

2023

Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association Tournament

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of TIFA, please allow me to invite you to the 2023 TIFA Tournament to be held on the campus Belmont University, in Nashville, TN. Join us for competition and fun on Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, February 19, 2023. Once again, competitors will be able 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 at the University of Texas at Austin.

Remember that all IE and NPDA judges **cannot** be current undergraduate students, but IPDA judges may. 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 ensure the rounds will count for national competition.

Impromptu speaking will have quotations as prompts.

Please enter your teams at www.speechwire.com. If you have any problems with speechwire, please let me know.

Come celebrate, witness, and participate in the 2023 Tennessee Forensics State Championship. If we can aid you in any way, please contact me or Ryan Greenawalt.

Hotels near Belmont: Please see link below. Be sure to ask for the Belmont Rate when booking (most offer 10-15% off!), and there should be a description of distance from campus and whether or not there is a free shuttle to campus.

<https://www.belmont.edu/admissions/visiting/accommodations/index.html>

Parking: Parking Garages on campus. More information will be forthcoming closer to the tournament.

Sincerely,

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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 Individual Events, 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. There will NOT be a junior varsity or 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.

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

Packets will be distributed **digitally via QR code** during the allotted prep time. Should you have a student in need of physical copies of the packets, notify tournament staff **no later than Wednesday, February 15**.

SCORING:

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

- 1st place- 12 points
- 2nd place-10 points
- 3rd place- 8 points
- 4th place- 6 points
- 5th place- 4 points
- 6th place- 2 points
- 7th place – 1 point (if needed)
- 8th 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: 1st place finish receives 6 points
 2nd place finish receives 5 points
 3rd place finish receives 4 points
 4th place finish receives 3 points
 5th place finish receives 2 points
 6th place finish receives 1 point
 should more than 6 break to a final, 7th would get ½ a point, 8th 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. Please be sure to **TYPE** both first and last names on your school's entry. **Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., CST, Tuesday, February 14, 2023.** No additions will be accepted after this time. If you have issues with Speech Wire, E-MAIL your entry to: patrick.richey@mtsu.edu

Changes made after 4pm, Wed, February 15th are subject to a \$5 penalty per IE drop, or \$10 debate drop.
Changes made after 4pm, Thurs, February 16th 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 Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association (TIFA). Cash is better.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday NPDA, February 18

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 Elim1
6:30 Elim 2
8:00 Elim 3 (if needed)

Saturday IPDA, February 18

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 IEs, February 19

7:30 – 8:00 Registration
8:00 Extemp/Radio Draw
8:30 – 9:45 Round I Flight A
10:00 Extemp/Radio 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/Radio Draw Finals
3:30 Finals of A (Extemp/Radio Finals Start at 3:45)
4:45 Finals of B
6:30 Awards