



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 Fourteenth Annual End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament. Subject to the evolving nature of the pandemic, we hope that you will be able to join us in person on March 11-13, 2022, for a weekend of IPDA Debate. You will find pertinent information included with this invitation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



Go Bears!

**UCA
FORENSICS**

Anthony L. McMullen, Director of Forensics
University of Central Arkansas
Office: (501) 852-0695
Email: AMcMullen@uca.edu

Tournament Ethics Statement: The behavior of all attending the End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament will be in keeping with the [NCA Policy on Anti-Harassment Code of Conduct](#). We encourage all programs to review these expectations before entering this tournament. We expect that behavior between all participants, coaches, judges, and observers be respectful and appropriate at all times. If any participant has concerns over propriety or good sportsmanship, they should discuss the matter with their coaching staff. Any coach or judge should address any concerns with the Tournament Director. As a condition of entry, all participants, coaches, judges, and guests agree that any decision issued by the Tournament Director is final.

Tournament Headquarters: The tournament will be headquartered in the College of Business building. There should be plenty of parking near the building, but there is a row of spaces marked "Reserved 24/7." Do not park in these spaces, or you may receive a ticket.

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. As of the date of this invitation, **UCA requires masking in all indoor spaces.**

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: Register at <https://forensicstournament.net/HiBEARNation/22>. Teams should register by Tuesday, March 8 at 8:00 p.m. Changes will be accepted until Wednesday, March 9 at 8:00 p.m. After that point, only drops will be allowed. Judge drops (without replacement) will be charged \$20 (plus any additional fees for uncovered entries).

Fees are \$25.00 per covered individual and \$40.00 per covered team. Uncovered entries are an additional \$20.00 per uncovered 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. 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.

Tournament Notes:

1. All rules guiding IPDA debate, including division eligibility and times, will apply to this tournament. These rules can be found at ipdadebate.info.
2. Per our tradition, preliminary rounds will be themed (e.g., domestic policy, economy and finance, pop culture, etc.). Elimination rounds will not be themed.
3. To keep the tournament on time, we ask that everything be “on the clock” (courtesies, roadmaps, arguments, etc.). Judges should penalize students who violate this rule.
4. For team IPDA, cross-examination is to be closed. There should be no swapping of speaker positions in rebuttal. (The speaker who gives the first constructive should be the one who gives the first rebuttal.)
5. 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: 6 pts for 1st place, 5 pts for 2nd 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

12:45 – Team Rd. 1

2:15 – Team Rd. 2

3:45 – Team Rd. 3

5:15 – Team Rd. 4

7:15 – 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

Remaining Elim Rds. ASAP

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.