

March Madness Match-Up



Springdale, Arkansas

March 9-11, 2012

Dear Colleagues,

The Har-Ber Debate Program cordially invites you to Northwest Arkansas for the March Madness Match-Up, featuring IPDA teams and IPDA individuals. We have an exceptional facility capable of hosting all rounds in one building. Although WIFI will be available throughout the building, there will also be an additional 3 computer labs available for use. We will be hosting an **8 preliminary round** tournament. With the resources and the manpower available, the tournament should move quickly without being flighted. Dinner will be provided Friday for the Teams event. On Saturday lunch will be provided during the showcasing of the final round of IPDA Teams. Dinner on Saturday will also be provided in order to keep the downtime at a minimum and keep us on schedule.

Although the Har-Ber Debate Team is a high school program, this tournament is geared towards the college circuit and their institutions. The Springdale School District Faculty and the University of Arkansas will be partnering with the Har-Ber Debate Program to provide a diverse pool of judges. Bob Alexander, from Bossier Parish Community College, will be running tab.

I look forward to hosting you and your program. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at tmarshall@sdale.org or call me at 479-531-0808.

Sincerely,

Ta-Neisha Marshall
Har-Ber Debate Program, Head Coach
IPDA Governing Board Member

School Information:

- Website: <http://springdale.harber.schoolfusion.us>
- Address: 300 Jones Road, Springdale, AR, 72762
- School Phone: 479-750-8777
- Preferable phone (Ta-Neisha Marshall): 479-531-0808
- Email: tmarshall@sdale.org

Featuring:

- IPDA teams debate
- IPDA individual in the following categories:
 - Novice
 - Varsity
 - Professional

Schedule:

Friday (March 9):

1:30 Registration

2:15 Draw teams 1

3:45 Draw teams 2

5:15 Draw teams 3

6:30 Dinner provided

6:45 Draw teams 4

8:15 Draw teams 5

Saturday (March 10):

7:30 Coaches review

8:00 Teams Quarterfinals

9:30 Teams Semifinals

11:00 Teams Finals (in cafeteria for lunch)

Lunch provided and watch Teams finals

11 – 12:00 Registration

12:30 Individual 1

2:15 Individual 2

4:00 Individual 3

5:45 Dinner break

6:15 Individual 4

7:45 Individual 5

9:15 Individual 6

Sunday (March 11):

8:00 Individual 7

9:45 Individual 8

11:30 Coaches review

12:00 Individual Octofinals

1:15 Awards

1:45 Individual Quarterfinals

3:00 Individual Semifinals

4:30 Individual Final

Deadlines:

Registration deadline is Monday, March 5th, 2012 at 5:00PM. Email Ta-Neisha Marshall at tmarshall@sdale.org with all entries. Any changes after this deadline will result in a \$10 per person late fee.

Costs:

- a covered individual entry (1 judge per 4 debaters) \$20
- a covered IPDA/NPDA team (1 judge per 2 teams) \$35.
- \$10 fee for any uncovered entry
- Please make checks payable to “Har-Ber Debate Booster Club.”

Trophies:

- Top speaker awards 1st through 5th for each division
- Team sweepstakes 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- The “Baller” trophy : the team with the best winning percentage (minimum of 5 competitors)

Guidelines:

- IPDA: 30 minutes prep using IPDA guidelines for competition. (5-2-6-2-3-5-3). All competitors have 1 minute per strike and should use timers to insure fairness.
- IPDA TEAM: Team debate eligibility is equivalent to IPDA Varsity Division. 30 minutes prep using IPDA guidelines for competition. (4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3). All teams have 2 minutes per strike and should use timers to insure fairness. Open CX will be allowed for this event.
- To keep the tournament on schedule there will be ‘official time’ on a screen in the rotunda (where draw will take place). This will be used in order to keep the tournament on schedule. Since all rooms are accessible within 3 minutes, a 10 minute tardy will be the standard for forfeits.

Sweepstakes:

- Prelim points will count for IPDA and IPDA teams. Speaker points will be acknowledged as well.
 - POINTS: Each WIN/BYE in IPDA Team = 5 points; in IPDA singles = 2.5 points.
 - Debate Speaker Points: 1st= 5 pts, 2nd =4, 3rd= 3, 4th=2, 5th=1.

Parking:

On Friday, parking will be reserved on the south side of the school. On Saturday and Sunday, please feel free to park in front of the school in the teacher parking.

Local Hotels and Restaurants:

We have a tournament hotel sponsor. The Holiday Inn- Convention Center in Springdale will be providing a rate of \$77/night. This includes a restaurant hot breakfast buffet. The offer is approximately \$50 off of the regular rate. The link below will assist you with your reservation.

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/springdale/spdar/hoteldetail?groupCode=MMD>

The community will also be working with the team on providing discounts and promotions in the area, including coffee! ☺

- Comfort Suites (479-725-1777)
- Hampton Inn (479-756-3500)
- La Quinta Inn (479-751-2626)

- DoubleTree Club (479-756-2900)
- Residence Inn (479-872-9100)
- Sleep Inn (479-756-5800)
- Fairfield Inn (479-419-5722)
- Super 8 (479-751-6700)

