

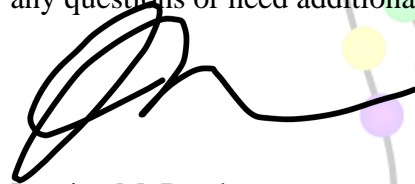


# LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

## *2019 Mardi Gras/Alumni Swing Tournament*

Dear Colleagues,

Louisiana State University is honored to host the 2019 Mardi Gras/Alumni Swing from February 1<sup>st</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019. The Louisiana State University Speech & Debate team cordially invites you and your team to experience Mardi Gras traditions right here in Baton Rouge! The Mardi Gras Classic/Alumni Swing will offer: IPDA, Team IPDA, and 11 AFA-NIET events. As always our goal is to always offer ***Lagniappe (Something Extra)*** and we plan on offering an extra bit of fun to all our events! Below you will find information about tournament entries, schedules, accommodations, and fees. Please contact me at [jreed2@lsu.edu](mailto:jreed2@lsu.edu) if you have any questions or need additional assistance. We look forward to hosting you. **Laissez les bon temps roulez!**



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### **Inclusivity and Safe Spaces:**

Louisiana State University and the LSU Speech and Debate program affirms and emphasizes our commitment to provide an educational and work environment free from student harassment and to provide a safe space allowing for the diversity of ideas and maximizes inclusivity for all. We uphold the ideal that inclusion of all ability, cultural, ethnic, gender, nationality, racial and sexual

orientation identities is of high priority for our campus and team. Equitable access and safety for all individuals and groups is essential to an enjoyable tournament experience. Therefore, we are more than willing to make adjustments in student entry listings, room accommodations, or anything we can do to ensure that ALL members of your team are treated with dignity. We desire to be proactive rather than reactive with these concerns. Please email the tournament director @ [jreed2@lsu.edu](mailto:jreed2@lsu.edu) with any pressing issues in this area.

### **Our Hotel:**

The official tournament hotel is the Courtyard Baton Rouge Acadian Central/LSU Area located at 2421 South Acadian Thruway Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. The hotel is near LSU and right off Interstate 10. The vibrant downtown area is 4 miles away with the State Capitol building, USS Kidd and LSU Art Museum all within reach. The tournament hotel confirms a nightly group rate of \$89.00 plus applicable taxes (currently 14.00). Please directly call Marriott Reservations at *1(800) 321-2211* or *(225) 924-6400* on or before the cutoff date of **Thursday, January 10, 2019**, to make room reservations. When making reservations please identify as part of the **LSU Mardi Gras Tournament Room Block**. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. The hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by credit card. After the Cutoff Date, the hotel will release any unreserved rooms for general sale and, in the hotel's discretion, will accept reservations at Louisiana State University's group rate, on a space and rate available basis. Other viable options include:

*Hampton Inn and Suites Baton Rouge Downtown-* (225) 382-2100

*Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham - Baton Rouge Airport-* 1 (888) 595-1878

*Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge-* (225) 925-2244

1. We will have all American Forensics Association individual events, as well as appropriate divisions of parliamentary debate, IPDA and Team IPDA.
2. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, however only the top 4 entries in each event / division will count for sweepstakes awards.
  - A. All IPDA debate rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established under the International Public Debate Association. Dependent upon entry size will we offer all IPDA sanctioned divisions: Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity and Professional. 6 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. Team IPDA will occur concurrently with the 1<sup>st</sup> half of IE's with 4 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination

rounds. Competitors in TIPDA will not be able to compete in Individual Events during the first LSU portion of the tournament.

B. Rules and descriptions for individual events that are established and followed by the American Forensics Association will be used at the tournament. Internet access is allowed in Extemporaneous Speaking.

3. Awards shall be presented to all elimination round participants in all events. Awards shall be presented to the top three pentathlon participants and top three speakers in each debate division. An award shall also be presented to the top community college. Additionally, the top three schools in debate, team debate and individual events will be eligible for overall sweepstakes competitions.

