

On behalf of Sterling College and Ottawa University, we are honored to extend an invitation to our 2023 Debates on the Plains Invitational to be hosted on the Ottawa University campus in Ottawa, Kansas on September 23rd through the 25th.

This competition will feature a traditional swing style Individual Events tournament comprised of AFA-NST events on Saturday and Sunday organized into three flights. Competitors interested in Lincoln-Douglas debate may compete in a single tournament to be run concurrently with Flight A individual events on Saturday and Sunday.

Friday and Saturday will host NPDA and IPDA style debate, with preliminary rounds hosted on Friday and Elimination rounds hosted on Saturday. NPDA will feature divisions for Novice and Open debate competitors. IPDA will include divisions in Open and Novice. Competitors listed in NPDA will not be allowed to compete in IPDA. Students competing in NFA-LD will not be allowed to compete in Flight A or B events on Saturday or Sunday.

All entries must be received by Tuesday, September 20th, 2022, at 5:00 pm CST. You must register at the Speechwire.com website which provides all tournament information. Changes will be accepted without charge until Thursday, September 22th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. CST at which point fees will be set. Late fees will be charged for any changes after the 22nd at noon (in addition to any fees associated with the entry). For information on the tournament or to register via email contact Jordan Smith at Jordie.smith@ottawa.edu or 254-350-0119.

We are excited to see you on the plains of Kansas!

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Tournament Information:

Ottawa University
1001 South Cedar Street
Ottawa, KS 66067

Registration will be held in the Gibson Student Center located at the center of the campus just behind Tauy Jones Hall (The Copper Dome).

Awards will be given to all semi-finalists and finalists including top novice competitors in every individual event category. Debate events will award all semi-finalists and finalists including top three speakers in each division. The top three quadrathlon competitors will also be recognized with an award. In order to qualify for the quadrathlon students must compete in one event from platform, limited preparation, and interpretation events. Debate will not be included in quadrathlon tabulation. Novice competitors for individual events are defined as having no prior collegiate competitive experience.

Sweepstakes will be awarded for the top three teams in individual events for both Saturday and Sunday competition. A combined sweepstakes award for the top three teams overall will be awarded on Sunday this will include debate for tabulation. Sweepstakes tabulation will include finalists and semi-finalists in all events. In individual events Semi-finalists will earn .5 points. 6th and 7th place will earn 1 point. 5th place will earn 2 points. 4th place will earn 3 points. 3rd place will earn 4 points. 2nd place will earn 5 points. 1st place will earn 6 points. In debate events semi-finalists will earn 2 points, second place 3 points, and first place 4 points. Speaker awards will not count towards sweepstakes.

Judging requirements are as follows. One judge must be provided for every six entries in individual events. One judge must be provided for every two entries in debate. If a judge cannot be provided an additional fee of \$30.00 USD per round will be charged. Judging entries are expected to be available for one elimination round beyond team competition.

Entry fees for individual events will be \$8.00 USD per entry. Debate entries will cost \$35.00 per team. Late entry drops will cost an additional \$10.00 USD per drop.

Disclaimer. Tournament schedule is subject to change dependent on team entry. A third flight may be suspended in favor of a two flight schedule.

Hotel Information:

Comfort Inn of Ottawa, Kansas has graciously reserved a block of rooms for our tournament at the rate of \$79 USD per night before taxes. Tax exemption information can be included during the initial room reservation with proof provided at the time of check-in. In order to receive the discount rate please use the “Debates on the Plains” group identification.

Comfort Inn
2335 South Oak Street
Ottawa, KS 66067
(785) 229-0957

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
2340 S King Street
Ottawa, KS 66067
(785) 521-7009

Sure Stay- Best Western Hotel
212 E 23rd Street
Ottawa, KS 66067
(785) 242-2224

Ottawa Establishments:

Corner Market
401 S Main St, Ottawa, KS 66067
(785) 521-3751

Smoked Creations
222 E Logan St, Ottawa, KS 66067
(785) 242-4227

Nagoya Steaks & Sushi
2140 S Princeton Cir Dr, Ottawa, KS 66067
(785) 893-8299

El Mezcal
402 S Main St, Ottawa, KS 66067
(785) 242-2259

Luigi's Italian Restaurant
127 S Main St, Ottawa, KS 66067
(785) 242-2988

Ottawa Educational Venues:

Old Depot Museum
135 W Tecumseh St, Ottawa, KS 66067
(785) 242-1250

Dietrich Cabin
1124 Seventh St, Ottawa, KS 66067
(785) 242-1232

Plaza Theatre Museum
209 S Main St, Ottawa, KS 66067
(785) 242-5555

Tournament Schedule***Friday September 23rd***

8:30AM Registration – Gibson Student Center
9:00AM IPDA Draw
9:15AM NPDA Topic Announcement
9:30AM Round One

10:30AM IPDA Draw
10:45AM NPDA Topic Announcement
11:00AM Round Two

12PM Lunch Break

1:00PM IPDA Draw

1:15PM NPDA Topic Announcement

1:30PM Round Three

2:30PM IPDA Draw

2:45PM NPDA Topic Announcement

3:00PM Round Four

4:00PM IPDA Draw

4:15PM NPDA Topic Announcement

4:30PM Round Five

5:30PM IPDA Draw

5:45PM NPDA Topic Announcement

6:00PM Elimination Round

7:30PM IPDA Draw

7:45PM Topic Announcement

8:00PM Elimination Round

Saturday September 24th

7:00AM Registration- Gibson Student Center

7:30AM Extemp Draw

8:00AM Round One- Flight A

8:00AM Round One- LD

9:30AM Round One Flight B

9:30AM Round Two-LD

11:00AM Round One Flight C

12:00PM Lunch Break & Elimination Round IPDA/NPDA

12:00PM Round Three-LD

1:00PM Extemp Draw

1:30PM Round Two Flight A

1:30PM Round Four- LD

3:00PM Round Two Flight B

3:00PM Round Five- LD

4:30PM Round Two Flight C

5:30PM Semi-Finals & Dinner Break

6:00PM LD Elimination Round One

6:30PM Finals Flight A & B

7:30PM Finals Flight C & LD

8:00PM Awards

Sunday September 25th

7:00AM Registration- Gibson Student Center

7:30AM Extemp Draw

8:00AM Round One- Flight A

8:00AM Round One- LD

9:30AM Round One Flight B

9:30AM Round Two-LD

11:00AM Round One Flight C

12:00PM Lunch Break & Elimination Round IPDA/NPDA

12:00PM Round Three-LD

1:00PM Extemp Draw

1:30PM Round Two Flight A

1:30PM Round Four- LD

3:00PM Round Two Flight B

3:00PM Round Five- LD

4:30PM Round Two Flight C

5:30PM Semi-Finals & Dinner Break

6:00PM LD Elimination Round One

6:30PM Finals Flight A & B

7:30PM Finals Flight C & LD

8:00PM Awards

Flight A

Extemporaneous Speaking

Persuasive Speaking

Program Oral Interp.

DI

Lincoln-Douglas

Flight B

Poetry
Informative
DUO
Lincoln- Douglas

Flight C
Impromptu
Communication Analysis
Prose
After Dinner