



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Abilene Christian University, the Department of Communication and Sociology, and the ACU Debate Team, I invite you to the **4th Joseph J. Cardot Forensics Invitational, October 20-22, 2023 at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas.**

The competition will feature **4 preliminary rounds of TIPDA, 2 preliminary rounds of IE's and 6 preliminary rounds of IPDA – details included in the invitation.** Pizza will be provided midday on Saturday. We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of forensic competition.

Entries will be submitted through FTN at <https://forensicstournament.net/JosephJCardotInvitational/23>

In the pages that follow, you'll find all the details. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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Director of Forensics and Debate

Abilene Christian University

HOTEL INFORMATION

We will not have a block of rooms reserved for the tournament, but if you have any questions concerning area hotels – we'll be glad to provide assistance.

Holiday Inn Express, 1802 E Overland Trl, (1.1 miles from Campus) – 325-675-9800

Residence Inn, 1641 E Musgrave Blvd, (1.2 miles from Campus) – 325-677-8700

Courtyard by Marriott, Abilene Northeast, 2141 Scottish Rd, (1.3 miles from Campus) – 325-673-0400 (Towneplace and Courtyard share a main lobby)

Townplace Suites, 2141 Scottish Rd, (1.4 miles from Campus) – 325-673-0400

Quality Inn, 1758 E. I-20, (1.5 miles from Campus) – 325-676-0203

Sleep Inn and Suites, 250 Killough Cove, Exit 286 (1.8 miles from Campus) – 325-437-9601

Holiday Inn North College Area – 3525 W Lake Rd, (1.9 miles from Campus) – 325-673-1400

Hampton Inn and Suites Abilene I-20, 3526 W Lake Rd (2.0 miles from Campus) – 325-673-4400

MCM Elegante Suites 4250 Ridgmont Dr, Abilene, TX 79606 – (325) 698-1234

DIRECTIONS

ACU is located at 1600 Campus Ct, Abilene, Tx 79601; the campus is .5 miles west of I-20. Registration will be located in the first-floor atrium of the Onstead-Packer Biblical Studies Building (#60 on the map) – a campus map is available at <https://acu.widen.net/s/vnftc2wdr5/acu-campus-map-7.22>

From the East: take I-20 West to Exit 288; merge onto E Overland Trail (access/service road) and continue to TX-351W/E Ambler Ave. Turn left on E Ambler Ave and continue for .5 miles. The campus is on your left.

From the West: take I-20 East to Exit 288; merge onto E Stamford St (access/service road) and continue to E Ambler Ave. Turn right on E Ambler Ave and continue for .5 miles. The campus is on your left.

ACU is a smoke-free and vape-free campus. Please refrain from tobacco or vape use on campus.

Pizza will be provided midday Saturday. PLEASE NOTE – ACU WILL BE ON FALL BREAK DURING OUR TOURNAMENT. Many dining options on campus will be closed on Friday and Saturday. We have multiple fast food places nearby. Soda and snack machines are also located in many buildings and the school cafeteria will be open.

SCHEDULE

Friday, October 20

TIPDA Schedule

10:00-10:45 am Registration
11:00 am TIPDA Round 1
12:30 pm TIPDA Round 2
2:00 pm TIPDA Round 3
3:30 pm TIPDA Round 4
(tab open to all coaches for early review of ballots)
5:30 – 6:00 Coaches Review
6:15 pm TIPDA Elim. 1
7:30 pm TIPDA Elim 2

Friday, October 20

IE Schedule

10:00-10:45 am Registration
11:00 am Ext. Draw
11:30 am Round A-1
12:45 pm Round B-1
2:00 pm Ext. Draw
2:30 pm Round A-2
3:45 pm Round B-2
5:00 pm Extemp Draw for Finals
5:30 pm IE Finals A
6:45 pm IE Finals B
8:15 pm IE Awards

Saturday, October 21

9:00 am TIPDA Elim. 3
9:00-10:00 am: Registration for Individual Debate Only Schools
10:30: IPDA Round 1
12:00: IPDA Round 2
1:30: Lunch Break (Pizza)
2:00: IPDA Round 3
3:30: IPDA Round 4
5:00: IPDA Round 5
6:30: IPDA Round 6

Sunday, October 22

8:30-9:00: Coaches Review
9:00: IPDA Elim. 1
10:30: Awards
11:00: IPDA Elim. 2
12:15: IPDA Elim. 3
1:30: IPDA Elim. 4(if needed)

EVENT INFORMATION

1. **Awards** shall be presented to **all elimination round participants** and the **top five speakers** in each division of debate, as well as **sweepstakes** in team debate, individual debate, and individual events. The **top three programs** shall receive awards for overall sweepstakes and the **top community college** will be awarded for overall sweepstakes. Additionally, the **Jack Pope Award** will be awarded to the *debate program* with the highest winning percentage (minimum 3 competitors).

2. American Forensics Association Individual Events shall be offered. Novice, junior varsity, varsity and professional IPDA debate shall be offered in addition to Team IPDA debate. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event; however, only the top 3 debaters in each division will count for sweepstakes awards (for purposes of the Jack Pope Award, all debaters are counted).

