

End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament

University of Central Arkansas

March 14 – 16, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of University of Central Arkansas Forensics and the UCA Department of Communication, we are pleased to invite you to the Fifth Annual End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament, to be held on our campus March 14–16, 2014. Our tournament is open to all who wish to participate.

Like last year, we will have Team IPDA Debate on Friday and eight rounds IPDA debate on Saturday and Sunday. And we will be returning to the College of Business as our tournament headquarters.

All of the pertinent information is included with this invitation. We look forward to having you on our campus for a weekend of IPDA Debate.

Sincerely,

Anthony McMullen, J.D., Director of Forensics

Dr. Larry Dilday, Assistant Director of Forensics and Director of Individual Events

University of Central Arkansas Forensics

Tournament Headquarters: The tournament will be headquartered at the College of Business (COB) on the UCA campus. COB is located just north of the AETN headquarters on Donaghey Avenue. Feel free to park near the building, but do not park in the row of spaces marked “Reserved 24/7.”

The University of Central Arkansas is a non-smoking campus. The prohibition against smoking extends to all UCA property, including parking lots.

Hotel Information: Conway has a number of hotels, but the following are right off Interstate 40, about ten minutes from campus, and near a number of restaurant and shopping options.

Hilton Garden Inn: 805 Amity Road, Conway. (501) 329-1444. \$83.00 + tax. (To book, go to <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/L/LITCWGI-BEA-20140314/index.jhtml>)

Hampton Inn: 810 Museum Road, Conway. (501) 329-8999. \$73.00 + tax.

Best Western: 816 E. Oak Street, Conway. (501) 329-9855. \$69.99 + tax.

Registration and Fees: The fee is \$25.00 per covered individual and \$35.00 per covered team. Uncovered entries are an additional \$15.00 per uncovered entry. (We want your judges, not your money.) One judge covers four individual entries or two teams. The only requirements to being an IPDA judge are an open mind and reasonable intelligence. As is standard procedure at most IPDA tournaments, judges are obligated until one round after the team’s last debater has been eliminated, and eliminated competitors may be used as judges in the out rounds, though competitors will not judge in the same division in which they competed.

Our goal is to provide eight rounds of IPDA for all three divisions, but that may be difficult if we receive an insufficient number of Professional division entries. If we receive insufficient entries for eight rounds, we will reduce the number of Professional rounds.

The entry deadline is Monday, March 10, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. Changes will be accepted without charge until Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. Each individual change after that will result in a \$10.00 fee. Register by sending an email to Anthony McMullen (amcmullen@uca.edu).

Our campus wi-fi network previously allowed the use of one username and password for everyone at the tournament. Recent upgrades now require us to assign usernames to all users. Therefore, along with your entry, please send us the number of wi-fi logins your team will need.

Tournament Notes: All of the rules guiding IPDA will apply to this tournament. These rules can be found at ipdadebate.info. In team debate, cross-examination is to be closed unless all debaters and the judge agree otherwise.

Because this will likely be our last opportunity to compete before the national championship, UCA may enter competitors into this tournament. However, every effort will be to ensure that UCA competitors are not judged by members of the UCA community.

Sweepstakes and Awards: We will present awards to the top five speakers in each division, to individuals reaching the elimination rounds, and to the top three schools. Sweepstakes will be calculated as follows:

- Team IPDA wins/byes: 5 points (top two teams count)
- IPDA wins/byes: 2.5 points (top four individuals per division count)
- Speaker points: 5 points for 1st, 4 points for 2nd, etc.

We will also present a special award to the team with the highest preliminary round winning percentage across all forms and divisions of debate, regardless of size (three competitors minimum).

Tentative Tournament Schedule:

Friday, March 14:

1:00: Registration
1:30: Team Round 1
2:50: Team Round 2
4:10: Team Round 3
5:30: Team Round 4
7:00: Team Quarters
8:30: Team Semis

Saturday, March 15:

8:00: Late Registration
8:30: IPDA Rd. 1
10:00: IPDA Rd. 2
11:30: IPDA Rd. 3
1:00: IPDA Rd. 4
2:30: IPDA Rd. 5
4:00: IPDA Rd. 6
5:30: IPDA Rd. 7
7:00: IPDA Rd. 8

Sunday, March 16:

8:30: Coaches Check
and Team Finals
9:00: IPDA Octafinals
ASAP: Awards and
Remaining IPDA Rounds

Team IPDA Finals: If it is possible to schedule Team IPDA Finals without delaying IPDA Octafinals, we will schedule that round during Sunday's coaches check. Otherwise, the round will take place Saturday night at 8:30.

Because of the grueling schedule on Saturday, plans are to provide lunch.