



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Bossier Parish Community College, the Division of Communication and Performing Arts and the BPCCC Debate Team, I invite you to the **10th annual Eddy Shell Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament, February 16-18, 2018**, at **Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, Louisiana**.

The competition will feature **4 preliminary rounds of TIPDA, 2 preliminary rounds of IE's and 7 preliminary rounds of IPDA**; pizza will be provided midday on Saturday. We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of forensic competition. Pre-tournament updates will be posted to the following website (and this site will also be used for posting elimination round participants Saturday evening at the conclusion of the competition – so that you will not have to wait around for breaks): <http://BPCCCdebate.org>

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,

Bob Alexander

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.

The nearest hotels to campus are the **Ramada Inn Bossier City** (an older, but inexpensive, hotel; 4000 Industrial Drive, I-20 @ Exit 23, 318-747-0711), the **Holiday Inn Express Louisiana Downs** (7970 East Texas Street, 318-841-9800), the **SpringHill Suites Louisiana Downs** (8010 E. Texas Street, 318-747-7772) & **Comfort Suites Louisiana Downs** (7950 East Texas Street; 318-742-3444).

Other recommended hotels in close proximity to the campus include: **Hampton Inn Bossier City North** (2691 Viking Drive, 318-841-9700), **Hilton Garden Inn Bossier City** (2015 Old Minden Road, 318-759-1950) & the **Homewood Suites Bossier City** (2015 Old Minden Road, 318-759-1940).

DIRECTIONS

BPCCC is located at 6220 E. Texas St., Bossier City, LA 71111; the campus is 1.3 miles west of I-220 near Louisiana Downs. Registration will be located on the first floor lobby of building F (our student center), at a table set-up near the main doors that open to the center of campus – a campus map is available at <http://BPCCCdebate.org>

From the East: take I-20 West to Exit 26 (I-220); continue .4 miles to exit 17A (US-79/US-80). Turn right on US-79/US-80 and proceed 1.3 miles – the campus is on your left.

From the West: take I-20 East to Exit 23 (Industrial Drive). Turn left onto Industrial drive (.3 miles). Turn right onto US-79 E/US-80 E/E. Texas St. Continue 1.3 miles – the campus is on your right.

SCHEDULE

Friday, February 16

TIPDA Schedule

11:00-11:30 Registration
11:45: TIPDA Round 1
1:15: TIPDA Round 2
2:45: TIPDA Round 3
4:15: TIPDA Round 4 (tab open to all coaches for early review of ballots)
6:00-6:20: Coaches Review
6:30: TIPDA Quarterfinals
8:15: TIPDA Semifinals

Friday, February 16

IE Schedule

11:00-11:30 Registration
11:45: Ext. Draw
12:15: Round A-1
1:30: Round B-1
2:45: Ext. Draw
3:15: Round A-2
4:30: Round B-2
5:45: Ext. Draw for finals
6:15: Finals A
7:30: Finals B
9:30: IE Awards

Saturday, February 17

8:00: TIPDA Finals
8:30-9:00: Registration for Individual Debate Only Schools
9:30: IPDA Round 1
11:00: IPDA Round 2
12:30: IPDA Round 3
2:00: Lunch Break (pizza provided)
2:30: IPDA Round 4
4:00: IPDA Round 5
5:30: IPDA Round 6
7:00: IPDA Round 7 (tab open to all coaches for early review of ballots)

Sunday, February 18

8:00-8:20: Coaches Review
8:30: IPDA Double-Oct's
10:15: IPDA Octafinals
11:30: Awards
12:00: IPDA Quarterfinals
1:15: IPDA Semifinals
2:30: IPDA Finals

EVENT INFORMATION

1. **Awards** shall be presented to **all elimination round participants**, the **top five speakers** in each division of debate, and **individual sweepstakes** in IE's. The **top three programs** shall receive awards for sweepstakes and the **top community college** will be awarded for overall sweepstakes. The "**Debate Commander**" award will recognize proportional competitive success based on a program's total win percentage in prelim debate rounds (a program must have a minimum of 3 entries to qualify). Additionally, the **Eddy Shell Cumulative Sweepstakes award** will be awarded to the program with the highest total points earned from this tournament combined with all previous appearances at the Eddy Shell Invitational (once a program earns the award, their point total is re-set to zero). Current standings entering the 2018 Eddy Shell Invitational are as follows:

	Total	Points Reset	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
East Texas Baptist University	555.5		106	90	67	97	32.5	67.5	42.5	53	
Stephen F. Austin State University	554.5		57	44	105	33	97.5	15	60.5	57	85.5
LSU-Shreveport	551	-1745.5	263	288	257	265	235	254	209	254	196
Lee College	546		131	208	177	30					
Henderson State University	522		63	64		100	80	52.5	86	53.5	23
University of Central Arkansas	518			159					139.5	122.5	97
University of Tennessee-Knoxville	490		51		162	189	88				
Harding University	385.5		57	63	75	60	31.5		35	48.5	15.5
Wiley College	384.5							296.5			88
Sam Houston State University	317	-397					112.5	204.5	145	154	98.5
College of the Mainland	302		99	21	88	55	39				
Union University	279	-779.5	279	264	-	210	156	153			
Northwest Arkansas Forensics	269						137.5	131.5			
Mississippi College	221		42	39		9	15	25	30	61	
William Carey University	219										219
LSU-Alexandria	217						2.5	35	47	89	43.5
Louisiana State University	213										213
Arkansas Tech University	209.5				122		45	42.5			
Northwestern State University	200.5		39	123							38.5
John Brown University	200.5		54								146.5
Louisiana Tech University	174		84				30	60		-	-
Louisiana College	154	-646	48	12	94	99	138	70	126	142	72.5
Independent Debate Coalition	143		18		67			27.5	30.5		
University of Mississippi	142										142
Jefferson State Community College	100			74						26	
St. Mary's University	84.5									53.5	31
Southern Methodist University	81		66	15					-	-	-
Middle Tennessee State University	75		75								
McNeese State University	68										68
Tulane University	65						42.5		22.5		
Texas A&M International University	60				18		42				
Lamar State College - Orange	51							51			
Jackson State University	42		42								
Crowder College	36								36		
University of Louisiana-Monroe	34									34	
University of Southern Mississippi	27		27								
University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7.5						7.5				
University of Arkansas-Monticello	0	-1327	232	219	156	114	132	167	139	-	169

Past Winners:

2017: University of Arkansas - Monticello (721 points)

2016: Union University (779.5 points)

2015: LSU-Shreveport (756.5 points)

2014: Louisiana College (646 points)

2013: University of Arkansas - Monticello (606 points)

2012: LSU-Shreveport (553 points)

2011: Sam Houston State University (397 points)

2010: LSU-Shreveport (436 points)

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 4 debaters in each division will count for sweepstakes awards (for purposes of the debate commander 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. 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 IE's 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. 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.
- D. If BPCC places competitors in the tournament, they will neither be counted toward sweepstakes nor will they be eligible for speaker awards. No BPCC competitors will be judged by individuals affiliated with BPCC.
- E. **NO TECHNOLOGY ACCESS IS ALLOWED IN A 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 four competitors in a division 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. **IE's:** 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 preliminary 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. **Fees:** IE entries are \$10 each and uncovered entries are an additional \$10 each. TIPDA entries are \$40 each and uncovered entries are an additional \$25 each. IPDA Entries are \$25 each and uncovered entries are an additional \$15 each. **Change Fees:** Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 14, 2018. 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.

