

### DEAR FORENSICS COMMUNITY,



**Prof. Janis Crawford**  
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We are very pleased to invite you and your team to the Butler University tournament, **The Circle City Classic**, on Sunday, December 8, 2024. After you finish competing at the University of Indianapolis on the south side on Saturday, drive just a few miles north to join us on our beautiful campus for our Sunday tournament featuring competition in IPDA and all 11 AFA events, Broadcasting, and Improvisational Duo. Students may compete in both IPDA and IE Flight B. All competition will feature registration, balloting, and tabulation using Speechwire. To get everyone home earlier on the second half of the swing, competition will begin with Extemp/Radio/IPDA prep at 7:30AM Eastern Time.

Please note the entry deadline of 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, December 3, 2024. We anticipate an educational, challenging, and very entertaining tournament and hope that you will join us. Please contact us with questions by calling (317) 940-9847 or sending email to [jcrawfor@butler.edu](mailto:jcrawfor@butler.edu) or [gmoser@butler.edu](mailto:gmoser@butler.edu).

Warmly,

**Prof. Janis Crawford**  
Director of Forensics

**Jazlyn Khan**  
Director of Debate

**Dr. Gregory E. Moser**  
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Tournament Director

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# TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION

To help us plan, we would appreciate if each school planning to attend would mark their team as attending on Speechwire as soon as possible, even if you don't yet know how many entries you will bring. Registration will close at 5:00PM (Eastern) on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, utilizing speechwire.com. No entries may be added after that time, although name changes and drops will not incur a \$20 penalty until after 12:00pm Noon on Thursday, December 5, 2024.

Flight A:	Flight B:
Extemp, Prose, Drama, POI, Communication Analysis, Informative, Broadcasting	Impromptu, Poetry, Duo, Informative, Persuasive, After Dinner Speaking, Improv. Duo

**Debate competitors may not compete in flight A individual events.** If entered in IE flight B, debaters should eat lunch while prepping for IPDA round 4.

In individual events, students may enter up to **three events per flight**. If a student is found to be entered in more than three events in a flight, tournament staff may remove the student from competition as necessary to reduce the student's entries to three in each flight. The dropped events will be at the tournament staff's discretion, entry fees will not be refunded for these entries, and drop fees will be assessed. Students in Extemp and Broadcasting will have concurrent prep time; therefore, **competitors may NOT enter both Extemp and Broadcasting**.

Please let us know if a judge is not willing to judge both Debate and IEs. Although all judges will be entered to judge both Debate and IEs, you will need to select how they should cover your entries:

1. Debate coverage judge – covers two IPDA entries and no IE entries.
2. IE coverage judge – covers six IE entries and no IPDA entries.
3. Combined coverage judge – covers one IPDA entry and three IE entries.

Please do not register the same individual as more than one type of judge unless they are able to be in two places at once.

## F E E S

Make checks out to "Butler University Speech and Debate Team" and address them to Janis Crawford, 4600 Sunset Avenue, Indianapolis, IN, 46208. All drops after 12:00pm noon (Eastern) on Thursday, November 30, 2023, will incur an additional \$20 fee unless otherwise specified. Name changes are free.

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Individual events incur a fee of \$10 per entry, plus an additional \$10 if uncovered. One duo team constitutes one entry. Dropped entries after 12:00 PM Noon (Eastern) on Thursday, December 5, 2024, will incur a \$20 penalty. Dropped judges after 12:00 PM Noon (Eastern) on Thursday,

December 5, 2023, will incur a \$25 penalty. Dropped judges after 5:00PM (Eastern) on Friday, December 6, 2023, will incur a \$50 penalty.

## DEBATE

IPDA entries incur a fee of \$25.00 per entry. One judge covers two debate entries or any fraction thereof (i.e., 3 entries requires 2 judges). Uncovered IPDA entries will incur an additional \$75 fee. A dropped judge may result in the disqualification of entries and no refunds will be issued.

## COMPETITION

Competition will take place **live and in person!** Balloting will take place electronically utilizing Speechwire, so judges must create accounts in order to participate. All judges are expected to be available for all rounds including finals.

Competition is open to any undergraduate student who has not completed eight semesters of collegiate forensics competition. Novice divisions will be held for any individual event where there are six or more novice competitors **and** six or more varsity competitors. A novice is a student who has not competed in collegiate forensics for two semesters. Novice divisions in debate will not be offered.

Students are expected to make it to every round for which they are scheduled. Students who fail to perform an event during the allotted time will be removed from that event without refund.

No participant or observer may record anyone without prior approval of the student, the student's coach, and the tournament director.

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

AFA rules will govern the individual events competition. Event descriptions can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/event-descriptions>.

At the tournament director's discretion, competitors from the same school may compete against each other in prelims so we may utilize that school's judges in other sections.

No final round will be held for an event with only one section of competition. A semifinal round will be held for an individual event with 30 or more entries. In the event of a semifinal round, an updated schedule will be provided.

In Improvisational Duo, students will receive a topic or scene and have up to two minutes to prepare a five minute scene. No competitor may enter this event more than once, even with a different partner.

Radio Broadcasting will follow the new format contained in the Pi Kappa Delta invitation for the 2024 Biennial Tournament & Convention: <https://pkd.clubexpress.com/docs.ashx?id=1256038>

## DEBATE

IPDA rules will govern the IPDA competition. The rules can be found in the IPDA constitution at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>. We will use the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with thirty (30) minutes of preparation time.

## A W A R D S

Awards will be presented to the top six finalists in each individual event, the top novice in each individual event if no novice division, the top five quadrathlon speakers, the top five IPDA speakers, and all participants in debate elimination rounds. Quadrathlon competitors must be entered in any four individual events. Only the student's top four individual events will count.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three schools in IEs, the top three schools in Debate, and the top three schools in combined sweepstakes.

## S C H E D U L E

**Registration/Check-in begins at 7:00AM**  
*Out-rounds subject to change depending on entries*  
*All times Eastern*

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS	DEBATE
Extemp/Broadcasting Prep	<b>7:30AM</b> Round 1 topic release
Round 1A	<b>8:00AM</b>
	<b>8:45AM</b> Round 2 topic release
Extemp/Broadcasting Prep	<b>9:15AM</b>
Round 2A	<b>9:45AM</b>
	<b>10:00AM</b> Round 3 topic release
Round 1B	<b>11:00AM</b>
Lunch Break	<b>12:15PM</b> Round 4 topic release
Round 2B	<b>1:15PM</b>
Finals Prep	<b>2:30PM</b> Semifinals topic release
Flight A Finals	<b>3:00PM</b>
	<b>3:45PM</b> Final topic release
Flight B Finals	<b>4:15PM</b>
Awards	<b>ASAP</b> Awards