



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Bossier Parish Community College, the Division of Liberal Arts and the BPCCC Debate Team, I invite you to the 4<sup>th</sup> **annual Eddy Shell Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament, March 2-4, 2012**, at **Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, Louisiana**. This year's tournament will be a swing, with Lee College hosting Individual Events & IPDA Team debate and Bossier Parish Community College hosting IPDA Individual Debate.

The competition will feature **IPDA (7 prelim. rounds) and IPDA Team Debate (5 prelim. rounds)** as well as the **standard 11 AFA-NIET events (2 prelim. rounds)**. We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of forensic competition. All entries must be received by Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 5:00 pm. They may be emailed to [BAlexander@BPCCC.edu](mailto:BAlexander@BPCCC.edu) or phoned to 318-678-6460. Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at which point fees will be set. Late fees will be charged for any changes after Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at noon (in addition to any fees associated with the entry).

Pre-tournament updates will be posted to the following website (and this site will also be used for posting elimination round participants each evening at the conclusion of the competition – so that you will not have to wait around for breaks): <http://bpcccdebate.weebly.com/>

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

Sincerely,

Bob Alexander

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## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

We will not have a block of rooms reserved for the tournament, but if you have any questions concerning area hotels – we'll be glad to provide assistance.

## **DIRECTIONS**

BPCCC is located at 6220 E. Texas St., Bossier City, LA 71111; the campus is 1.3 miles west of I-220 near Louisiana Downs. Tournament locations (for registration, etc.) will be emailed during the week of registration– a campus map is available at <http://www.bpccc.edu/locmap.htm>

**From the East:** take I-20 West to Exit 26 (I-220); continue .4 miles to exit 17A (US-79/US-80). Turn right on US-79/US-80 and proceed 1.3 miles – the campus is on your left.

**From the West:** take I-20 East to Exit 23 (Industrial Drive). Turn left onto Industrial drive (.3 miles). Turn right onto US-79 E/US-80 E/E. Texas St. Continue 1.3 miles – the campus is on your right.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, March 2**

11-11:30 AM: Registration  
(11:45 IPDA-Team Rd1)  
12:00: Extemp. Draw  
12:30: Rd. 1A IE's  
(1:15 IPDA-Team Rd2)  
1:45: Rd. 1B IE's  
(2:45 IPDA-Team Rd3)  
3:00: Extemp. Draw  
3:30: Rd. 2A IE's  
(4:15 IPDA-Team Rd4)  
4:45: Rd. 2B IE's  
(5:45 IPDA-Team Rd5)  
6:00: Extemp. Draw for finals  
6:30: Finals IE's Pattern A  
7:45: Finals IE's Pattern B  
(7:45-8:15 coaches review for IPDA-Team)  
9:30: IE Awards

### **Saturday, March 3**

(8:00: IPDA Team Quarterfinals)  
8:30-9:00 AM: Registration for  
Individual Debate Only Schools  
9:45: IPDA Round 1  
11:15: IPDA Round 2  
12:45: IPDA Round 3  
(2:15: IPDA Team Semifinals)  
3:45 IPDA Round 4  
5:15: IPDA Round 5  
6:45: IPDA Round 6  
8:15: IPDA Round 7

### **Sunday, March 4**

8:00-8:30: Coaches Review  
(8:00: IPDA Team Finals)  
9:30: IPDA Octafinals  
11:30: Awards  
12:30: IPDA Quarterfinals  
2:00: IPDA Semifinals  
3:30: IPDA Finals

## EVENT INFORMATION

1. All American Forensics Association individual events, novice, varsity and professional IPDA and a varsity division of IPDA Team debate shall be offered. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event; however, only the top 4 entries in each event / division will count for sweepstakes awards.

- A. Rules and descriptions for **Individual Events** that are established and followed by the American Forensics Association will be used at the tournament. We will allow the usage of computers in Extemporaneous speaking preparation, however internet access will not be allowed during the preparation time (only pre-loaded files may be accessed). Individual Events will conflict with IPDA-Team debate and competitors may not enter both formats (though they may enter IPDA-individual debate).

