



Dear Colleagues,

The SFCT Governing Board invites you to the Fourth Annual Southern Forensics Championship Tournament, to be held at William Carey University January 31<sup>st</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. This tournament serves a regional championship for Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, **but it is open to all who wish to participate.**

The competition will feature parliamentary debate, public debate (both team and individual), and the standard eleven AFA-NIET events. Jennifer Talbert will serve as your tournament director. In addition, we will have elections for representatives for the Southern Forensics Championship Tournament student representative from each state, all to serve a one-year term.

You will find all of the pertinent information in this invitation. Please send any questions to Jennifer Talbert at [jtalbert@wmcarey.edu](mailto:jtalbert@wmcarey.edu). We look forward to seeing you for a weekend of fun and forensic competition.

Sincerely,

The SFCT Governing Board

JoAnn Edwards, The Univ. of Mississippi  
Jim Evans, Univ. of Arkansas—Monticello  
Trey Gibson, Louisiana State Univ.—Shreveport  
Anthony McMullen, Univ. of Central Arkansas  
Jennifer Talbert, William Carey University

## **Tournament Headquarters**

The tournament will be headquartered at Student Conference Center next to the Cafeteria, Wilkes Hall on the William Carey University campus. There should be plenty of parking near the building.

**William Carey University is a Non-Smoking Campus. The prohibition against smoking extends to all WCU property, including parking lots.**

## **Directions**

### **From South, Mobile AL via Hwy 98 to Hwy 49 or South from Gulfport on Hwy 49 Going North**

Enter Hattiesburg on Hwy 49 North and drive approx. 4.2 miles from HWY 98/HWY 49 Intersection and look for William Carey University sign and turn right at traffic signal at Helveston Road. Proceed down Helveston Road through three stop signs. Turn right and go through the main gate.

### **From South, New Orleans, or Southwest (via I-10 or I-12) on I-59 Going North**

Drive into Hattiesburg on I-59N and take exit 60 (signed William Carey University). Turn right off exit ramp on HWY 11 and proceed to junction with Hwy 49 and exit right (south). Go under railroad bridge then take left at next traffic signal onto Helveston Road. Proceed down Helveston Road through three stop signs. Turn right and go through the main gate.

### **From North, Jackson MS or West (via I-20) into Jackson MS Take Hwy 49 Going South**

Drive into Hattiesburg on Hwy 49S go past Southern Miss and through Hardy Street intersection. Continue on HWY 49S until you go under railroad bridge then take left at next traffic signal onto Helveston Road. Proceed down Helveston Road through three stop signs. Turn right and go through the main gate.

### **From Alabama via Meridian, Laurel on I-59 Going South**

Drive into Hattiesburg exit right at Hwy 49 going South, go past Southern Miss and through Hardy Street intersection. Continue on HWY 49 until you go under railroad bridge then take left at next traffic signal onto Helveston Road. Proceed down Helveston Road through three stop signs. Turn right and go through the main gate.

## **Hotel Information**

There are a variety of reasonably priced hotels to select from along I-59 as well as on I-49. Please, if you have any questions about accommodations, do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Talbert. [italbert@wmcarey.edu](mailto:italbert@wmcarey.edu) or cell 216.410.0041

## **SFCT Governing Board**

We will be having elections for the SFCT student from each representative state, all to serve a one-year term. Election procedures will be announced at the tournament. Any student desiring to run for Governing Board should submit their name and a statement of candidacy along with the team's entry. Statements for any contested election will be distributed at the tournament, and eligible voters (any undergraduate student competing in the 2012 SFCT from the representative state) will cast their votes at the tournament.

## **SFCT and individual state COY Awards**

We will be having elections for the SFCT coach of the year awards. Each SFCT state will be responsible for electing their "Coach of the Year". Each of the three coaches will then be eligible for the overall SFCT "Coach of the Year" award. Election procedures will be announced at the tournament.

## Event Information

1. We will offer all eleven AFA events; novice and open parliamentary debate; novice, varsity, and professional public debate; and varsity team public debate.

A. All parliamentary debate rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established under the National Parliamentary Debate Association. Debaters will have fifteen minutes of preparation time (plus five minutes to walk to the round). We will offer open and novice divisions, but divisions may be collapsed if necessary due to limited entries. If entries are collapsed, we will still recognize the top novices in parliamentary debate. We will offer six preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds.

B. All team public debate rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the International Public Debate Association. Students will have thirty minutes of preparation time (includes walking time to rounds). We will offer a varsity division only. Team public debate will take place during individual events (students may not compete in both). We will offer four preliminary rounds and three elimination rounds.

C. All individual public debate rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the International Public Debate Association. Students will have thirty minutes of preparation time (includes walking time to rounds). We will offer professional, varsity, and novice divisions. *While any competitor may enter the Professional division, only registered undergraduate students will be considered for sweepstakes calculations.*

D. All individual events (except for persuasive speaking) shall follow the rules established and followed by the American Forensics Association. Persuasive speaking shall following the rules of the Interstate Oratorical Contest. These speeches shall have no time limit, but the speeches must not exceed 1800 words, with no more than 20% of the total number of words in the speech being words directly quoted from a source other than the student. The rules also require that all quoted material be documented. It is the responsibility of each participant and their respective program to ensure that the manuscripts submitted to the Interstate Oratorical Association adhere to that tournament's national guidelines.

Flight A: Ext, Per, CA, Duo, Prose, POE

Flight B: Imp, Inf, ADS, POI, DI

2. For the purposes of elimination round seeding and speaker points in debate events, adjusted speaker points (total points minus high-low) will be considered. Total points will be used to break a tie.

3. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, but only the top four *undergraduate* entries in each event/division will count for sweepstakes awards. *Exception: under circumstances involving valid educational justifications, students who have received bachelor degrees may be included in sweepstakes calculations if the coach who desires to have the student to be eligible makes this request of the Governing Board of this tournament before the entry deadline for the competition, and a majority of the Governing Board agrees that the student has valid educational reasons for participating.*

4. Awards shall be presented to the elimination round participants in all debate events, the top five speakers in every division of debate, the top six competitors in every individual event, and the top five quadrathlon competitors. The top three schools in debate, individual events, and overall sweepstakes will receive awards. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate or individual events sweepstakes awards, but schools must be entered in both debate and individual events to be eligible for the overall sweepstakes competition.

5. Judges: We need and want your judges. We prefer judges over money. One judge covers four IPDA debaters, two NPDA teams, two IPDA teams, or six IE entries per pattern. Judges may cover multiple events if the events **do not conflict**. For example: one judge could cover four IPDA debaters and six IE entries per pattern, as those events do not occur at the same time, but that same judge could not cover two IPDA teams and six IE entries. **NOTE: William Carey University WILL BE ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT. All efforts will be made to avoid any bias in judging. PLEASE BRING JUDGES! Sweepstakes formula**

1. All of a school's top four *undergraduate* entries will count toward sweepstakes totals.

2. Individual events will be scored as follows:

Preliminary rounds:

3 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place

2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place

1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Semifinals:

2 points for non-advancing contestants

Final rounds:

6 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place

5 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place

4 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place

3 points for 4<sup>th</sup> place

2 points for 5<sup>th</sup> place

1 point for 6<sup>th</sup> place and below

3. Debate will be scored as follows

5 points for each preliminary round win/bye

6 points for breaking to elimination rounds

(These are halved for individual debate.

Speaker points are not halved.)

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

4. To be eligible for quadrathlon, students must compete in (1) a minimum of four individual events (multiple duo's shall count as only one event for purposes of this minimum), and (2) in at least two of the three categories of individual events: limited preparation (extemp, impromptu), public address (after-dinner, persuasive, informative, communication analysis), and interpretation (dramatic, program, prose, poetry, duo). Points to determine quadrathlon placing will be according to the individual events sweepstakes formula outlined herein. Only four events will be counted toward a student's final quadrathlon placing (for students with multiple duo entries, only their one best duo may be counted among these four), with at least one event from two of the three categories being included in those four events.

## Tentative Schedule

### **Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

10:30 – 12:00	Registration		
11:00	Extemp. Draw	12:00	Team IPDA Rd. 1
11:30	Rd. 1A IE's	1:30	Team IPDA Rd. 2
1:00	Rd. 1B IE's	3:00	Team IPDA Rd. 3
2:30	Extemp Draw	4:30	Team IPDA Rd. 4
3:00	Rd. 2A IE's		
4:30	Rd. 2B IE's		

### **Free Pizza Available for all Students and Coaches**

6:00	Extemp Draw	6:00	Team IPDA Rd. 5
6:30	Pattern A Finals	7:30	Team IPDA Quarterfinals
8:00	Pattern B Finals	9:00	Team IPDA Semifinals

**ASAP IE Awards**

### **Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 – 9:00 Registration  
8:00 – Team IPDA Finals

9:30 Debate Rd. 1 (NPDA/IPDA)  
11:15 Debate Rd. 2  
1:00 Debate Rd. 3

2:30 to 3:30 Lunch and Coaches Meeting

3:30 Debate Rd. 4  
5:15 Debate Rd. 5  
7:00 Debate Rd. 6

### **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 Coaches Review for NPDA/IPDA  
10:00 **Debate and Overall Awards**  
ASAP NPDA/IPDA Debate Elimination Rounds

**Entries**

Entries should be submitted via email to Jennifer Talbert at [jtalbert@wmcarey.edu](mailto:jtalbert@wmcarey.edu) no later than Monday, January 27, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. Changes will be accepted without charge until Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at noon. Each change after that will be charged \$15.00.

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Event Entries, Pattern A** (Please denote novice and quadrathon-eligible competitors)

Name	Ext	Per	CA	Prose	POE	Duo (Partner)	Quad/Debate/Novice

**Individual Event Entries, Pattern B** (Please denote novice and quadrathon-eligible competitors)

Name	Imp	Inf	ADS	POI	DI	Quad/Debate/Novice

**Parliamentary Debate:** We will offer open and novice NPDA, but we reserve the right to collapse divisions if there are an insufficient number of entries.

Team	Division

**Team IPDA Debate:** We will only offer a varsity division of team IPDA. Students must be eligible to compete in the varsity division of individual public debate to be eligible to compete in team IPDA. Competitors may not compete in both team IPDA and individual events.

Team

**Individual IPDA Debate:** We will offer all three divisions of IPDA debate. The professional division is open to all who wish to compete, but only currently enrolled undergraduate students will be counted for sweepstakes calculations.

Novice Debaters	Varsity Debaters	Professional Debaters

**Judges:** One judge covers six IE entries per pattern, two debate teams, or four individual IPDA debaters. Please list judges and the events they are qualified to judge (if qualified to judge multiple events, please indicate preferences). **WE WANT YOUR JUDGES, NOT YOUR MONEY!**

Judges	Events

**Entry Fees:** Please make all checks payable to William Carey University

<b>Entries</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Fee</b>
1	Tournament Fee	\$35.00
	Covered Ind. Events (\$8.00)	
	Uncovered Ind. Events (\$15.00)	
	Covered NPDA (\$35.00)	
	Uncovered NPDA (\$60.00)	
	Covered IPDA (\$25.00)	
	Uncovered IPDA (\$40.00)	
	Covered IPDA Team (\$35.00)	
	Uncovered IPDA Team (\$60.00)	
	Late and Drop Fees (\$15)	
	Total Fees:	