



2020 UCF Knights Joust

Dear Colleagues:

The University of Central Florida is excited to offer a 2020 virtual tournament. It will be held on September 18th 19th and 20th. This three-day comprehensive tournament will offer three rounds of competition in all speech events as well as a five prelim rounds if competition in IPDA debate. As an early season tournament, the goal is to maximize the experience, especially for novice competitors.

We will recognize all finalists in speech/IE events and all advancing competitors in debate as well as top non-advancing novices in all events. We will also award the top 3 in individual sweepstakes (quadrathlon) and the top 3 schools.

We will be using the 8x8 platform to host our event, and speechwire for registration and tabulation. We hope you can attend. UCF is proud to be a test case for the “not so normal” forensics experience in 2020. The hope is that we can offer a low cost event and draw schools less familiar with the Florida (or southeast in general) circuit.

Sincerely,

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September 18-20th

Each even will have 3 preliminary rounds plus a final as entries allow. Events that have over 50 entries will go to semi-final. Schools can have unlimited entries in each event. Material must not have been used by the student before September 1, 2020. Competitors may enter no more than three events in a flight but may not cross enter between speech and debate events sin flight B.

FLIGHT PATTERNS:

Flight A: ADS, Extemp, Persuasion, Prose

Flight B: IPDA Debate, DI, Info, Poetry (*Students entered in debate are not permitted to cross enter in flight B*)

Flight C: CA, Duo, Impromptu, POI

FEES: \$8.00 per covered IE slot. An additional \$12 in judge fees per uncovered slot. One judge covers 6 IE slots. For IPDA debate it is \$15 per entry and a judge covers 2 entries. Uncovered entries are an additional \$12 per slot. Stay tuned to speechwire for payment procedures.

JUDGES: All judges must either, have forensics experience as a coach or competitor, possess an advanced degree relatable to forensics or have other experience as determined by the tournament director. All school judges are obligated to judge all speech rounds. Debate judges are obligated one round past your furthest advancing competitor.

DEADLINES: All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 15th. Drops can be made until Wednesday September 16th at noon. After this time we will impose a late-drop fee of an additional \$20.00 per slot, and \$50.00 per judge dropped. Entry drops made the day of registration will be \$50.00 per slot and judge drops will be \$100.00. ALL drops will be added to the original entry fee.

All entries, need to be entered on speechwire.com. We will be using speechwire to register and administer the tournament.

AWARDS: Individual event awards will be presented to all finalists in each event with recognition for top non-advancing novices. Team Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top three schools. In addition to the top three in Individual Sweepstakes taking into consideration a student's top 4 events.

Team Sweeps Scoring Speech Events 12 pts: 1st place in final 10 pts: 2nd place in final 8 pts: 3rd place in final 6 pts: 4th place in final 4 pts: 5th place in final 2 pts: 6 th place in final	Team Sweeps Scoring Debate Events 12pts: 1 st place in Final 10pts: 2 nd place in Final Semi Final: 8pts Quarter Final: 4pts
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1 pt: non-advancing semifinalist or 7 th place in final	
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TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

1. Ranks
2. Speaker Points
3. Majority of First Place Rankings
4. Judges' Preference
5. Should a tie persist we will default to majority of second, then third place rankings

*In debate all teams with a winning record (3-2) will advance

Tournament Procedures: We will operate our invitational within the guidelines provided by the AFA NST. Be sure to review the guidelines for online tournaments prior to attending. We will also be holding an online tournament Q&A before the tournament for those with questions and concerns.

Schedule

Time	Speech	Debate
Friday		
		School Check in (Debate)
2:30pm		Debate 1
4:30pm		Debate 2
6:30pm		Debate 3
Saturday		
7:30am	School Check in (Speech)	
8am	Exemp Prep 1	N/A
8:30-9:45am	Flight A Rd 1	N/A
10am	Extemp Prep 2	N/A
10:30-11:45am	Flight A Rd 2	N/A
12:00	Extemp prep 3	N/A
12:30-1:45pm	Flight A Rd 3	N/A
2:00-3:00pm	Break	Break
3:00-4:30pm	Flight B Rd 1	Debate 4
4:30-5:45pm	Flight C Rd 1	
6:00-7:30pm	Flight B Rd 2	Debate 5
Sunday		
8am		Debate Outround 1
9:30-11:00am	Flight B Rd 3	Debate Outround 2
11:00-12:15pm	Flight C Rd 2	
12:30-1:45pm	Flight C Rd 3	
2:00-3:00pm	Break	Debate Outround 3
3:15pm	Extemp Prep Finals	
3:45-5:00pm	Finals A	
5:15-6:45pm	Finals B	Debate Outround 4
7:15pm	Awards	Awards

Schedule (out rounds, finals etc.) may be adapted based on entry sizes