



January 2023

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the FIFA Executive Board, we would like to cordially invite you and your team to attend the 2023 Florida Intercollegiate Forensics Association State Championship. This tournament will be a **two-part** hybrid tournament, combining virtual and in person components to maximize participation.

Please remember that the top two competitors in Persuasion will be invited to represent the state of Florida at the oldest speech competition in the United States, the National Championship of the Interstate Oratorical Association.

Note that the coaches meeting is scheduled for February 26th. If you are judging BP be sure to note which coach will be attending the meeting so we can block them during that time slot. We can zoom in member schools that won't be attending the in-person component.

The weekend of February 17th through 19th will contain "individual debate" formats (LD and IPDA). This will be hosted on zoom. On the weekend of February 24th through 26th we will host team debate formats (NPDA/BP) and Individual Events **in person** at the University of West Florida. Competitors can compete in all debate formats. However, BP participants will not be able to compete in Individual Events.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We are very pleased to be hosting this year's tournament.

We look forward to seeing you in Pensacola!

Sincerely,

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TOURNAMENT ENTRY

The FIFA Constitution limits schools to five entries per event, and **no student may enter more than three events any flight**. Students must be making satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate degree at the institution. A student shall have no more than eight semesters of eligibility and shall compete at no more than four FIFA state tournaments.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

A preliminary entry is due **6 PM Eastern, Thursday, February 9th** (A week before the tournament). This is to help facilitate tournament logistics (Rooms, judges etc).

Add deadline Virtual: 6pm Eastern, Tuesday February 15th
Drop Deadline Virtual: 6pm Eastern, Thursday February 17th
Add Deadline in-person: 6pm Eastern, Tuesday February 22nd
Drop Deadline in-person: 6pm Eastern, Wednesday February 23rd

Registration will be through ForensicsTournament.Net for both halves. There will be separate "tournaments" listed for each date. FIFA 1 (Virtual) & FIFA 2 (In person)

Don't hesitate to ask questions if you run into difficulties or have concerns. Jonathan can be reached by email or cell phone.

Email: jonathan.conway@ucf.edu

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Please remember to indicate novices (those in their first year of college forensic competition).

Fee Structure:

Membership Fee: \$75

Individual Events (excluding Persuasion): \$10/slot

Lincoln-Douglas Debate Entries: \$20/entry

IPDA Debate Entry \$20/Entry

Parliamentary Debate Entries: \$25/team

British Parliamentary Debate Entries \$25/Team

Persuasion Entries: \$20/slot

Uncovered IE slots: \$12/slot

Uncovered Debate entries: \$25/entry

*If attending both components a single invoice can be provide.

Judge Types:

Individual Events: Covers 6 individual events slots

Parli: Covers 2 NPDA slots

BP: Covers 2 BP entries

LD: Covers 2 LD Entries

IPDA: Covers 2 IPDA Entries

***Judges are permitted to enter themselves multiple times to be in multiple pools, however, cannot cover both BP and IE entries.

Reminder: Coaches marked as IE only may be asked to judge BP debate if they are unable to judge significant amounts of IE.

Drop Fees:

Late add: \$10/slot

Late Drop: \$10/slot

Late judge drop: \$50/judge

Drop at registration: \$25/slot

Dropped judge at registration: \$100/judge

RULES & EXPECTATIONS

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Standard NFA rules apply, which can be found at

<https://sites.google.com/site/nationalforensicsassociation/about-nfa/governing-documents> .

Internet access is allowed during prep time of Extemporaneous Speaking, IPDA and NPDA debate. Though the host institution makes no guarantees of wireless access. BP Debate does NOT permit internet access.

Impromptu will be quotations through all rounds of competition. Remember that the top two speakers in Persuasion qualify for the Interstate Oratory Competition.

