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Dear Colleagues,

The University of Southern Mississippi cordially invites you to the 10th Annual Hub City Swing, to be held at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS, on October 7-9. The competition will feature an individual public debate (IPDA) tournament, a team public debate (TIPDA) tournament, and two full I.E. tournaments with the standard eleven AFA/-NIET events as well as Editorial Impromptu.

IMPORTANT NOTE: While we have missed many aspects of in-person tournaments, our team and coaching staff have found several benefits of using virtual ballots. Benefits include, but are not limited to, expediency in judges turning in their ballots, ability for tab staff to trouble shoot problems with rounds not starting on time, and greater quality of feedback for competitors. **Therefore, we will exclusively be using electronic ballots for the 2022 Hub City Swing.** Coaches should ensure that judges have created a Tabroom.com account that is linked to their entry to complete their ballots and competitors should have a Tabroom.com account that is linked to their entry so they can receive feedback. **All** judges should have a laptop or tablet that they can submit their ballots with. **Further, all IPDA competitors should also be entered as judges with a linked Tabroom.com account if they do not advance and are used as out-round judges. Please reach out to both Paul Strait (l.strait@usm.edu) and Abbey Barnes (Abigail.M.Barnes@usm.edu) with any questions you may have.** More information, including a guide to linking Tabroom.com accounts, can also be found under the “judging” section of the invitation.

You will find all of the pertinent information in this invitation. Questions should be directed to both Paul Strait (l.strait@usm.edu) and Abbey Barnes (Abigail.M.Barnes@usm.edu). *Entries should be submitted via the tabroom website at hubcityswing.tabroom.com no later than Monday October 3 by 6:00 p.m. Changes will be accepted without charge until Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Each change after that will be charged \$15.00.*

We look forward to seeing you for a weekend of fun and forensic competition!

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Tentative Schedule

Friday, October 7

9:00-9:50 Registration (LAB lobby)	3:30 IPDA R4
10:00 IPDA R1	5:00 IPDA R5
11:30 IPDA R2	6:30 IPDA R6
12:30 Lunch Break	8:00-8:30 IPDA coaches review
2:00 IPDA R3	8:30 IPDA Elim 1

Saturday, October 8

8:30 IPDA Elim 2	**Lunch will be provided on Saturday**
9:45 Extemp draw (round 1)	
10:00 Flight A R1	12:00 Flight B R1
10:00 TIPDA R1	12:00 TIPDA R2
11:30-12 Lunch, IPDA Elim 3	1:30 Extemp draw (round 2)

1:45 Flight A R2
1:45 TIPDA R3
3:30 Flight B R2
3:30 TIPDA R4
5:00-6:00 Dinner, TIPDA coaches
Review
5:45 Extemp draw (finals)

6:00 IE Finals/TIPDA Quarters
7:30 TIPDA Semis
ASAP – Awards (If Needed—
TIPDA Swing/IE Swing Awards
Sat.) – **LAB 108**
ASAP TIPDA Finals

Sunday, October 9

7:45 Extemp draw (round 1)

8:00 Flight A R1
9:30 Flight B R1
10:45-11:30 Lunch Break
11:15 Extemp draw (round 2)

11:30 Flight A R2
1:00 Flight B R2
2:30 Extemp draw (finals)
2:45 IE Finals
ASAP Awards – **LAB 108**

Event Information

1. We will offer all eleven AFA events, along with editorial impromptu; novice, JV, varsity, and professional IPDA; and Open TIPDA.

A. All TIPDA rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the International Public Debate Association. Students will have thirty minutes of preparation time (includes walking time to rounds). We will offer an Open division only. TIPDA will take place during individual events (*on Saturday and Sunday, students must choose between IEs and TIPDA*). We will offer four preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds. Rounds will be themed and the theme of each round will be released the week of the tournament.

B. All IPDA rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the International Public Debate Association. Students will have thirty minutes of preparation time (which includes walking time to rounds). We will offer professional, varsity, JV, and novice divisions. We will offer 7 preliminary rounds

and the appropriate number of elimination rounds. Rounds will be themed and the theme of each round will be released the week of the tournament.

