



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI.

Dear Colleagues,

The Governing Board of the Southern Forensics Championship invites you to its seventh annual tournament. This year, we are honored to be hosted by The University of Southern Mississippi on January 27-29, 2017. This tournament serves as a regional championship for Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, **but it is open to all who wish to participate.**

The competition will feature one division of NPDA debate, one division of Team IPDA debate, all four divisions of IPDA debate, and the standard eleven AFA-NIET events plus editorial impromptu. In addition, we will have elections for SFC student representatives, all to serve a one-year term.

You will find all pertinent information below. Question regarding the tournament administration and registration should be sent to Anthony McMullen (amcmullen@uca.edu), while questions about campus facilities and local amenities should be directed to Paul Strait (pstrait@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you for a weekend of fun and forensic competition.

Sincerely,
The SFC Governing Board

Arkansas:
Gabe Adkins, Arkansas Tech Univ.
Anthony McMullen, Univ. of Central Arkansas

Student Members:
George Wewer III, Arkansas Tech Univ.
Drew Chesher, Northwestern State Univ.
Emma Valentine, U. of Southern Mississippi

Louisiana:
Trey Gibson, Louisiana State Univ. at Shreveport
Masey Hammons, Univ. of Louisiana at Lafayette

Mississippi:
Paul Strait, Univ. of Southern Mississippi
Jennifer Talbert, William Carey University

Tournament Headquarters: The tournament will be headquartered at the Liberal Arts Building (LAB), Room 110. **Smoking on the University of Southern Mississippi campus is limited to designated smoking areas on campus.** [Click here for a map of those areas.](#)

Tournament Hotel: The tournament hotel is the Comfort Suites. The room rate is \$87 per night. There are only 30 rooms in the block so book quickly. This rate is only guaranteed until Thursday January 19. They have full breakfast and this discount price includes Thursday, January 26 for those traveling the day before the tournament.

122 Plaza Dr, Hattiesburg, MS 39402
(601) 261-5555

Other hotels in the area:

Hilton Garden Inn
133 Plaza Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
601-261-3770

Hampton Inn
4301 Hardy Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
601-264-8080

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
10 Gateway Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
877-786-9480

Baymont Inn & Suites
123 Plaza Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
601-264-8380

Courtyard Hattiesburg
119 Grand Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
601-268-3050

Super 8 Hattiesburg South
Two Churchill Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
601-264-7668

Microtel Inn and Suites
105 Westover Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
601-450-1592

Fairfield Inn & Suites
173 Thornhill Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
601-296-7777

Candlewood Suites
Nine Gateway Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
800-950-0424

Parking: When you arrive on Friday, you should enter the main entrance to campus on Hardy St. and Memorial Ave., and pass by the visitor's booth. There, you can get a visitor's pass, and directions to the parking lots by the Liberal Arts Building (LAB) or the Nursing Building. You can park in any parking spot that isn't handicapped (unless applicable) or reserved. Due to parking constraints on campus you may find you will need to park by the Nursing Building at the time of registration. As the day winds down you will be able to find parking closer to tournament central in the LAB parking lot. On Saturday and Sunday, you can park in front of LAB, and no pass is necessary.

SFC Governing Board and Coach of the Year Awards: We will have elections for the SFC student representative from each state, all to serve a one-year term. Students desiring to run for Governing Board should submit their name and a brief candidacy statement along with the tournament entry. If there is a contested election, statements will be distributed at the tournament, and eligible voters (any undergraduate student competing in the SFC from the representative state) will cast their votes at the tournament.

Students will also select the SFC Coach of the Year. Each SFC state will be responsible for electing their state Coach of the Year. Each Coach will then be eligible for the SFC Coach of the Year.

Event Information

1. We will offer all eleven AFA-NIET events and Editorial Impromptu; open parliamentary debate; all four divisions of IPDA debate, and varsity team IPDA.
 - 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). Though the plan is to offer a single division, we ask schools to identify novice teams. Top novices may be recognized at the tournament. We will offer six preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds.
 - b. All team IPDA rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the International Public Debate Association. Students will have thirty minutes of preparation time (this includes time walking to the rounds). We will offer a varsity division only. Team IPDA 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 IPDA rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the International Public Debate Association. Students will have thirty minutes of preparation time (this includes time walking to the rounds). We will offer professional, varsity, junior 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. Teams will be allowed to use the Internet for Extemp.
 - e. Persuasive speaking shall follow the rules of the Interstate Oratorical Contest. These speeches shall have no time limit, but the speeches must not exceed 1800 words, which no more than 20% of the total number of words being directly quoted from a source other than the competitor. All quote material must be

documented. Each participant and their respective program is responsible for ensuring that the manuscripts submitted to the Interstate Oratorical Association adhere to that tournament's national guidelines.

- f. Editorial Impromptu rules are as follows: students will be given a 1 page op-ed article, and will have 9 minutes to read the article, prepare a response, and deliver it. Students must speak for at least 5 minutes. The speech should involve the development of an argument in response to the thesis developed or the opinion shared in the article. In agreeing or disagreeing with the position or thesis of the article, students should introduce new information and reasoning.
2. For the purposes of elimination round seeding and speaker points in debate events:
 - a. In Team IPDA, total speaker points will be considered. Ties will be broken by ranks, then by adjusted speaker points (total points minus high-low).
 - b. In NPDA, adjusted speaker points will be considered. Ties will be broken by ranks, then by total speaker points.
 - c. In IPDA, adjusted speaker points will be considered. Ties will be broken by total speaker points.
3. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, but only *undergraduate* entries will count for sweepstakes awards. *However, a graduate student may be included in sweepstakes calculations if the coach who desires to have the student eligible makes a request of the Governing Board before the entry deadline for the competition and a majority of the non-student members of the Governing Board agree that the student has a valid educational reason 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 quadrathon and individual overall sweepstakes 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.