AWARDS

Points are based on both preliminary and elimination rounds (prelim points are halved in IE). The formula for awarding points is as follows:

IE Prelims: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point

Debate events: Prelim win = 2pts

IE and Debate Out-rounds: 1st = 12 points, 2nd = 10 points, Sems = 7pts, Quarters = 4pts

Pentathlon: For a student to be eligible for a pentathlon award, they must compete in at least five individual events. A student's top five events will count towards their pentathlon calculation. Debate events are not considered for pentathlon.

Citrus Award: For a student to be eligible for the citrus (overall debate sweepstakes) award they must be entered in at least two debate formats. All debate entries (top four) will count. The top six in combined debate points will be recognized.

The following awards will be offered at the tournament:

- Individual Events: 1st through 6th
- Individual Debate Speakers: 1st through 6th
- Pentathlon: 1st through 6th
- Citrus Debater Award: 1st through 6th
- Debate Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 3rd
- IE Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 3rd
- Overall Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 6th
- Limited Entry Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 3rd
- Limited Entry Individual Events 1st and 2nd
- Limited Entry Debate 1st and 2nd
- Top Non-advance novice competitors in all events

Limited entry division includes all teams with entries making up less than 10% of the total tournament entry. They are still eligible for open sweepstakes awards.

DEBATE INFORMATION (INCLUDING TIME STANDARDS)

| LINCOLN-DOUGLAS (LD) | INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE (NPDA) | BRITISH PARLIMENTARY (BP) | PARLIMENTARY (NPDA) |
|---|---|--|--|
| 6 MINUTES <i>3 MINUTES (CX)</i> 7 MINUTES <i>3 MINUTES (CX)</i> 6 MINUTES 6 MINUTES 3 MINUTES | 5 MINUTES <i>2 MINUTES (CX)</i> 6 MINUTES <i>2 MINUTES (CX)</i> 3 MINUTES 5 MINUTES 3 MINUTES | 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES | 7 MINUTES <i>2 MIN: OP FLEX</i> 8 MINUTES <i>2 MIN: GOV FLEX</i> 8 MINUTES <i>1 MIN: OP FLEX</i> 8 MINUTES 4 MINUTES <i>1 MIN: GOV FLEX</i> 5 MINUTES |
| **4 MINUTES PREP TIME DURING ROUND | **30 MINUTES PREP BEFORE ROUND | ** 15 MINUTES PREP BEFORE ROUND | ** 15 MINUTE PREP TIME BEFORE ROUND |

All debate-related matters (judge training, sectioning, tabbing, etc.) for the 2021 FIFA Championship will be administrated by our Tournament Staff.

- We will have four preliminary rounds of debate in all formats.
- A minimum of three schools must provide contestants in these events for the tournament to facilitate competition in them.
- Students participating in BP will not be permitted to enter any Individual Events
- LD resolution will be: **Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase restrictions on campaigns for public office in one or more of the following areas: political communication, campaign spending, interest groups.**
- All competitors shall debate both sides of the resolution an equal number of times in prelims.
- Debate speaker awards will not count toward team sweeps.
- Coaching is allowed during prep time in NPDA, IPDA only.
- NPDA resolutions shall be publicly announced in the “draw room”. Roll call will be taken by school, not individual debaters.
- NPDA resolutions will be policy-based for Rounds 1 and 2, value-based for Round 3, and metaphorical for Round 4.
- IPDA/LD/NPDA Disclosure is at judge discretion. Please keep post round comments to a minimum.

JUDGES

All judges must meet the following criteria:

1. Option 1: Judges in all FIFA forensics events shall be educators and/or have previous judging experience, and/or have experience as a competitor in the event(s) they judge.
2. Option 2: Judges in all FIFA forensics events shall possess a BA or BS degree or shall possess an AA degree and have been out of forensics competition for a minimum of one (1) year.
3. Judges who do not meet the criteria outlined in the previous two points may be deemed competent by the Tournament Director or FIFA President.
4. There are no judge "strikes" but specific appeals to remove a judge(s) can be made to any member to the FIFA board.

