



2021 VOL Classic

University of Tennessee

February 4th - February 6th,
2020

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Esteemed Debaters and Colleagues,

The Tennessee Speech and Debate Society (TSDS) of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville would like to invite you and your debate team to attend the **University of Tennessee's VOL Classic IPDA Debate Tournament on Friday, February 4th through Sunday, February 7th, 2021.**

The tournament will be held on our Knoxville campus, and will include all four divisions (Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Pro) of IPDA as well as TIPDA. There will be eight preliminary rounds to provide a productive learning experience for all debaters, as well as a fantastic opportunity to earn season-long points! The TSDS eagerly looks forward to an enjoyable, well-run tournament. **We will also be providing free snacks throughout the tournament** for the convenience and enjoyment of your teams and debaters.

We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation. As of the posting of this invite, UTK has a mask mandate for all on campus and we will be enforcing this guidance throughout the tournament to ensure the safety of all participants.

We are eager to see many great teams gather together for a weekend of exemplary debate. This tournament should be a wonderful event for new and returning debaters. In addition, we encourage everyone to bring as many judges as possible to diversify the judging pool.

The entire Tennessee Speech and Debate Society is enthusiastic to once again host the **VOL Classic** and hopes to welcome you to our campus for an exciting weekend of debate.

If you have any questions, please contact us by email or phone. We look forward to seeing you!

Warm regards,

Tennessee Speech and Debate Society

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ENTRY DEADLINES

All teams must register by **Tuesday, February 1st at 5pm** to utkdebateteam@gmail.com

Any changes must be made by **Wednesday, February 2nd at 12pm**. Any changes after this deadline will warrant a charge of \$15 per change.

Hotels

Hotel options are conveniently placed in downtown and immediately surrounding campus areas. Below is a list of nearby hotels:

Hilton Garden Inn (1706 Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37916):

(865) 437-5500

Holiday Inn (525 Henley Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37902):

(865) 522-2800

The Oliver Hotel (407 Union Ave SW, Knoxville, TN 37902):

(865) 521-0050

Red Roof Inn (1315 Kirby Rd, Knoxville, TN 37909):

(865) 584-3911

Travelodge (6200 Papermill Dr NW, Knoxville, TN 37919):

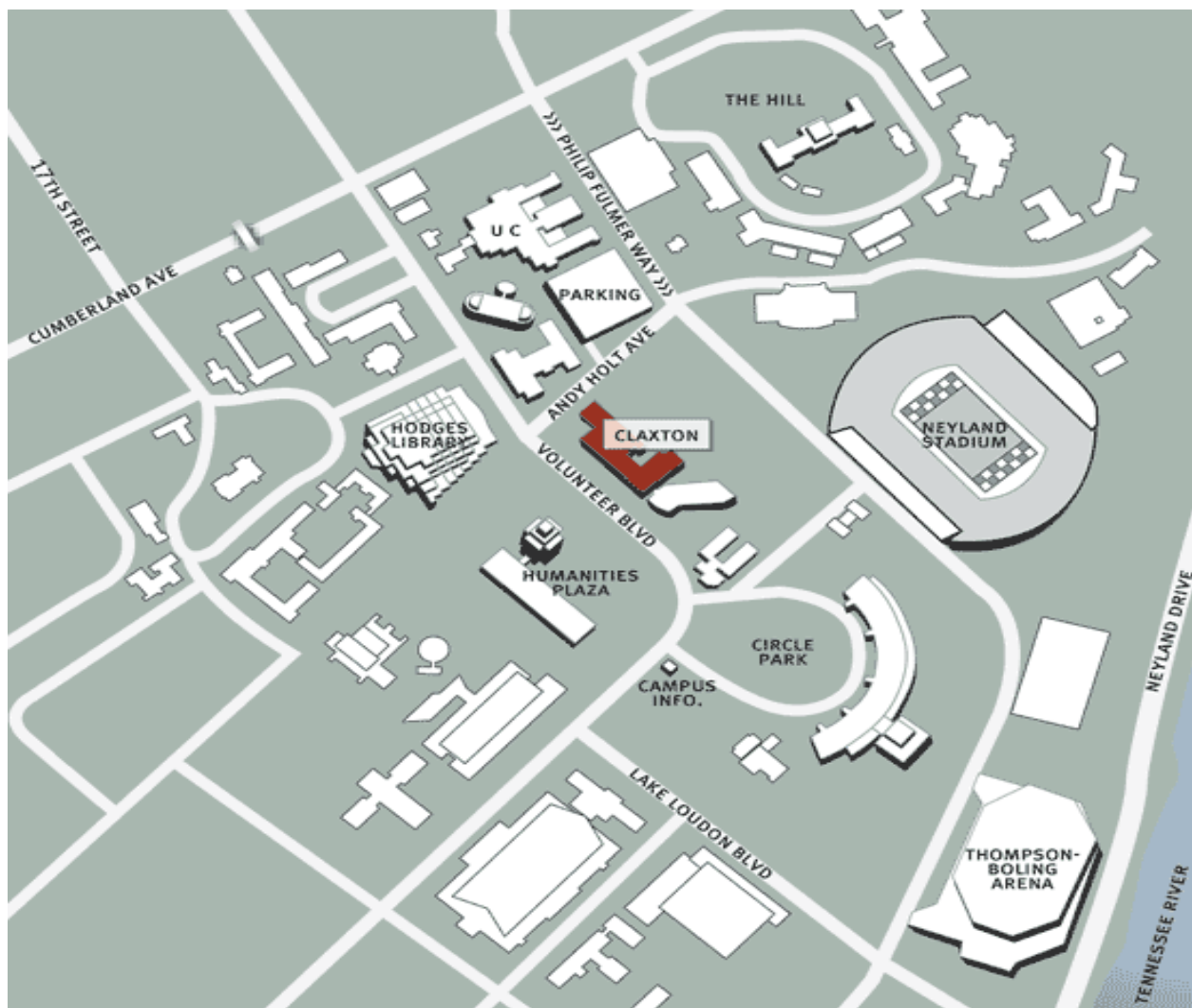
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Arrival and Registration