**General Information:**

- No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate or individual events sweepstakes awards.
- Schools must be entered in both debate and individual events in order to be eligible for the overall sweepstakes. To be eligible for Individual Sweepstakes, students must compete in a minimum of four events.

**Fees:**

Covered I.E.'s -\$12  
Uncovered I.E.- \$18  
Covered IPDA - \$30  
Uncovered IPDA- \$40  
Late Judge Drop-\$50

Covered TIPDA Team- \$50  
Uncovered TIPDA Team- \$70  
Late Judge Drop- \$50  
Late/Drop Fees-\$15

**Judges: We really need your judges!** One judge covers up to six IE entries or two TIPDA teams. One judge during debate rounds cover 4 IPDA debaters or 2 TIPDA debate teams.

**Entries:** Must be submitted via Speechwire. Visit [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com) to submit all entries. We humbly request all entries be submitted by 5pm on Monday, January 28th. Each change after 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> will result in additional charges.

**Campus Hospitality:** Campus maps will be provided during registration. Our campus is a closed-campus and parking is restricted. There are limited available unreserved parking spaces available to campus guests. Yet, we encourage you to visit: <https://www.lsu.edu/parking/resources/visitorcenter.php> to obtain \$10 daily- parking pass from the Visitor Center located on Dalrymple Drive at Highland Road or at LSU Parking Services located on South Stadium Road in the Public Safety Building. Our

campus has an extensive **No Food or Drink** policy in academic buildings. Coaches we ask you to transmit this information to your students as well. Our Student Union will be open with many viable refreshment options as well during the tournament weekend.

**Our Schedule:** *(Both Halves)Flight A: Ext, Prose, Per, Poe, CA, DI (Both Halves)Flight B: Info, Imp, POI, Duo, ADS*

**Friday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>: TIPDA**

8:00-8:30 TIPDA Registration  
9:00 TIPDA Round 1 Draw  
11:00 TIPDA Round 2 Draw  
1:00 TIPDA Round 3 Draw

3:00 TIPDA Round 4 Draw  
5:15 TIPDA Quarterfinals Draw  
7:00 TIPDA Semifinals Draw  
8:15 TIPDA Finals Draw

**Saturday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> IPDA**

8:00-8:30 Tournament Registration  
8:30 IPDA Round 1  
10:00 IPDA Round 2  
11:30 IPDA Round 3  
1:00 IPDA Round 4

2:00 Lunch Break  
2:30 IPDA Round 5  
4:00 IPDA Round 6  
5:30 IPDA Round 7  
7:00 Awards

**Saturday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Individual Events**

8:00-8:30 Tournament Registration  
Extemp Draw: 8:00  
8:30 Round 1 Flight A  
9:45 Round 1 Flight B  
Extemp Draw: 11:00  
11:30 Round 2 Flight A

