



THE VOLUNTEER CLASSIC

Colleagues, Coaches and Fellow Debaters

The Tennessee Speech and Debate Society is proud to announce the 4th annual Volunteer Classic to be hosted at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville from **January 30th - February 1st**.

Celebrating the rich history of forensics and competitive debate, as well as the importance of oratorical education, the Volunteer Classic encourages alumni within the speech and debate community to enter our tournament's professional division. Regarding this, we feature several awards and prizes for these experience competitors.

Registration should be emailed to rhinton1@vols.utk.edu.



Our tournament is split into two branches:

- The first half will feature NPDA and Team IPDA styles of debate; both require two speakers per team. NPDA will have 2 divisions, novice and open, IPDA will have only one open division.
- The second half will be individual IPDA only, however separated into Novice, Varsity, and Professional divisions.

We encourage all debaters to enter both halves of the tournament, as only schools/programs who enter both will be eligible for tournament sweepstakes awards.

SWEEPSTAKES

Awards will be given to the top 3 programs in NPDA, Team IPDA, and IPDA divisions; and 3 awards for overall sweepstakes.

Tournament Tabulation Formula

Preliminary Win/Bye	3
Breaking	1
Out-round Win	5
Top Speaker	3

As per tradition within the debate community, the Tennessee Speech and Debate Society will not be eligible for speaker awards or sweepstakes.

TOURNAMENT FEES

Fees will be collected during registration. We only accept cash or checks, and all checks must be made out to the Tennessee Speech and Debate Society.

Entry fees per individual competitor	\$25
Additional fee for uncovered IPDA judge (1 judge covers 4 individual competitors)	\$25
Additional fee for uncovered NPDA judge (1 judge covers 2 teams)	\$50

Any competitor dropped after the registration deadline of January 20th will accrue a \$20 fine. Any competitor dropped during the tournament weekend will accrue a \$30 fine. Any judge dropped during the tournament will accrue a \$100 dollar fine.

THE CRITERION AWARD

This award will be tabulated by the overall preliminary wins and speaker points, and given to the alumni who has demonstrated the standard that all should strive to seek.

“THE IGNITE AWARD”

Tabulated upon a combination of overall preliminary wins and speaker points, this award honors the novice who is leading the new class of orators.

SPIRIT OF THE HILL

There are great debaters, but then there are great leaders. There are students who contribute more to their team, who volunteer extra time to educate others, who build a greater community, who are driven to better speech and debate itself.

We ask every coach (or representative) to submit one undergraduate student who has been preminent leader within their organization, attaching a short biography (no more than 400 words) of their work. A council of TSDS alumni will choose one to be named “Spirit of the Hill”.