

IPDA National Championships and Convention, March 23 -25, 2023
Please note the Thursday - Saturday schedule for our National Tournament and Convention



The International Public Debate Association is pleased to announce our annual Individual IPDA National Championships and Convention will be held Thursday – Saturday, March 23-25, 2023 on the campus of Boise State University. We are setting up a face-to-face tournament/convention. Boise State will not require masking or social distancing for this event. IPDA and BSU, however, reserve the right to change these protocols if the situation warrants it. IPDA will also need a Student Enrollment verification form from each competing school. This will apply to all divisions except Professional. The form should be signed by your Registrar and sent to Joe Ganakos; jganakos@lee.edu.

Manda Hicks and the fine folk at BSU are working hard to make this a memorable event. The National Championship tournament will start off with our Convention events and then begin individual competition on Thursday, March 23. We will feature 8 rounds of IPDA Individual debate in our 4 divisions: Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional. Outrounds will start on Friday and IPDA will provide a pizza lunch. Then we will have the last outrounds and our Awards Banquet on Saturday. Please note: the Team IPDA (TIPDA) National Tournament will be held at the University of Central Arkansas on the weekend of March 10-12. You can find the separate invitation on the IPDA Debate.info website for more information on that tournament.

Please remember that our National Convention is an excellent opportunity for students and directors alike to feature debate-specific academic work in an educational and professional environment. Please encourage your students to attend the presentations or panels that will be scheduled on Thursday after tournament registration. We hope this will enable everyone to attend these enlightening convention events. If you are interested in presenting a paper or research at our convention, please contact IPDA Managing Director, Mary G. Jarzabek, via email; listed in signature. Please join us in Boise, Idaho for an educational and exciting weekend!

Sincerely,
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IPDA Managing Director

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

ENTRY PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE: Entry deadline is 5:00 PM, Wednesday, March 8. Each school will enter our tournament via the Forensics Tournament (FTN) website at <https://forensicstournament.net>. Entries and fees owed will be visible in the ForensicsTournament.net program. Changes will be allowed through Wednesday, March 15 and after March 16 only entry drops will be allowed. Entry drops made after 5:00 PM, March 16 will be assessed a \$20 drop fee per individual change. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Executive Committee of IPDA reserves the right to review and make changes to the names used to identify individuals or independent programs during the National Championship.

RULES AND ENTRIES: Four individual divisions will be offered: NOVICE, JUNIOR VARSITY, VARSITY, and PROFESSIONAL. The tournament will follow IPDA guidelines and regulations as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws which are available on the IPDA Debate.info website.

JUDGES: You will notice on the entry form there is no price for uncovered entries. **This is not an option!** We require that each program cover its entries to ensure a diverse and unbiased judging pool. One judge will cover up to four debaters and/or two teams. Programs are mandated to meet this requirement (so for every four debaters or two teams you enter, you MUST bring a judge!). **All judges are obligated to ALL rounds including ALL outrounds.** We will, of course, try to release schools as soon as possible during the out-rounds for their journey home. However, out-rounds require extra judges, and we need a diverse pool for balanced panels.

Judging for the National Championship Tournament

1. All judges are expected to deliberate independently. Each ballot should be decided by the assigned judge with no discussion or outside influences. Judges and contestants are required to abide by this judging caveat.
2. To maintain consistency and fairness for the National Championships Tournament, participating programs will be expected to provide the same judges throughout the duration of the tournament. The name of each judge should be submitted at the time of the team's entry. Judges unable to continue their duties for ANY reason during the tournament must be immediately replaced: even if this means removing a competitor from the tournament and placing them in the judging pool for the remainder of the tournament. Rounds **must** be judged by the person named at the top of the ballot – NO "BALLOT SWAPPING" IS ALLOWED.

Procedures for judging assignments and ballot distribution:

Judges' ballots for each program are going to be placed into a folder or packet designated for that program (e.g. ACU will get a folder with all the ballots assigned to the ACU judges for that round).

1. EACH program will be asked to submit the name of the person who will be responsible for picking up these ballot folders. EACH program must pick up their ballot packets no later than fifteen minutes prior to the start of each round to allow their judges enough time to start each round on time.
2. A "Three-Strike" penalty system will be used for failure to comply with these procedures.
 - a. A strike will be:
 - i. Failure of a judge to start the round five minutes after that round's prep time **has expired.**
 - ii. Failure of a program to notify the tab room of a name change on the designated ballot. IF a program encounters a problem, the tab room **MUST** approve any judging changes.
 - b. Any delay stemming from tab room procedures will **NOT** be considered a strike.
3. PENALTIES:
 - a. 1st strike-a warning will be issued to the program director. It is assumed that this will correct any problems with a program's judges.
 - b. 2nd strike – a \$50 fine or "extra fee" will be imposed on the program.
 - c. 3rd strike – the program may be disqualified from the tournament.
4. Coaches and teams are encouraged to stay on top of their team's judging requirements and to take proactive steps to help ensure that their judges pick up all ballots promptly.