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. That same judge could not cover two IPDA teams and six IE entries.

Because of the tight schedule, it is essential that judges return ballots in a timely manner. Therefore, we ask that judges do not provide oral critiques at the end of the round. (We particularly request this for IPDA judges, as IPDA guidelines strongly discourage oral critiques.)

Tab Room: The tab room will be run by the SFC Governing Board. The tab room will be closed to all competitors. It will be open to coaches during Team IPDA Round 4 and IPDA/NPDA Round 6.

Sweepstakes Formula: In each event, a school's top four entries will count toward sweepstakes totals (except for individual IPDA, where the top three *undergraduate* entries per division will count).

Individual events will be scored as follows:

Preliminary rounds:

3 points for 1st place

2 points for 2nd place

1 point for 3rd place

Semifinals (if any):

2 points for non-advancing contestants

Final rounds:

6 points for 1st place

5 points for 2nd place

4 points for 3rd place

3 points for 4th place

2 points for 5th place

1 point for 6th place and below

Debate will be scored as follows:

5 points for each prelim round win/bye

6 points for breaking

(Win and break points halved
for individual IPDA.)

6 points for 1st speaker

5 points for 2nd speaker

4 points for 3rd speaker

3 points for 4th speaker

2 points for 5th speaker

Quadrathon Sweepstakes:

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

Individual Overall Sweepstakes:

1. To be eligible, students must compete in at least one individual event and one form of debate.

2. Points shall be calculated using the sweepstakes formula outlined herein. All of a student's events will count toward this total.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, January 27 12:30 p.m. Registration

Individual Events Schedule

1:00 p.m. - Round 1 Extemp Draw

1:30 p.m. - Round 1A

2:45 p.m. - Round 1B

3:45 p.m. - Round 2 Extemp Draw

4:15 p.m. - Round 2A

5:30 p.m. - Round 2B

6:30 p.m. - Dinner Break

7:00 p.m. - Finals Extemp Draw

7:30 p.m. - Finals A & Semis (if necessary)

8:45 p.m. - Remaining Finals

Team IPDA Schedule

1:30 p.m. - Draw Rd. 1

3:00 p.m. - Draw Rd. 2

4:30 p.m. - Draw Rd. 3

6:00 p.m. - Dinner Break

6:30 p.m. - Draw Rd. 4

8:30 p.m. - Draw Elim Rd. 1

Flight A: Ext, Per, CA, Duo, Poe, Ed Imp

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

Saturday, January 28 8:30 a.m. Late Registration

8:00 a.m. - Draw Team IPDA Elim Rd. 2

9:30 a.m. - Rd. 1 IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announce

11:00 a.m. - Rd. 2 IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announce

12:30 p.m. - Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. - Draw Team IPDA Elim Rd. 3

1:30 p.m. - Coaches' Meeting and First Student Meeting

2:30 p.m. - Rd. 3 IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announce

4:00 p.m. - Rd. 4 IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announce

5:30 p.m. - Rd. 5 IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announce

7:00 p.m. - Rd. 6 IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announce

8:30 p.m. - Second Student Meeting and Coaches Check

Sunday, January 29

8:30 a.m. - Elim Rd. 1 IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announce

10:30 a.m. - Awards, Remaining Elim rounds to follow

Entries: Entries should be submitted via email to Anthony McMullen at amcmullen@uca.edu no later than Monday, January 23 at 5:00 p.m. Changes will be accepted without charge until Wednesday, January 25 at noon. Each change after that will be charged \$15.00. (Create more blanks on the form if necessary.)

School: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Individual Events:

Pattern A Events

Extemporaneous Speaking

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Persuasive Speaking

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Communication Analysis

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Poetry Interpretation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Pattern B Events

Impromptu Speaking

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Informative Speaking

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

After-Dinner Speaking

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Prose Interpretation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Duo Interpretation

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Dramatic Interpretation

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Editorial Impromptu

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Program Oral Interpretation

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Novices

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Quadrathon Eligible

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Individual Overall Sweepstakes

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Parliamentary Debate: While we will only offer one division of NPDA, please identify novices.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

Team IPDA Debate: We will offer one division of IPDA. Students must be eligible to compete in the varsity division of individual IPDA to compete. (Competitors may not compete in both team IPDA and individual events.)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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

Novice Debate

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Jr. Varsity Debate

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Varsity Debate

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Professional Debate

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Entry Fees: Please make all checks payable to Southern Miss Forensics Society. Student-led programs or programs who lack institutional support can feel free to contact Paul Strait (L.Strait@usm.edu) about a potential reduction/waiver of fees.

_____	Tournament Fee	\$35.00
_____	Friday Competitor Fee (\$5.00 per competitor)	_____
_____	Saturday Competitor Fee (\$5.00 per competitor)	_____
_____	Covered IEs (\$10.00)	_____
_____	Uncovered IEs (\$15.00)	_____
_____	Covered NPDA (\$35.00)	_____
_____	Uncovered NPDA (\$60.00)	_____
_____	Covered IPDA (\$25.00)	_____
_____	Uncovered IPDA (\$40.00)	_____
_____	Covered Team IPDA (\$35.00)	_____
_____	Uncovered Team IPDA (\$60.00)	_____
_____	Late and Drop Fees (\$15.00)	_____
	Total Fees	_____