



2021 East Texas Baptist University
Tiger Invitational Debate Tournament
Friday and Saturday, November 19-20, 2021

Colleagues,

On behalf of the East Texas Baptist University Debate Team and the ETBU Department of Communication, it is my privilege to extend an invitation to you and your debate team to attend the seventh **East Texas Baptist University Tiger Invitational Debate Tournament** on **November 19-20, 2019**. The tournament will be **IN PERSON** this year with face-to-face debate! Please pay special attention to the Covid protocols we have in place for the tournament detailed below. Please help us keep the tournament safe for all by following these protocols.

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 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 19, 2021

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

Saturday, November 20, 2021

8:00	Draw Round 5
9:30	Draw Round 6
11:00	Draw Round 7
1:00	Coaches Review
1:30	Octo/Quarterfinals Draw
3:00	Awards/ Breaks
3:30	Quarter/Semifinals Draw
ASAP	Semi/Finals Draw
ASAP	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.

ETBU Debate Tournament COVID-19 Protocols

Policy

East Texas Baptists University and the ETBU Debate team wish to take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that visitors to campus have a safe and educational experience while on campus. In this spirit we will be instituting the following protocols and procedures for all visiting teams and its members.

Visitor Policy

Use of Face Coverings

As mandated by ETBU policy, face coverings, such as mask, will be required at all times while inside any buildings on the ETBU campus. This includes during competition

and while speaking. While outside, mask and coverings may be removed for individuals that are fully vaccinated and are able to maintain social distancing as defined by CDC guidelines.

Social Distancing

We are strongly encouraging all participants to avoid extraneous physical contact (hugs, handshakes, etc.) as a means of reducing any risk of inadvertent transmission of bacteria or viruses. While we realize that students will be enthused to see friends from other programs, we hope that this simple step will help promote the safest event possible.

Symptom Monitoring

We are asking each coach/sponsor to monitor participants from their programs for complaints of symptoms or any physiological signs of illness; we will have the ability to digitally take temperatures upon request for any participant requesting it based on symptoms they may exhibit. Any participant exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID exposure is strongly encouraged to self-isolate in their hotels; ETBU does ask that anyone who has been exposed to someone who has recently tested positive for COVID, or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID, not attend this year's event in an effort to promote the public good for the other participants.

Event Management

To follow the most recent suggestions for COVID mitigation while still providing a baseline of support ETBU will do the following.

1. We will have ample amounts of hand sanitizers placed around the event space and campus. Please encourage your students and staff to make frequent use of them
2. For any students that lose, misplace, or have their face coverings damaged, we will have extras available.

Additional Notes

Please know that East Texas Baptist University and the ETBU Debate team take the current COVID-19 situation very seriously. We will do everything in our power to make accommodations beyond the previously stated to those that wish for them.

Additionally, we reserve the right to ask any program, coach, or participant to leave University grounds for continued violations of the COVID-19 event policy.

We hope that we can make this event as enjoyable and most importantly safe as possible for your programs and your students. Please reach out to me with any concerns, questions, or remarks that you may have.

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. Go past the main campus entrance and turn left into the parking lot immediately past Wright Street. Ample parking should be available in that lot Friday afternoon. Saturday parking will be open anywhere on campus. Registration on Friday will be in the Ornelas Student Center, adjacent to 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. Go past the main campus entrance and turn left into the parking lot immediately past Wright Street. Ample parking should be available in that lot Friday afternoon. Saturday parking will be open anywhere on campus. Registration on Friday will be in the Ornelas Student Center, adjacent to Marshall Hall.

SWEEPSTAKES AND AWARDS

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 in each division, 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 16**. Changes will be accepted at no charge until 4:00 pm on Wednesday, November 17. 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 last eliminated competitor. 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.

**2021 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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