

**2022**  
***Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association Tournament***

Dear Colleagues:

We're back! On behalf of TIFA, please allow me to invite you to the 2020 TIFA Tournament to be held on the campus of Pellissippi State Community College in Knoxville, TN. Join us for competition and fun on Saturday, March 26, 2022 and Sunday, March 27, 2022. We are fortunate to have arranged the schedule again this year as to allow competitors to compete in both individual events and NPDA or IPDA debate. Debate competition will be held on Saturday with all IE's taking place on Sunday. The tournament will offer competition in all eleven AFA individual events as well as Radio Broadcasting. **Because of the preparation period, students may only enter either Extemp or Radio Broadcasting.**

As always, the top two finalists in Persuasive Speaking qualify to compete in the prestigious Interstate Oratory Association championship held this year in Indiannopolis.

Remember that all IE and NPDA judges cannot be current undergraduate students. Also, novices in IE and debate need to be in their first two semesters of college competition. and cannot have competed at the TIFA state tournament in the past. Competing strictly in IE does not make you varsity in debate. Competing strictly in debate does not make you varsity in IE. Please note that this may not lineup with national definitions of novice and teams may wish to enter their first year competitors in varsity divisions to insure the rounds will count for national competition

Impromptu speaking will have quotations as prompts.

Please enter you teams at [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com). If you have any problems with speechwire, please let me know.

So come celebrate, witness, and participate in the 2022 Tennessee Forensics State Championship. If we can aid you in any way, please contact me or Pat Richey.

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**RULES and GUIDELINES:**

- No material may have been performed by a student in any competition (high school or college) prior to this academic year. This includes public speeches and interpretive cuttings. Students violating this rule will be disqualified.

- If you need a refresher on the IE's, or if this is all new information to you, you can see event descriptions at <http://www.mnsu.edu/spcomm/niet/eventdescriptions-new0607.htm>
- For NPDA, No 3 person debate teams will be allowed. One hybrid or maverick (1 person) team will be permitted per school. Students on a hybrid must enter as the school where they are currently enrolled and team sweepstakes points will be divided evenly between the hybrid students' schools. If you are interested in your eliminated debaters entering the IPDA judge pool, please contact Chip Hall when you submit your entry. IPDA will follow guidelines set forth in the IPDA Constitution [www.ipdadebate.info](http://www.ipdadebate.info) . There will NOT be a professional division at TIFA.

Here are some guidelines for our non-traditional event:

**Radio Broadcasting:** Radio Broadcasting students have 30 minutes to organize news material provided by the tournament into a 5 minute broadcast. Students may omit content wherever necessary but cannot add original material with the exceptions of their name, hypothetical radio station call letters, weather, or traffic reports. When performing, students should sit facing away from the judge. Judging should be based only on what is heard, as if listening to the radio. Because of draw, students may only enter EITHER Extemp, or Radio Broadcasting, but not both.

Radio will have three distinct rounds, potluck, entertainment, and NPR. Students will need to bring a jump drive to receive the packet of information. If needed, students may request paper copies when the school enters. We will not have paper copies available on the day of the tournament. Please request them in advance.

Students should use pieces of all articles included in the packet and should refrain from lengthy filler material not related to the articles.

## SCORING:

Sweepstakes: Sweepstakes will be awarded in Individual Events using finals only. Points will be awarded using the following formula:

- 1st place- 12 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-10 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- 8 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place- 6 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place- 4 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> place- 2 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> place – 1 point (if needed)
- 8<sup>th</sup> place ½ point (if needed)

Should we need more places, points would follow that same pattern. Non-advancing semi-finalists will also receive 1 point.

For NPDA Debate, each win receives 5 points. In addition, debate speaker awards follow the same point value scoring as final rounds for pentathlon (see below).

For IPDA Debate, each win receives 3 points. In addition, debate speaker awards follow the same point value scoring as final rounds for pentathlon (see below).

Pentathlon: In order to qualify for pentathlon, a student must compete in a minimum of 5 events. Debate does **not** count as an event for pentathlon. Only a student's 5 best events will count toward pentathlon.

