors may enter two duos (with different partners), but this will count as two events in pattern A. Students entered in multiple events will be responsible for making it to their rounds on time, and should endeavor to sign in. The tournament directors reserve the right to limit the number of entries from a school, and to balance rounds to accommodate judging obligations from schools with large entries.

Event Rules

We will follow NFA individual event rules, which may be found [here](#). Per NFA rules, we will use multiple types of prompts in impromptu that may include quotations, objects, cartoons, song lyrics, proverbs, and rhetorical situations. We will also follow AFA rules for POI, which may be found [here](#). All competitors should note that TCU does not offer open wireless access, so students will not have internet available for extemp prep.

NPDA debate will follow NPDA guidelines, available [here](#). Teams will be given 15 minutes of preparation time following topic announcement. IPDA debate will follow IPDA guidelines, available [here](#). Debaters will be given 30 minutes of preparation time following topic draw. Debaters are expected to be in their competition rooms at the end of prep time, and a late forfeiture rule will be enforced. IPDA may be flighted to conserve judges if necessary. NFA LD will use NFA rules and topic, available [here](#).

Fees

Covered Individual Events: \$10 (one judge covers 6 slots)
Uncovered Individual Events: \$15
Covered NPDA Teams: \$75 (one judge covers 2 teams)
Uncovered NPDA Teams: \$125
Covered IPDA: \$30 (one judge covers four debaters)
Uncovered IPDA: \$75
Covered LD: \$30 (one judge covers two debaters)
Uncovered LD: \$75
Drops at Registration: fee + \$25. Dropped judges: \$75 each.

Awards

Awards will be given to the top six competitors in each individual event, and out-round participants in debate. Debate events will also include speaker awards for the top 6 speakers. The top novice competitor in each category will also be recognized.

Individual Event Pentathlon: The top three individual students in pentathlon will receive an award. Eligibility for the pentathlon requires students to compete in five events, which must include at least one interpretation event (Prose, Duo, POI, DI, Poetry) and one public address/limited preparation event (Inf, Imp, Ext, Pers, RC, ADS). Only the top five events will be included in pentathlon, and two duos count as one event.

Team Sweepstakes: The top five schools will be recognized with an award for individual events sweeps, debate sweeps, and combined debate/IE. We will also recognize the top two-year school with an overall swing award.

Sweepstakes awards will be calculated with the following formula:

Individual Event Preliminaries:

1st – 3 points
2nd – 2 points
3rd – 1 point

Individual Event Finals:

1st – 12 points
2nd – 10 points
3rd – 8 points
4th – 6 points
5th – 4 points
6th – 2 points

Debate Preliminaries:

Win – 3 points
Loss – 1 point

Debate Out-Rounds (except finals):

Win – 6 points
Loss – 2 points

Debate Finals:

Win – 12 points
Loss – 6 points

Tournament Practices

The UK and TCU teams will not enter competitors in their own half of the IE swing, but TCU and UK competitors will be entered in debate events.

TCU is a smoke-free campus, and we ask that you refrain from smoking at all times on campus.

A number of food options are available both on campus, and within walking distance. Information will be provided at registration. The tournament will provide continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. A judges' lounge with light refreshments will also be provided for coaches and judges.

Hotel Suggestions

Fort Worth is home to many hotels that will accommodate all tastes and budgets. We suggest the area around Hulen Mall (south of I-20 on Hulen), the Cityview area (south of I-20 on Bryant Irvin), or Benbrook hotels (north of I-20 on Winscott Road), which are all near both campus and many food options. The link below will take you to a Google Maps search with hotels in this area highlighted.

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels/@32.6808093,-97.4057638,15z>

TCU

A detailed map of TCU is available [here](#). Registration will be held in the Brown-Lupton University Union on Stadium Drive. Parking information will be forwarded with your entry confirmation.

Debate Chamber: TCU is home to a formal debate chamber, pictured [here](#). The Chamber will be used for debate out-rounds. Both competitors and judges are asked to observe the Chamber guidelines and refrain from food or drink in the room.

We will provide a student lounge area for competitors to enjoy between rounds. We ask that you respect our campus and pick up after yourselves.

We hope to see you in Fort Worth in January, where we can be thankful that It's Not 30-Below! Please contact us with any questions: a.hinderaker@tcu.edu or timothy.bill@uky.edu.