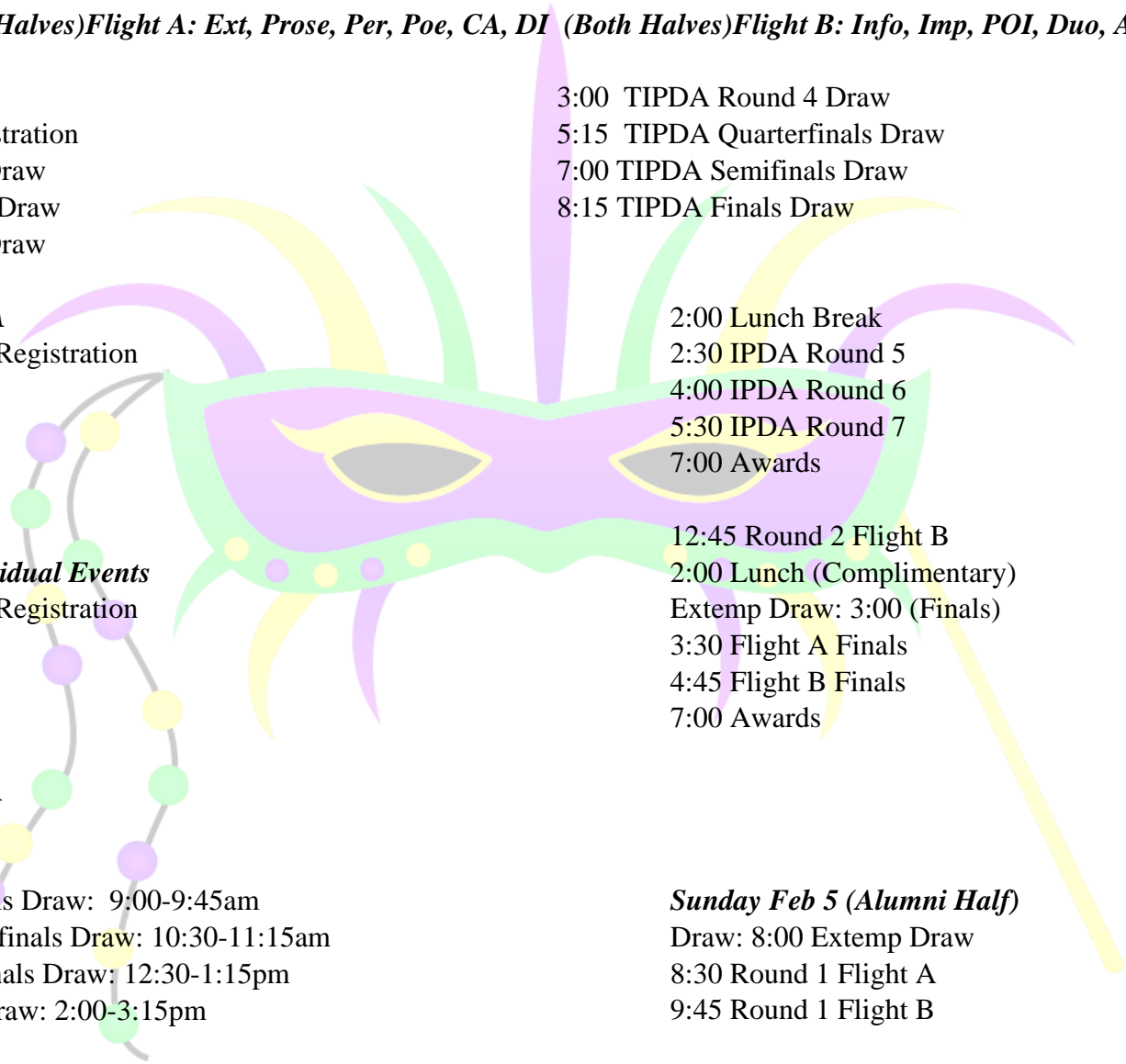
12:45 Round 2 Flight B  
2:00 Lunch (Complimentary)  
Extemp Draw: 3:00 (Finals)  
3:30 Flight A Finals  
4:45 Flight B Finals  
7:00 Awards

**Sunday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> IPDA**

8:30am IPDA Octafinals Draw: 9:00-9:45am  
10:00am IPDA Quarterfinals Draw: 10:30-11:15am  
12:00pm IPDA Semifinals Draw: 12:30-1:15pm  
1:30pm IPDA Finals Draw: 2:00-3:15pm

**Sunday Feb 5 (Alumni Half)**

Draw: 8:00 Extemp Draw  
8:30 Round 1 Flight A  
9:45 Round 1 Flight B



Extemp Draw: 11:00  
11:30 Round 2 Flight A  
12:45 Round 2 Flight B  
2:00 Lunch  
Extemp Draw: 3:00 (Finals)  
3:30 Flight A Finals  
4:45 Flight B Finals  
6:30 Awards