Pentath Points will be awarded in the following ways:

PRELIMS:            a scoring of a "1" will receive 3 points  
                          a scoring of a "2" will receive 2 points  
                          a scoring of a "3" will receive 1 point.

FINALS: 1<sup>st</sup> place finish receives 6 points  
          2<sup>nd</sup> place finish receives 5 points  
          3<sup>rd</sup> place finish receives 4 points  
          4<sup>th</sup> place finish receives 3 points  
          5<sup>th</sup> place finish receives 2 points  
          6<sup>th</sup> place finish receives 1 point  
          should more than 6 break to a final, 7<sup>th</sup> would get ½ a point, 8<sup>th</sup> would get ¼, etc.

## **REGISTRATION:**

1. Each school may enter an unlimited number of students per event.
2. Each student may enter as many events as they wish with two exceptions below, but each student is responsible for getting to rounds on time.
3. Students may only enter either Extemporaneous Speaking or Radio Broadcast, but not both.
4. Students may compete in either NPDA or IPDA, but not both.

### **GROUP A:**

Extemporaneous Speaking  
Dramatic Interpretation  
Program Oral Interpretation  
Radio Broadcasting  
After Dinner Speaking  
Persuasive Speaking

### **GROUP B:**

Impromptu Speaking  
Prose Interpretation  
Informative Speaking  
Poetry Interpretation  
Communication Analysis  
Duo Interpretation

Please enter on [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com). Please be sure to **TYPE** both first and last names on your school's entry. **Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., EST, Tuesday, March 22, 2022.** No additions will be accepted after this time. If you have issues with Speech Wire, E-MAIL your entry to: [chiphall72@gmail.com](mailto:chiphall72@gmail.com)

Changes made after 4pm, Wed, March 23rd are subject to a \$5 penalty per IE drop, or \$10 debate drop. Changes made after 4pm, Thurs, March 21st are subject to a \$10 penalty per IE drop, \$20 debate drop, or \$25 judge drop. Changes made at registration are subject to a \$20 penalty per IE drop, \$30 debate drop, \$40 judge drop.

## **FEES:**

- Each school will pay \$40 school fee.
- Each IE entry slot is \$7
- Each uncovered entry slot is \$10
- Each debate team is \$40
- Each uncovered debate team is \$50
- Each IPDA Debater is \$25 (remember IPDA uses lay judges with a high school degree or higher)
- Each Uncovered IPDA Debater is \$40 (remember IPDA uses lay judges with a high school degree or higher. One judge covers 2 debaters: Sorry but we do not have time to flight the tournament.)
- One IE judge covers six IE slots. One parli judge covers 2 teams. One IPDA judge covers TWO debaters (we will not flight because of time constraints).

Make checks payable to TIFA treasurer, Jason Stahl or "TIFA". Cash is better.

## ***TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE***

### **Saturday NPDA, March 26**

8:15-9:00 Registration  
9:00 Round 1  
10:30 Round 2  
12:00-12:30 Lunch  
12:30 Round 3  
2:30 Round 4  
4:45 Elim 1  
6:30 Elim 2  
8:00 Elim 3 (if needed)

### **Saturday IPDA, March 26**

8:15-9:00 Registration  
9:00 Round 1  
10:00 Round 2  
11:00 Round 3  
12:30 -1:00 Lunch  
1:00 Round 4  
2:00 Round 5  
3:15 Coaches Review  
4:00 Elim 1  
5:15 Elim 2  
6:30 Elim 3 (if needed)  
7:45 Elim 4 (if needed)

### **Sunday, March 27**

7:30 – 8:00 Registration  
8:00 Extemp Draw  
8:30 – 9:45 Round I Flight A  
10:00 Extemp Draw  
10:30 – 11:45 Round II Flight A  
11:45 - 12:45 Lunch — TIFA Coaches Meeting  
12:45 – 2:00 Round I Flight B  
2:00 – 3:15 Round II Flight B  
3:15 Extemp Draw Finals  
3:30 Finals of A (Extemp Finals Start at 3:45)  
4:45 Finals of B  
6:30 Awards