Conflict Patterns for IE's: FLIGHT A – Ext, Per, CA, DUO, PRO, POE FLIGHT B – Imp, Inf, ADS, POI, DI

- B. All **IPDA Team Debate** rounds shall follow the 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time and follow the rules established under the International Public Debate Association. One Varsity-Team division will be offered (note the requirement for this “Varsity” division is that the person be currently registered as a student at the institution he/she is are representing, has not earned a bachelor’s degree, and has not competed in collegiate tournaments during more than 10 semesters). Five Preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. IPDA Team Debate will conflict with individual events and competitors will not be able to enter both formats.
- C. All **IPDA debate rounds** shall follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time. Divisions offered will be Novice, Varsity and Professional. 7 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. Division requirements: Novice Division (competitors must not have competed in more than 10 tournaments in high school/college in any format of debate; must be currently enrolled students and the institution they are representing; must not have obtained a bachelor’s degree); Varsity Division (competitors must be currently enrolled students and the institution they are representing; must not have obtained a bachelor’s degree; and must not have competed in collegiate tournaments during more than 10 semesters;); Professional Division (any competitor may enter).

2. **Awards** shall be presented to all elimination round participants in all events. Awards shall be presented to the top three individual sweepstakes participants and top five speakers in each debate division. The top three schools in debate, individual events, and overall sweepstakes competitions will receive awards, and the top three Community Colleges shall also receive awards for overall sweepstakes. Additionally, the Eddy Shell Cumulative Sweepstakes award will be awarded to the program with the highest total points earned from this tournament combined with all previous appearances at the Eddy Shell Invitational (once a program earns the award, their point total is re-set to zero). Current standings entering the 2012 Eddy Shell Invitational are as follows:

	Total	Points Re-set	2011	2010	2009
Crowder College	36		36		
East Texas Baptist University	95.5		42.5	53	
Harding University	99		35	48.5	15.5
Henderson State University	162.5		86	53.5	23
Independent Debate Coalition	30.5		30.5		
Jefferson State Community College	26			26	
John Brown University	146.5				146.5
Louisiana College	339.5		125.5	141.5	72.5
Louisiana State University	213				213
LSU-Alexandria	179.5		47	89	43.5
LSU-Shreveport	299	-436	299	<del>250.5</del>	<del>185.5</del>
McNeese State University	68				68
Mississippi College	91		30	61	
Northwestern State University	38.5				38.5
Sam Houston State University	0	-397	<del>145</del>	<del>153.5</del>	<del>98.5</del>
St. Mary's University	84.5			53.5	31
Stephen F. Austin State University	203		60.5	57	85.5
Tulane University	22.5		22.5		
University of Arkansas-Monticello	307.5		139		168.5
University of Central Arkansas	359		139.5	122.5	97
University of Louisiana-Monroe	34			34	
University of Mississippi	142				142
Wiley College	88				88
William Carey University	219				219

### **Past Winners:**

2011: Sam Houston State University (397 points)  
 2010: LSU-Shreveport (436 points)

## A. General information

1. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate or individual events sweepstakes awards.
2. Schools must be entered in both debate and individual events in order to be eligible for the overall sweepstakes competition.

## 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. Individual Events points will be awarded according to the following formula:
  - in preliminary rounds, 3 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - in semifinals, 1 point for non-advancing contestants
  - in final rounds, 6 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 points for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 points for 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 points for 5<sup>th</sup>, and 1 point for 6<sup>th</sup> and below (any event that goes "straight to finals" will accumulate only finals points)
3. 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 1<sup>st</sup> speaker
  - 5 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker
  - 4 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker
  - 3 points for 4<sup>th</sup> speaker
  - 2 points for 5<sup>th</sup> speaker
  - Individual debate points will be halved, with the exception of speaker awards.

3. To be eligible for **Individual Sweepstakes**, students must compete in a minimum of four Individual Events. Points to determine Individual Sweepstakes placing will be according to the individual events sweepstakes formula outlined herein. Only a student's top four events will be counted toward a student's final Individual Sweepstakes placing.

4. **JUDGES:** One judge during individual events patterns covers six entries per flight. 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.



