



Dear Debate Community,

On behalf of Louisiana Tech University, the School of Communication, LaTech Debate Team, and Louisiana State University Debate Team, we invite you to the **Hot and Spicy Tournament, October 4-6, 2019, at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana.**

The competition will feature 4 preliminary rounds of TIPDA hosted by the LSU Debate Team and 7 preliminary rounds of IPDA hosted by the LaTech Debate Team; lunch will be provided midday on Saturday. We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of debate competition. Tab will be run by Bob Alexander, Bossier Parish Community College.

In the pages that follow, you will find all the details. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,
Megan Smith and Kina Reed

HOTEL INFORMATION:

We will not have a block of rooms reserved for the tournament, but if you have any questions concerning area hotels—we will be glad to provide assistance. Hampton Inn and Sleep Inn may have a discount if you mention Louisiana Tech University event when you book the room. The hotels near campus are:

Hampton Inn- 1315 N. Trenton St, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 251-3090

Sleep Inn & Suites-106 S. Service Rd, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 232-1100

Days Inn- 1801 N. Service Rd, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 251-2360

Holiday Inn Express- 1825 Roberta Ave, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 513-9777

Super 8- 1101 Cooktown Rd, Ruston, LA 71270 (318) 255-0588

DIRECTIONS: Louisiana Tech University is located at 502 Wisteria Lane, Ruston, LA 71272.

From the north: Take Highway 167 south to I-20 west, exit 84. At the top of the exit ramp, turn left onto Tech Drive. Follow Tech Drive to campus. Turn left onto Railroad Avenue. Hale Hall, a three-story building with turrets, is the first brick building on Railroad Avenue. The Office of Admissions is on the first floor of Hale Hall. Visitor parking is available at the front of the building.

From the south: Take Highway 167 north to Ruston. Turn left on California Avenue. At the fifth stoplight, turn right on Tech Drive. Proceed down Tech Drive to Railroad Avenue. Turn right. Hale Hall, a three-story building with turrets, is the first brick building on Railroad Avenue. The Office of Admissions is on the first floor of Hale Hall. Visitor parking is available at the front of the building.

From the east: Take I-20 west to Ruston, exit 84. At the top of the exit ramp, turn left onto Tech Drive. Follow Tech Drive to campus. Turn left onto Railroad Avenue. Hale Hall, a three-story building with turrets, is the first brick building on Railroad Avenue. The Office of Admissions is on the first floor of Hale Hall. Visitor parking is available at the front of the building.

From the west: Take I-20 east to Ruston, exit 84. At the top of the exit ramp, turn right onto Tech Drive. Follow Tech Drive to campus. Turn left onto Railroad Avenue. Hale Hall, a three-story building with turrets, is the first brick building on Railroad Avenue. The Office of Admissions is on the first floor of Hale Hall. Visitor parking is available at the front of the building.

Below is a link to the campus map

http://www.latech.edu/documents/campus_map_color.pdf

PARKING AND REGISTRATION:

Parking is available in the Student Center Parking Lot across from Toliver Hall. Registration, prep, and tab will be located in Tolliver Hall. We will utilize Woodard Hall, Robinson Hall, and George T. Madison Hall for most rounds. If you or any of your debaters have special needs, please indicate this on your entries and we will do everything we can to accommodate those requests.

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: The tournament will be headquartered at the Student Center in the Tonk. We will accommodate ADA requests, but please be advised there are limited competition rooms in the Student Center. Students will have to travel to competition rooms; however, ADA rooms will be in buildings that are closer in proximity to the Student Center and have a working elevator to get to rooms not on the first floor.

SMOKING POLICY: Louisiana Tech University is a non-smoking campus. The prohibition against smoking (including vaping and e-cigarettes) extends to all LATech property, including parking lots.

SCHEDULE

Friday, October 4

11:00-12:00: Registration
12:00: TIPDA Round 1
1:30: TIPDA Round 2
3:00: TIPDA Round 3
4:30: TIPDA Round 4 (tab open to all coaches for early review of ballots)
6:00-6:20 Coaches Review
6:30: TIPDA Elim 1
8:15: TIPDA Elim 2

Saturday, October 5

8:00: TIPDA Elim 3
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, October 6

8:00-8:20: Coaches Review
8:30: IPDA Elim 1
11:00: Awards
11:30: IPDA Elim 2
12:45: IPDA Elim 3
2:00: IPDA Elim 4
*Note: The schedule for elimination rounds will be shortened if possible

EVENT INFORMATION

1. **Awards** shall be presented to **all elimination round participants** and the **top five speakers** in each division of debate. The **top three programs** shall receive awards for sweepstakes and the **top community college** will be awarded for overall sweepstakes. The top speaker in TIPDA/IPDA across all divisions will receive a special award.
2. **Divisions:** 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. 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).
 - b. 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.
 - c. If LTU places competitors in the tournament, they will neither be counted toward sweepstakes nor will they be eligible for speaker awards. No LTU competitors will be judged by individuals affiliated with LTU.
 - d. **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 will be disqualified from your school. This includes cell phones. Competitors may not use their cell phone as a timer.
3. **Points formula**
 - a. All of a school's top four competitors in a division will count toward sweepstakes totals.
 - b. Points will be awarded according to the following formula:
 - i. 3 points for each preliminary round win (6 points for team debate)
 - ii. 3 points for breaking to elimination rounds (6 points for team debate)
 - iii. 5 points for 1st speaker
 - iv. 4 points for 2nd speaker
 - v. 3 points for 3rd speaker
 - vi. 2 points for 4th speaker
 - vii. 1 points for 5th speaker
 - c. **Tiebreakers:**
 - i. **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).
 - ii. **Sweepstakes:** In the event of a sweepstakes tie, we will look first to the number of competitors advancing to elimination rounds, second to prelim round win percentage (debate).
4. **Judges:** One judge up to 4 debaters per format (the same judge may cover 4 individual debaters and 2 debate teams). Once eliminated from competition, debaters may be used to judge elimination rounds of debate. All judges are obligated to judge one round beyond the elimination of their program.

- 5. Fees:** 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, October 2, 2019. 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.
- 6. Entry Deadline:** All entries must be received by Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 5:00 pm. They may be emailed to megan@latech.edu (preferred) or phoned to 318-843-4214. Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 2, 2019. 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.
- 7. Entry Confirmation:** Entry confirmation will be sent Tuesday evening, October 1, 2019. If you have sent an entry and do not receive a confirmation Tuesday evening please call Megan Smith at 318-843-4214. Complete entry verifications and relevant tournament information will be sent via email by the afternoon of Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