C. Debate Judges should attend a Judges Training session as suggested by the IPDA constitution. For TIPDA, we are allowing for an extra 10 minutes at the end of each round for judges to give oral feedback. We are strongly encouraging all judges to explain their decision to the debaters and provide an opportunity for the debaters to ask questions. We will be awarding a top critic award, based on nominations and votes from the debaters.

D. All individual events (except editorial; see below) shall follow the rules and tie-breakers established and followed by the American Forensics Association.

E. Access to the internet will be allowed during extemporaneous speaking preparation time. Students may not communicate with coaches, teammates, etc., but may use the internet for research.

F. In Editorial Impromptu, competitors 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.

G. For the first round of Impromptu on both Saturday and Sunday, non-traditional prompts will be used. These prompts will be modeled after options used at the NFA National Championship Tournament.

H. Flighting for IEs will be as follows:

Flight A: Ext, Per, CA, Duo, Prose, POE

Flight B: Imp, Info, ADS, POI, DI, Ed/Imp

***Note: In the event that the flights are imbalanced, the tab staff move events to another flight to balance judges. If there are any changes to flights, coaches will be notified via email.**

Important Notes

1. For the purposes of elimination round seeding and speaker points in debate events, adjusted speaker points (total points minus high/low) will be considered. Total points will be used to break a tie. If another tie still exist, then it will be broken on double adjusted speaker points, then strength of play, then coin flip.

2. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, but only the top three entries in each individual event/debate division will count for sweepstakes awards.

3. Awards shall be presented to the elimination round participants in all debate events, the **top six speakers** in every division of debate, the **top six** competitors in every individual event, the **top novice competitor** in every individual event, and the **top five** quadrathon competitors. The top **three** schools in IPDA the top **three schools** TIPDA, the top **three schools** across both debate tournaments (IPDA, and TIPDA), the top community college in debate events, the top **three schools** in Individual Events for Swing 1, the **top three** schools in Individual Events Swing 2, the **top three** schools in Combined Individual Events, and top **Five** schools Overall (must compete all three days to be eligible) will receive sweepstakes awards. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate or individual events sweepstakes awards. We will also present a power 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.) Finally, there will be two **Top Critic** awards, one for IEs and one for debate.

4. Judges: We need and want your judges. We prefer judges over money. One judge covers four IPDA debaters, two TIPDA teams, or six IE entries per flight. 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, but that same judge could not cover two TIPDA teams and six IE entries on the same day.

Sweepstakes Formula

I.E.s

1. Individual events will be scored as follows:

Preliminary rounds: 3 points for 1st place 2 points for 2nd place 1 point for 3rd place

2. 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, and 1 point for 6th place

Debate

1. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, however only the top 3 entries in each event / division will count for sweepstakes awards (except for TIPDA which counts top 4 entries).
2. 5 points for each preliminary round win/bye, 6 points for breaking to elimination rounds (These are halved for individual debate.)
3. 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, and 1 point for 6th speaker.

Quadrathon

To be eligible for Quadrathon, students must compete in a minimum of four individual events, including events from at least two of the three categories of individual events: limited preparation (extemp, impromptu, editorial impromptu), public address (ADS, persuasive, informative, CA), and interpretation (DI, POI, prose, poetry, duo). Points to determine Quadrathon placing will be according to the individual events sweepstakes formula outlined above.

Entries

Entries should be submitted via the tournament website, <http://hubcityswing.tabroom.com/>. We know that people are resistant to technology that is new or unfamiliar, but submitting via the website rather than by email will vastly save time on our end. To that end, we are offering a 5% reduction in entry fees if you can accomplish relatively error-free entries through the website.

