



2017 East Texas Baptist University  
Tiger Invitational Debate Tournament  
Friday and Saturday, November 10-11, 2017

Colleagues,

On behalf of the East Texas Baptist University Debate Team and the ETBU Department of Communication Studies, it is my privilege to extend an invitation to you and your debate team to attend the fifth annual **East Texas Baptist University Tiger Invitational Debate Tournament** on **November 10-11, 2017**.

This tournament will feature **SEVEN ROUNDS** of individual competition in all four divisions of International Public Debate. The ETBU Debate Team and Department of Communication Studies faculty look forward to offering a well-run, enjoyable tournament. Bob Alexander of Bossier Parish Community College will again run the tab room for the tournament.

ETBU is in a very centralized location should be an enjoyable experience for all. We hope you will plan to attend and have a great time visiting our campus. The tournament entry fee will be \$25 per competitor. If you are a primarily individual events team, IPDA offers your extemp. and impromptu competitors an excellent opportunity to hone their skills. If you are a primarily debate-oriented team, IPDA is a chance to work on audience analysis, persuasion, and critical thinking.

As you already know, it is important in IPDA to have a diverse and objective judging pool, so please bring as many judges with you as possible. Also, we are a very small campus so our community judging pool will be limited. Therefore, we cannot allow uncovered entries. Every four debaters **MUST** be covered by one judge. No exceptions.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail. We look forward to seeing you in November!

Sincerely,  
Cole Franklin, Debate Coach  
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## **SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, November 10, 2017**

2:30	Registration – Ornelas Student Center
3:30	Draw Round 1
5:00	Draw Round 2
6:30	Draw Round 3
8:00	Draw Round 4

### **Saturday, November 11, 2017**

8:00	Draw Round 5
9:45	Draw Round 6
11:30	Draw Round 7
1:30	Coaches Review
2:00	Octo/Quarterfinals Draw
3:45	Awards/ Breaks
4:15	Quarter/Semifinals Draw
6:00	Semi/Finals Draw
7:45	Finals Draw (if Octo-finals are necessary)

## **TOURNAMENT HOTEL**

There will not be a “tournament hotel”. There are a number of hotels in Marshall that offer competitive rates. If you need additional information or assistance, please let us know. Some hotels in the area include:

Holiday Inn Express	903-934-9700
Super 8:	903-935-1184
La Quinta	903-934-3080
Fairfield Inn	903-938-7666
Comfort Suites	903-927-1139
Hampton Inn	903-927-0079
Quality Inn	903-935-7923

## **TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

All of the rules guiding the International Public Debate Association apply to the Tiger Invitational Debate Tournament. Times limits will be 5-2-6-2-3-5-3. There will be four individual divisions of debate: Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional. Please check with the IPDA constitution for eligibility requirements.

## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

**From I-20 East/West:** Take the US 59 N, exit 617, toward Marshall. Follow Highway 59 North to the intersection of highways 59 and 80 (approximately 4 miles). Turn left onto Hwy 80W/ E. Grand Ave. Follow Hwy 80 W/E Grand to N. Grove St. Turn right onto N. Grove. The campus will be on your left. Take the third campus entrance to the left (Rainey St.) Go up the hill to your immediate right. Marshall Hall will be in front of you. Scarborough Hall will be to your right. Parking should be available in the parking lot to the left of Scarborough Hall or in front of Marshall Hall. Registration will be in the Ornelas Student Center, directly behind Marshall Hall.

**From Hwy 59 North/South:** Follow Hwy 59 to the intersection of highways 59 and 80. Turn west on Highway 80/E. Grand Ave. Follow Hwy 80W/E Grand to N. Grove St. Turn right onto N. Grove. The campus will be on your left. Take the third campus entrance to the left (Rainey St.) Go up the hill to your immediate right. Marshall Hall will be in front of you. Scarborough Hall will be to your right. Parking should be available in the parking lot to the left of Scarborough Hall or in front of Marshall Hall. Registration will be in the Ornelas Student Center, directly behind Marshall Hall.

### **SWEEPSTAKES AND AWARDS**

Sweepstakes will follow the season-long sweepstakes formula: All wins and byes will be awarded 1 point. Each person breaking to out-rounds will receive 1 point. Out-round victories will receive 2 points. Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity and Professional will count toward the tournament sweepstakes. There is no limit on entries, but only the top three competitors in each division will count toward the sweepstakes. There will be speaker awards for the top 5 competitors, awards for all octofinalists-finalists in each division, and sweepstakes trophies for the top 3 programs. The team with the highest winning percentage (minimum 3 competitors) will also receive the "Tiger Award". There will also be an award for the Top Community College.

### **ENTRY DEADLINES, FEES AND JUDGES**

The entry deadline will be **4:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 7**. Changes will be accepted at no charge until 4:00 pm on Wednesday, November 8. Any drops or changes after that date will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00. Fees for each individual entry are \$25.00. As at nationals, every entry **MUST** be covered by a judge. Sorry, but we are a small school with a limited judging pool. There can be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this requirement! ETBU debaters may compete to improve the breaks, but every effort will be made to prevent ETBU judges from judging ETBU debaters. Each judge covers 4 slots. All schools will be required to judge one round past their highest finisher. Competitors who do not advance will be used as judges in the out-rounds.

### **SPACE LIMITATIONS**

We have a very small campus. Therefore entries may be limited due to available space. In the event that we do exceed the available space - we will inform coaches immediately after the entry deadline, of how many of their entries per division we will be able to accept. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope to be able to accommodate all entries. Traditionally, we have always been able to accept all entries.

**2017 ETBU TIGER INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT  
ENTRY FORM**

School:  
Coach:  
Address:

Office Phone:  
Email:

Novice Division:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Junior Varsity Division:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Varsity Division:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Professional Division:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Judges:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Fees:

\_\_\_\_\_ competitors slots @ \$25 each = \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Make Checks Payable To: ETBU Debate Team)

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