- A. Rules and descriptions for **Individual Events** that are established and followed by the American Forensics Association will be used at the tournament. 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. Conflict patterns for IE's: Flight A: Ext, Per, CA, Duo, Pro, Poe Flight B: Imp, Inf, ADS, POI, DI
Due to scheduling – competitors in IEs may not enter in Team IPDA.
- B. All **IPDA debate rounds** shall follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time. Divisions offered will be Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional. 7 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. In the event that a partial elim round (ex: "partial double octafinals") is offered, a maximum of one partial round per division will be held (ex: If a division qualifies for oct's with 60 entries and more than 32 have 4-3 records or better, only the top 32 would advance to the "partial" elim round). See IPDA Debate.info for division eligibility requirements (or simply ask us if you need clarification).
- C. All **Team IPDA Debate** rounds shall follow the 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time and follow the rules established under the International Public Debate Association. Four Preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. Also, note that TIPDA counts as a separate tournament of eligibility toward novice/junior varsity tournament counts.
- D. If ACU places competitors in the tournament, they will neither be counted toward sweepstakes nor will they be eligible for speaker awards. No ACU competitors will be judged by individuals affiliated with ACU.
- E. **NO TECHNOLOGY ACCESS IS ALLOWED IN A DEBATE ROUND.** This includes use of phones by judges. If your school is found to be in violation of this, a competitor at random may be disqualified from your school.

3. **Points formula**

- A. All of a school's top three competitors in an IPDA division, top two teams in TIPDA, and top 4 individuals in each I.E. will count toward sweepstakes totals.
- B. Individual Events points will be awarded according to the following formula:
 - in preliminary rounds: 3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd and 1 point for 3rd.
 - in final rounds: 6 points for 1st, 5 points for 2nd, 4 points for 3rd, 3 points for 4th, 2 points for 5th and 1 point for 6th and below.
 - any event with 7 or fewer contestants will be treated as an "embedded final round" and will not accrue preliminary round points.
- C. Debate points will be awarded according to the following formula:
 - 3 points for each preliminary round win (6 points for team debate)

- 3 points for breaking to elimination rounds (6 points for team debate)
- 5 points for 1st speaker
- 4 points for 2nd speaker
- 3 points for 3rd speaker
- 2 points for 4th speaker
- 1 points for 5th speaker

4. Tiebreakers:

- A. **IEs:** In elimination rounds, we will look 1st to majority of 1's, 2nd to Judge's Preference and 3rd to ratings.
- B. **Debate:** For determining competitors advancing to elimination rounds in individual debate we will look first to the number of wins, second to high/low adjusted speaker points and third to the number of total speaker points. For determining speaker awards in individual debate, we will look first to high/low adjusted speaker points and second to total speaker points. For TIPDA, the same tiebreakers shall be followed except that total points and high/low adjusted points will be reversed (because of fewer preliminary rounds).
- C. **Sweepstakes:** In the event of a sweepstakes tie, we will look first to the number of competitors advancing to elimination rounds, second to sweepstakes points earned in elimination rounds (IE's) and prelim round win percentage (debate).

5. **Judges:** In individual events, one judge covers up to 6 entries per conflict pattern. In debate, one judge covers up to 4 debaters per format (the same judge may cover 4 individual debaters and 2 debate teams); debaters may be used to judge elimination rounds of debate once eliminated from the competition. **All judges are obligated to judge one round beyond the elimination of their program.**

6. Tournament Ethics Statement:

- A. The behavior of all attending the Joseph J. Cardot Invitational will be in keeping with the NCA Policy on Anti-Harassment Code of Conduct (available at: https://www.natcom.org/sites/default/files/annual-convention/NCA_Convention_Resources_Anti_Harassment_Policy.pdf). We encourage all programs to review these expectations prior to entering this tournament.
- B. The Joseph J. Cardot Invitational expects that behavior between all participants, coaches, judges, and guests be respectful and appropriate at all times. If any participant has concerns over propriety or appropriate conduct, they should discuss the matter with their coaching staff. Any coach, judge, or guest should address any concerns with the Tournament Director / Tabulation Room Staff.
- C. As a condition of entry, all participants, coaches, judges, and guests agree that any decision issued by the Tournament Director is binding and final.

7. Fees:

- IE Entries: **\$10**
- Uncovered IE Entries: **Additional \$10**
- TIPDA Entries: **\$50**
- Uncovered TIPDA Entries: **Additional \$25**
- IPDA Entries: **\$25**
- Uncovered IPDA Entries: **Additional \$20**

Change Fees: Changes will be accepted without charge until 5:00 pm, Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Any drops or changes after that date until the start of registration will be charged a processing fee of \$5.00 per alteration; only drops will be accepted during registration and any drop occurring during registration or later will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00 per alteration. **Fees may be submitted by check, cash, or Venmo (@Sheila-Ritchie-2). Paypal available, if needed. Checks should be made to Abilene Christian University with Debate Team in subject line.**

8. **Entry Deadline:** All initial entries must be submitted to FTN by Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 5:00 pm. After that time, only changes can be made to registered schools.

9. **Entry Confirmations:** Entry confirmations can be seen on FTN. Complete entry verifications and relevant tournament information (parking areas, tournament size, etc.) will be sent via email by the midday Thursday, October 19, 2023.

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