HOTELS:

Hotel closest to the University – TownePlace Suites by Marriott <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/boits-towneplace-suites-boise-downtown-university/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

Select hotels with 1 mile of BSU

Hampton Inn and Suites Boise, Downtown https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/boidnhx-hampton-suites-boise-downtown/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-XS-BOIDNHX&y_source=1_MjA4NDMwMy03MTUtG9jYXRpb24ud2Vic2l0ZQ%3D%3D

Courtyard Boise Downtown <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/boicy-courtyard-boise-downtown/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

Holiday Inn Express

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/boise/boidt/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-_EX_-_US_-_BOIDT

There are other reasonably priced hotels on Vista Avenue (within 2 miles of BSU).

Contact Manda Hicks for information or other options – mandahicks@boisestate.edu

2023 NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL IPDA TOURNAMENT and CONVENTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 am Joint meeting of Governing Board and E.C. – BSU – Wednesday P.M. option being examined
9-10 am **Registration** in BSU Education Building

10:00 am **Panels and Presentation of papers** – Panels will be held on BSU campus

Topic Draw will be set by division and will take place in or near the main prep areas

11:00 am Round 1 – (all times reflect the start of IPDA draw for each round)

12:45 pm Round 2

2:30 pm Round 3

4:15 pm Round 4

6:00 pm Round 5

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 am Round 6

9:45 am Round 7

11:30 am Round 8

1:00 pm **Lunch Break – Pizzas will be provided by IPDA**

1:30 pm Coaches Review - May be available for partial review during Round 8

2:30 pm **Breaks posted**

2:45 pm First Elimination Round

4:15 pm Second Elimination Round

*5:45 pm Third Elimination Round or “Partials” - if needed

*** Times may vary depending on the need for additional outounds!**

*** ALL participants need to hasten the outound process!**

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 – All outounds will be held on the BSU Campus

8:00 am Quarterfinals for all divisions

9:30 am Semi Finals for all divisions

11:00 am Finals for all divisions

12:30 pm IPDA Awards Ceremony – Buffet lunch to be catered on BSU campus

ENTRIES – Due by Wednesday, March 8 at 5 pm. PLEASE REGISTER at <http://forensicstournament.net>

We prefer that you bring a check to the tournament for the Fees payment.

Cash and Credit Card payments are also possible.

Please make checks payable to: **International Public Debate Association**

Checks will be accepted at the Tournament Registration on March 23.

Credit Cards will be accepted, but are not preferred – contact Keith Milstead at president@IPDAdebate.info

If your school accounting office needs an address for the check, you may contact Mary Jarzabek for an address.

Mary Jarzabek, IPDA Managing Director:

Email: mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu

Phone: (318) 797-5318

Entries and fees will be finalized in the FTN registration process.

FEES:

** Tournament Registration, Convention Fee and Annual IPDA dues will appear as a "School Fee" in the FTN registration.

** Each school will purchase their banquet tickets by enrolling individuals (students, coaches, judges, and guests) in "Pattern D" in the FTN program during the registration process. Last names will be sufficient. If you want the Veggie option for the Banquet, then please type "Veg" at the end of each vegetarian ticket name.

**If you need a separate invoice for the IPDA dues – please contact Mary Jarzabek: mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu

Calculate your Fees:

Program Tournament Registration Fee	\$35.00
Program Convention Fee	\$20.00
Program Annual IPDA Dues	\$35.00 – Please request a separate invoice, if needed

_____ Individual IPDA @ \$35.00 each = _____

_____ Banquet tickets @ \$ 30.00 each = _____ (request your vegetarian tickets with "Veg")

Total Fees..... \$ _____

AWARDS:

Tournament trophies will be given to all competitors who break to out-rounds, the top five speakers in each division, and the top five overall sweepstakes programs. IPDA has a national tournament award for the top sweepstakes community college winner and the Scholastic Champion. The formula for calculating points will be the same as that detailed in the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws.

Season award, which are based on this debate season's cumulative points, will also be given to the top ten individuals in each division, the top five speakers in each division, and the top five programs in each division. The Founder's Award will also be presented to the top five programs earning the most combined points over the course of six regular season tournaments. In addition, awards such as the Bennett Strange Coach of the Year Award, the Scholastic Championship Award, and other association-specific awards will be presented.