All team's IE judges will be assumed eligible for BP unless specifically indicated otherwise on the entry.

LOGISTICAL MATTERS

COACHES' MEETING

Please remember to note which individual will be your representative on your entry so we can block the appropriate time slot. All agenda items should be submitted to Jonathan Conway (jonathan.conway@ucf.edu) by 6pm on Wednesday February 22nd. This will allow for a draft of the agenda to be shared prior to the meeting allowing for a more fluid discussion. Items not on the agenda are not guaranteed to be discussed.

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY

FIFA works to maintain a competitive atmosphere where each competitor's physical and psychological well-being is respected. FIFA takes very seriously any incidents of sexual harassment, and such incidents should be reported to the Executive Committee as soon as possible, who will take appropriate action as necessary.

FIFA State Championship 2022

Friday February 17th

All Times Eastern

| | |
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| 8:30am | Check in (Virtual) |
| 9:00am | IPDA Draw Rd 1 |
| 10:15am | IPDA Draw Rd 2 |
| 11:30am | Break |
| 12:30pm | IPDA Draw Rd 3 |
| 2:00pm | IPDA Draw Rd 4 |
| 4:00pm | IPDA Draw Elim 1 |
| 5:00pm | IPDA Draw Elim 2 (If needed) |

Saturday February 18th

All Times Eastern

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| 9:00am | | IPDA Semifinal |
| 10:30am | | IPDA Finals |
| 12:00pm | | IPDA Awards |
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| 2:00pm | | LD Rd 1 |
| 3:00pm | | LD Rd 2 |
| 4:30pm | | LD Rd 3 |
| 6:00pm | | LD Rd 4 |

Elim 1 breaks and Judges to be announced Saturday night via email to Coaches

Sunday February 19th

All Times Eastern

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| 9:00am | LD Elim 1 |
| 10:30am | LD Elim 2 |
| 12:00pm | LD Elim 3 |
| 1:00pm | LD Awards |

Friday February 25th

At University of West Florida

All Times Central

Flight A Events:

EXTEMP
POETRY
RHET CRIT/CA
ADS

Flight B Events:

DRAMATIC INTERP
POI
IMPROMPTU

Flight C Events:

PROSE
DUO
INFORMATIVE
PERSUASION

Friday February 24th
All Times Central

| Time | IE | Debate |
|---------|----|-------------------------|
| 9:30am | | NPDA/Early Registration |
| 10:00am | | NPDA Draw Rd 1 |
| 11:30pm | | NPDA Draw Rd 2 |
| | | Break |
| 1:30pm | | NPDA Draw Rd 3 |
| 3:00pm | | NPDA Draw Rd 4 |
| 4:30pm | | NPDA Elim 1 |
| 5:45pm | | NPDA Elim 2 |
| 7:00pm | | NPDA Elim 3 |

Saturday February 25th
All Times Central

| Time | IE | Debate |
|---------|---------------|--------------|
| 8:00am | | Registration |
| 8:30am | Extemp Draw 1 | |
| 9:00am | Round 1A | BP Draw 1 |
| 10:15am | Extemp Draw 2 | |
| 10:45am | Round 2 A | |
| 12:00pm | Extemp Draw 3 | BP Draw 2 |
| 12:30pm | Round 3A | |
| | Break | |
| 3:00 | Round 1B | BP Draw 3 |
| 4:15 | Round 2B | |
| 5:30 | Round 3B | |

Sunday February 26th
All Times Central

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| 8:30am | Round 1C | BP Draw 4 |
| 9:45am | Round 2C | |
| 11:00am | Round 3C | |
| 11:45 | | BP Draw Elim 1 |
| 12:45am | Extemp Draw Finals | |
| 1:15pm | Finals A/B | |
| 2:00 | | BP Draw Elim 2 |
| 2:45 | Finals C/B | |
| 3:00 | Coaches Meeting | |
| 4:00 pm | Group Interp | |
| 4:30 or ASAP | Awards | Awards |
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