



On behalf of the University of Central Arkansas, the UCA School of Communication, and UCA Debate and Forensics, we invite you to our campus for the Twelfth Annual End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament. With the IPDA National Championship happening earlier than usual this season, we can't wait until the Bears wake up from their winter slumber. Instead, you are invited to join us on January 17-19, 2020, for a weekend of IPDA Debate. Our tournament is open to all who wish to participate. You will find pertinent information included with this invitation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Go Bears!

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**Tournament Headquarters:** The tournament will be headquartered in the College of Business, which is located just north of the AETN headquarters on Donaghey Avenue. **The University of Central Arkansas is a non-smoking campus. The prohibition against smoking (including vaping and e-cigarettes) extends to all UCA property, including parking lots.**

**Hotel Information:** There is no tournament hotel, but Conway has plenty of hotels near plenty of restaurants and shopping options. Contact us if you want recommendations.

**Registration and Fees:** Fees are \$25.00 per covered individual and \$40.00 per covered team. Uncovered entries are an additional \$15.00 per uncovered individual entry and \$25.00 per uncovered team entry. Please make any checks out to the UCA Foundation and put "UCA Debate and Forensics" in the memo line.

One judge covers four individual entries and/or two teams. In IPDA, undergraduates may be used as judges without jeopardizing their eligibility. As is standard procedure at most IPDA tournaments in this region, judges are obligated until one round after a team's last debater has been eliminated, and eliminated competitors may be used as out round judges.

*This tournament is happening very early in our semester, and there is a high school tournament at Conway High this same weekend. As a result, it will be a greater challenge for us to attract volunteer judges for our tournament. We will not go as far as to require that all entries be covered, but desperately need your judges more than your money to help this tournament be a success.*

The entry deadline is Tuesday, January 14 at 5:00 p.m. Changes may be made without penalty until Wednesday, January 15 at 5:00 p.m. At that time, fees will be locked. Please register by sending your entry to Anthony McMullen at [amcmullen@uca.edu](mailto:amcmullen@uca.edu). Do not forget to include ADA requests for competitors and judges.

**Tournament Notes:** All rules guiding IPDA debate, including division eligibility and times, will apply to this tournament. These rules can be found at [ipdadebate.info](http://ipdadebate.info). Per our tradition, preliminary rounds will be themed (e.g., domestic policy, economy and finance, education, pop culture, etc.). For team IPDA rounds, cross-examination is to be closed, and there should be no swapping of speaker positions in rebuttal. (If you are the first affirmative/negative in constructive speeches, you need to first affirmative/negative in the rebuttal speeches.)

UCA debaters may compete at this tournament. However, we will ensure that they are not judged by members of the UCA community, and UCA will not be eligible for any sweepstakes awards.

For Team IPDA, we will offer three elimination rounds. For IPDA, we will offer an appropriate number of elimination rounds, including partials to ensure that all winning records have a chance to break.

**Awards:** Awards will be given to all out round participants, the top five speakers in each division, and the top three programs in Team IPDA, IPDA, and overall. Sweepstakes will be calculated as follows:

Team IPDA: 6 points per prelim win, 6 points for breaking (two teams max)

IPDA: 3 points per prelim win, 3 points for breaking (three individuals per division max)

Top Speakers in each Division: 5 pts for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 4 pts for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, etc.

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

**Tentative Schedule (times indicate the start of draw):****Friday:**

12:00 – Registration

1:00 – Team Rd. 1

2:30 – Team Rd. 2

4:00 – Team Rd. 3

5:30 – Team Rd. 4

7:30 – Team Quarterfinals

**Saturday:**

8:00 – Team Semifinals

8:30 – Late Registration

9:30 – IPDA Rd. 1

11:00 – IPDA Rd. 2

12:30 – IPDA Rd. 3

2:00 – Lunch Break

2:30 – IPDA Rd. 4

4:00 – IPDA Rd. 5

5:30 – IPDA Rd. 6

7:00 – IPDA Rd. 7

8:30 – Team Finals

**Sunday:**

8:00 – Ballot Check

8:30 – IPDA Elim Rd. 1

10:15 – Awards

11:00 – IPDA Elim Rd. 2

12:30 – IPDA Elim Rd. 3

2:00 – IPDA Elim Rd. 4

3:30 – IPDA Elim Rd. 5

(if needed)

*If Team Finals can take place on Sunday morning without delaying the tournament, then Team Finals will be moved to Sunday morning, with draw starting at 8:00 a.m.*