

Cowtown Classic Swing

**Hosted by:
Texas Christian University
&
West Texas A&M University**

January 20-22, 2017

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



Dear Forensics Community:

The forensics teams of Texas Christian University and West Texas A&M University cordially invite you to the Cowtown Classic Swing, to be hosted on the beautiful sunny campus of Texas Christian University January 20-22, 2017.

We invite you to join us for a weekend of competition featuring two complete individual event tournaments with the eleven AFA events, and a debate tournament with NPDA and IPDA debate formats. Each individual event tournament (TCU Invitational on Saturday and WTAMU Invitational on Sunday) will include two preliminary rounds and a final (semi-finals if necessary). NPDA and IPDA will include five preliminary rounds on Friday, and out-rounds as needed on Saturday. IPDA will include novice and varsity divisions if warranted by entry sizes of each event.

Students may enter in either NPDA or IPDA on Friday, but not both. Students may enter three individual events per pattern. Two duos counts as two events.

Further details about the Cowtown Classic Swing follow on the next few pages.

We look forward to receiving your entry by the deadline: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m..

We can't wait to welcome you to beautiful Fort Worth in January!

Sincerely,

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Schedule

Friday, January 20 Cowtown Debate

10:00 Registration
11:00 NPDA/IPDA Round 1
12:30 NPDA/IPDA Round 2
2:00 NPDA/IPDA Round 3
3:30 NPDA/IPDA Round 4
4:30 Dinner Break
5:15 NPDA/IPDA Round 5
6:45 Coach's Check (IPDA)
7:00 Elim Round 1

Saturday, January 21 TCU 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)

Pattern A

Impromptu
Informative
Prose
Dramatic
After Dinner Speaking

Sunday, January 22 WTAMU Invitational

8:00 Extemp Draw
8:30 Flight B Round 1
9:45 Flight A Round 1
11:00 Lunch
11:30 Extemp Draw
12:00 Flight B Round 2
1:15 Flight A Round 2
2:30 Extemp Draw
3:00 Flight B Finals
4:15 Flight A Finals
6:00 Awards

Pattern B

Poetry
Communication Analysis
Duo
Extemporaneous
Persuasion
POI

Entries

Deadline: Entries should be sent no later than 5:00 on Tuesday, January 17. Entries may be submitted through Speechwire. Drops and changes may be made without penalty until Wednesday, January 18 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.

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 AFA rules for individual events. Open internet access will be allowed in extemp prep.

NPDA debate will follow NPDA guidelines. Teams will be given 15 minutes of preparation time following topic announcement. IPDA debate will follow IPDA guidelines. 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 will be flighted.

Fees

Individual Events: \$10 (one judge covers 6 slots)
Judging Fee Per Uncovered Individual Events: \$12
NPDA Teams: \$75 (one judge covers 2 teams)
Judging Fee Per Uncovered NPDA Team: \$50
IPDA: \$30 (one judge covers four debaters)
Judging Fee Per Uncovered IPDA: \$25
Drops at Registration: fee + \$25. Dropped judges: \$100 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, CA, 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 WTAMU and TCU may enter novice competitors in their own half of the IE swing, but these students will be ineligible for individual sweeps. TCU and WTAMU competitors will be entered in debate events. Tournament directors reserve the right to place students from the same team into the same section of IEs to conserve judges.

TCU allows smoking outdoors only, and smokers must remain 25 feet from all building entrances.

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 at <http://www.maps.tcu.edu>. Registration on Friday will be in Rees-Jones Hall. Registration Saturday and Sunday will be held in Moudy South on the corner of University Drive and N. Cantey.

Parking information will be forwarded with your entry confirmation.

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

We will do our best to provide student space for debate preparation and lounge areas. We ask that you respect our campus and pick up after yourselves.

We hope to see you in Fort Worth in January! Please contact us with any questions: a.hinderaker@tcu.edu or cmckee@mail.wtamu.edu.