

DFW Swing

**Hosted by:
Texas Christian University
&
University of Texas at Dallas**

October 27-29, 2023

**Texas Christian University,
Fort Worth, Texas**



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Dear Forensics Community:

The forensics teams of TCU and UTD invite you to the DFW Swing, to be hosted on the beautiful sunny campus of Texas Christian University October 27-29, 2023.

We invite you to join us for a weekend of competition featuring two complete individual event tournaments with the eleven AFA events, and an IPDA debate tournament. Each individual event tournament (TCU Invitational on Saturday and UTD Invitational on Sunday) will include two preliminary rounds and a final (semi-finals if necessary). IPDA will have five preliminary rounds over Friday afternoon and Saturday, and out-rounds as needed on Saturday. IPDA will include novice, JV, and varsity divisions if warranted by entry sizes of each event. Divisions may be collapsed if small entry sizes warrant.

Students may enter three individual events per pattern, or one IE per pattern plus IPDA on Friday and Saturday, and up to three individual events per pattern on Sunday. Two duos counts as two events.

Further details about the DFW Swing follow on the next few pages. We look forward to receiving your entry by the deadline: Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 5:00 p.m. through Speechwire. Please visit their website to enter.

We are asking teams to please cover their judging entries, particularly in IPDA. We will have a limited number of hired judges, but request school coverage of all entries. We will use electronic balloting for IE, so IE judges should bring laptops or other internet connected devices.

We can't wait to welcome you to beautiful Fort Worth in October!

Sincerely,

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Schedule

Friday, October 27 IPDA Debate

2:00 Registration
3:00 IPDA Round 1
4:30 IPDA Round 2
6:00 IPDA Round 3
7:30 IPDA Round 4

Saturday, October 28 TCU Invitational (IE and IPDA)

7:30 IPDA Draw, Round 5
8:00 Registration/Breakfast for IE
8:30 Extemp Draw
9:00 Flight B Round
10:15 Flight A Round 1
11:00 IPDA Draw, Elim 1
12:30 Extemp Draw
1:00 Flight B Round 2
2:15 Flight A Round 2/IPDA Draw Elim 2
3:30 Extemp Draw
4:00 Flight B Finals/IPDA Draw Elim 3
5:15 Flight A Finals/IPDA Draw Elim 4
7:00 Awards
8:00 additional IPDA Elims (if needed)

Pattern A

Impromptu
Informative
Prose
Dramatic
After Dinner Speaking

Sunday, October 29 UTD Invitational

8:00 Extemp Draw
8:30 Flight B Round 1
9:45 Flight A Round 1
11:00 Flight A Round 2
12:15 Extemp Draw
12:30 Flight B Round 2
1:45 Flight A Finals
3:00 Extemp Draw
3:15 Flight B Finals
4:45 Awards

Pattern B

Poetry
Communication Analysis
Duo
Extemporaneous
Persuasion
POI



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Entry Deadline: Entries should be sent no later than 5:00 on Tuesday, October 24. Entries may be submitted through Speechwire. Drops and changes may be made without penalty until Wednesday, October 23 at 5:00. Changes after this time will incur an additional fee of \$10 per slot.

Debate Limitations: Students may enter only one IE per flight with IPDA on Saturday. Students entered in both debate and IE will be responsible for making it to rounds, and will go to IPDA first unless otherwise specified in draw. The tournament directors reserve the right to collapse divisions of debate if entry size warrants, and to flight divisions. Debate divisions offered: IPDA Varsity, JV, Novice.

Individual Event Limitations: Students may enter a maximum of three individual events per pattern, or one IE per pattern plus IPDA. Competitors may enter two duos (with different partners), but this will count as two events in pattern A. Students entered in multiple events will be responsible for making it to their rounds on time, and should endeavor to sign in. The tournament directors reserve the right to limit the number of entries from a school, and to balance rounds to accommodate judging obligations from schools with large entries. We will use electronic balloting for IE, so judges should bring laptops or other internet connected devices.

Event Rules

We will follow AFA rules for individual events. Open internet access will be allowed in extemp prep and IPDA.

IPDA debate will follow IPDA guidelines. Debaters will be given 30 minutes of preparation time following topic draw. Debaters are expected to be in their competition rooms at the end of prep time, and a late forfeiture rule will be enforced. IPDA may be flighted if space and judge conservation is warranted by entry sizes. Students are responsible for making it to draw on time.

Fees

Fees will be assessed on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 5:00. Drops or changes after that point will incur both the assessed fee and a \$25 nuisance charge.

Individual Events: \$10 (one judge covers 6 slots)

Judging Fee Per Uncovered Individual Event slot: \$15

IPDA: \$15 (one judge covers four debaters)

Judging Fee Per Uncovered IPDA entry: \$15

Drops after Wednesday: fee + \$10. Dropped judges at registration: \$50 each.



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Awards

Awards will be given to the top six competitors in each individual event, and out-round participants in debate. Debate events will also include speaker awards for the top 3 speakers in each division. The top novice competitor in each category will also be recognized in IE events.

Individual Sweepstakes: The top three individual students in individual sweepstakes will receive an award. Eligibility requires students to compete in three events, which may include a mix of IPDA and IE.

Team Sweepstakes: The top three schools will be recognized with an award for individual events sweeps, debate sweeps, and combined debate/IE. Sweepstakes awards will be calculated with the following formula:

Individual Event Preliminaries:

1st – 3 points
2nd – 2 points
3rd – 1 point

Individual Event Finals:

1st – 12 points
2nd – 10 points
3rd – 8 points
4th – 6 points
5th – 4 points
6th – 2 points

Tournament Practices

Host schools may enter novice competitors in their own half of the IE swing, but these students will be ineligible for individual sweeps. Host school competitors will be entered in debate. Tournament directors reserve the right to place students from the same team into the same section of IEs to conserve judges if necessary.

TCU is a smoke-free campus. Please refrain from tobacco use on campus.

A number of food options are available both on campus, and within walking distance. Information will be provided at registration. The tournament will provide pizza for debaters on Friday evening, and continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. We will also provide a hospitality lounge with snacks for judges and coaches.

Debate Preliminaries:

Win – 3 points

Debate Out-Rounds (except finals):

Win – 6 points
Loss – 2 points

Debate Finals:

Win – 12 points
Loss – 6 points



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Hotel Suggestions

Fort Worth is home to many hotels that will accommodate all tastes and budgets. We suggest the area around Hulen Mall (south of I-20 on Hulen), the Cityview area (south of I-20 on Bryant Irvin), or Benbrook hotels (north of I-20 on Winscott Road), which are all near both campus and many food options. The link below will take you to a Google Maps search with hotels in this area highlighted.

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels/@32.6808093,-97.4057638,15z>

TCU

A detailed map of TCU is available at <http://www.maps.tcu.edu>. Registration and parking information will be sent to attending schools before the tournament.

We hope to see you in Fort Worth in October! Please contact us with any questions: a.hinderaker@tcu.edu or john.gooch@utdallas.edu.



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