If you have any questions about entries, please send them by email to both Paul Strait (l.strait@usm.edu) and Abbey Barnes (Abigail.M.Barnes@usm.edu)

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Fees

Entry Fees

Covered Ind. Events (\$12.00) Uncovered Ind. Events (\$17.00) Covered IPDA (\$30.00)
Uncovered IPDA (\$45.00) Covered TIPDA Team (\$50.00) Uncovered TIPDA Team
(\$75.00) Late/Change Fees (\$15/ea) Drop Fees (\$30/ea)

Judging

Electronic Ballots

Our tournament will exclusively use electronic ballots for the sake of tournament efficiency and ballot quality. Therefore, **all competitors and judges** should create their own Tabroom.com accounts and coaches should link those accounts to their entry. Further, those who will be participating in coaches' review should have a linked Tabroom.com account to access their teams' ballots. Please note, that for IPDA and TIPDA, ALL FLOWING SHOULD HAPPEN WITH PEN/PENCIL AND PAPER and that the judge should not be using their electronic devices for anything other than inputting student feedback during the round (i.e., surf the web, look up sources the debaters cite in the round, or sign up for a free trial of FarmersOnly.com)

Accepting Ballots

All judges should accept their e-ballots within 10 minutes of receiving the email notification that their ballot is ready to view. This should be seen as going to the ballot table to pick up your ballot at tournaments with physical ballots. Failure to accept ballots could result in uncovered judging fees but will definitely result in a very irritated visit from Abbey.

Non-Advancing IPDA Competitor Judges

Since non-advancing IPDA competitors can be used as out round judges, you're your IPDA competitors to your team's **roster** (not entry) with their linked Tabroom.com email. Additionally, the week of the tournament, we will ask for coaches to provide the email's that are linked to the competitors' Tabroom.com account to ensure we can get out-rounds going ASAP. Tabroom.com values student privacy, therefore, **our tab staff cannot view the competitor's email or contact information.** In short, we are relying on coaches to complete this step prior to competition. This entry should also be linked to the same Tabroom.com email provided for competition. This will ensure smooth, speedy out rounds. These

judging entries will be turned off and not used unless a competitor does not advance.

Linking Tabroom.com Accounts

In order to ensure your judges and competitors receive their ballots AND since non-advancing IPDA competitors can be used as out-round judges, all coaches should ensure that their judges and competitors have their own Tabroom.com account that is linked to their entry. It is easiest to link the Tabroom.com account before you send the entry. Below are the steps to ensure that the accounts are linked.

1. The competitor or judge should create their own account at Tabroom.com.
2. The competitor should confirm their Tabroom.com account via an email the site will send.
3. The competitor or judge should send the coach the email in which they created their own Tabroom.com account.
4. Coaches: Access your team's roster through your Tabroom.com account. You can do this by logging into your Tabroom.com account, then clicking "Competitors" at the top of your team's page to link your competitors' accounts and "Judges" to link the judges' accounts.
5. Enter the email your competitor or judge sent to their linked account in the space provided. For competitors, it will be under "parent notifications" at the bottom of the page. For judging, it will be alongside "email."

Below is a resource to video instructions to linking an account that also includes a link to a PDF document to distribute to your coaching staff, competitors, and judges for additional assistance

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/creating-linking-account-tabroom/>

Tournament Headquarters

The tournament will be headquartered in the Liberal Arts Building (LAB) on the southern side of campus. There should be plenty of parking directly south of the building's entrance or to the west of the Theatre and Dance Building (TAD). **The University of Southern Mississippi is a Non-Smoking Campus. The prohibition against smoking extends to all USM property, including parking lots.**

Directions

The University of Southern Mississippi is located 90 minutes from Mobile, AL; New Orleans, LA, or Jackson, MS. From Highway 49, turn west onto Hardy Street (left turn if coming from the south, right turn if coming from the north). Turn right at the second stop light onto 31st Ave. You are now on campus. The road will lead to a 3-way stop. The LAB is the building in front of you (slightly to the left) with huge columns and parking will be to either side of you. On Friday you may need to turn left at the 3-way and follow to big parking lot on the right at the second stop sign.

From I-59 take exit 65 (Hardy St. / Hwy 98) and go east. Follow that road to 31st Ave and turn left. You are now on campus. The road will lead to a 3-way stop. The LAB is the building in front of you (slightly to the left with big columns) and parking will be to either side of you. On Friday you may need to turn left at the 3-way and follow to a big parking lot on the right at the second stop sign.