Registration will be on the second floor of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building. Like many universities, our room selections will not be finalized until closer to the tournament date, and we will email any more details we have as soon as we have them a couple of days before the tournament. Below is a map of the relevant areas of campus.

NOTE: Participants/teams/judges not showing up to their rounds is equivalent to an entry being dropped at registration. Thus, please be sure your students and judges attend each of their assigned rounds.



We will be hosting most of the tournament in the “Humanities Plaza”- students know this as the Humanities and Social Sciences Building or HSS.

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Parking:

Parking permits will be distributed at registration. UT's parking staff are very strict- use the pass when you get one! We are working closely with UT's Parking Department to make this as painless as we can. Parking will be in Circle Park next to "campus info."

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Schedule:

Friday, February 4th

3:00pm-4:00pm Registration

4:00pm TIPDA Round 1

5:30pm TIPDA Round 2

7:00pm TIPDA Round 3

8:30pm TIPDA Round 4

9:00pm Coaches Review

Saturday, February 5th

8:00am TIPDA Elimination Round 1

9:30am TIPDA Elimination Round 2

11:00am TIPDA Elimination Round 3

11:30am - 12:30pm IPDA Registration / Lunch

1:00pm IPDA Round 1

2:30pm IPDA Round 2

4:00pm IPDA Round 3

5:30pm IPDA Round 4

7:00pm IPDA Round 5

8:30pm IPDA Round 6

9:00pm Coaches Review

Sunday, February 6th

8:00am IPDA Elimination Round 1

9:30am IPDA Elimination Round 2

11:00am IPDA Elimination Round 3

12:30pm - 1:30pm Awards

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Fees

IPDA\$25 per debater
TIPDA.....\$40 per team

Judges

IPDA.....1 judge for every 4 debaters
TIPDA.....1 judge for every 2 teams
JUDGE FEES (Uncovered IPDA)\$15
JUDGE FEES (Uncovered TIPDA).....\$30

PLEASE BRING JUDGES

Judging will be tight (as always)!

Food Provided

SNACKS FOR JUDGES.....Throughout the Tournament
UTK has a lot of great dining options on-campus and surrounding campus!

PAYMENT

CASH OR CHECKS ONLY.

Make all checks payable to the Tennessee Speech and Debate Society.

IPDA SWEEPSTAKES & AWARDS

We will follow IPDA Rules which can be found here:
<http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

Sweepstakes will follow the following formula:

All wins and byes will be awarded 1 point. Each person breaking to out-rounds will receive 2 points. Speaker awards will count toward sweepstakes points with

1st – 5 points; 2nd – 4 points; 3rd – 3 points; 4th – 2 points; 5th – 1 point

Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity and Professional will count toward the tournament sweepstakes. There is no limit on entries, but only the top three competitors in each division will count toward the sweepstakes. There will be speaker awards for the top 5 competitors from each division in IPDA and sweepstakes for IPDA. The team with the highest winning percentage (minimum 3 competitors) will also receive the “Big Orange Award.”

Dr. Pat Richey, head coach of MTSU, will be running our tab room.

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