



# LSUS DEBATE

## 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RED RIVER Classic

Dear Colleagues,

The LSUS Debate Team invites you to the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Red River Classic. This tournament will run Nov. 5-7, 2021. We are planning for this year's tournament to be face to face, but will also be prepared to shift to a virtual format if this becomes necessary. The Red River Classic will offer competition in all four IPDA divisions (Professional, Varsity, Junior Varsity, & Novice) as well as Team IPDA.

All entries must be received by **Tue., November 2nd, 2021, at 5:00 pm CDT** in **ForensicsTournament.net**. Changes will be accepted without charge until **Thursday., November 4th, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. CDT** at which point fees will be set. Late fees will be charged for any changes after the 4<sup>th</sup> at noon CDT (in addition to any fees associated with the entry); any changes beyond this deadline must be sent to [AJ.Edwards@lsus.edu](mailto:AJ.Edwards@lsus.edu).

**With the struggle of maintaining a diverse judging pool during a pandemic, we must ask that ALL entries be covered without exception. Our ability to pull students for judging is extremely limited.**

Enclosed you will find pertinent information about the tournament, fees and accommodations. Pre-tournament updates will be distributed via ForensicsTournament.net. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Covid protocols: LSUS will follow all state mandates as well as all CDC recommendations. Detailed instructions are contained within the invitation. Masks will be strictly mandated and enforced. We will do our best to maintain social distancing during prep and draw.

Cordially,

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## **REGISTRATION and Fees:**

Registration will be conducted via ForensicsTournament.net at:  
<https://forensicstournament.net/RedRiverClassic/21>

TIPDA Fees: \$50 per team

IPDA Fees: \$25 per competitor

Uncovered entries will be an additional charge of \$15, we reserve the right to refuse entries based on the inability of teams to cover their entries.

Registration Link: <https://forensicstournament.net/RedRiverClassic/21>  
User guides for coaches and students, including instructional videos for ForensicsTournament.net can be found on the IPDA Website at:

## **DIVISIONS & POINTS FORMULA:**

The tournament reserves the right to limit entries if necessary. We will host all four divisions (Nov, JV, Var, Pro) of IPDA competition. The top three debaters in each division will count towards Sweepstakes calculations.

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).

TIPDA will follow the 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3 time format. We will offer 4 preliminary rounds with the appropriate amount of elimination rounds to follow.

Debate points will be awarded according to the following formula:

- 3 points for each preliminary round win
- 3 points for breaking to elimination rounds
- 5 points for 1st speaker
- 4 points for 2nd speaker
- 3 points for 3rd speaker
- 2 points for 4th speaker
- 1 point for 5th speaker

## **Advancing Competitors and Tiebreaker Formula:**

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.

TIPDA: Determination for advancing to elimination rounds will first to the number of wins, second to the total number of speaker points, third to competitor ranks. For speaker awards we will look to total points and then adjust to high/lows to break any ties.

## **SCHEDULE:**

Friday: 11/5/2021

8:30 am Registration TIPDA  
9:30 am Draw Rd 1  
11:00 am Draw Rd 2  
12:30 pm Draw Rd 3  
2:00 pm Lunch (not provided)  
2:30 pm Draw Rd 4  
4:00 pm Coaches Check  
4:45 pm Draw Elim 1  
6:30 pm Draw Elim 2

Saturday 11/6/2021

8:00 am Draw TIPDA Elim 3 / IPDA Registration open  
9:30 am Draw IPDA Rd 1  
11:00 am Draw IPDA Rd 2  
12:30 pm Lunch provided  
1:00 pm Draw IPDA Rd 3  
2:30 pm Draw IPDA Rd 4  
4:00 pm Draw IPDA Rd 5  
5:30 pm Draw IPDA Rd 6  
7:00 pm Draw IPDA RD 7 (early coaches check)

Sunday 11/7/2021

8:00 am Coaches check  
8:30 am Draw Elim 1  
9:15 Awards  
10:15 am Draw Elim 2  
11:30 am Draw Elim 3  
12:00 pm Draw

Sunday schedule is subject to change. Finalized schedule will be sent with tournament entry numbers.

## **EVENT INFORMATION:**

### **A. General information**

1. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate sweepstakes awards.
2. We will provide ADA accommodations upon request; please let us know at the time you enter if you need any special arrangements.

The tab room will operate on a closed basis; tab staff will be available via chat and cellphone

### **B. IPDA/TIPDA Considerations**

1. Please adhere to all rules expressed in the Bylaws and Constitution of the IPDA.
2. In order to keep the tournament running on time, please remind your competitors that they should activate their timers when draw begins, not after the strike process ends.

3. Please remind your judges that electronic devices are NOT permitted for anyone in a round, including the judge.

### **C. Tournament Ethics Statement**

1. The behavior of all attending the Red River Classic will be in keeping with the [NCA Policy on Anti-Harassment Code of Conduct](#). We encourage all programs to review these expectations prior to entering this tournament.
2. The LSUS Red River Classic expects that behavior between all participants, coaches, judges, and guests be respectful and appropriate at all times. If any participant has concerns over propriety or good sportsmanship, they should discuss the matter with their coaching staff. Any coach, judge, or guests should address any concerns with the Tournament Director exclusively.
3. As a condition of entry, all participants, coaches, judges, and guests agree that any decision issued by the Tournament Director is binding and final.

### **JUDGES:**

All entries must be covered. One judge during debate rounds covers four (4) IPDA debaters. 1 judge covers two (2) TIPDA teams. As is commonplace in IPDA, once eliminated from competition, IPDA competitors may be used to judge IPDA elimination rounds. All judges are obligated to judge one round past the last round of the teams elimination. We will reserve the right to limit entries to make certain we can provide sufficient judging pools needed to keep clean rounds throughout the tournament.

### **ENTRIES and Fee Payment:**

Entries must be made at ForensicsTournament.net. Please email **AJ Edwards** at [AJ.Edwards@lsus.edu](mailto:AJ.Edwards@lsus.edu) or phoned to 318-751-8350 with any questions. **Please make any checks payable to "LSUS" With a memo line of Red River Debate.** Checks can be mailed to:

LSUS Continuing Education  
One University Place  
Shreveport, La. 71115  
Attention Angela Taylor

We can also make arrangements for a credit card transaction if needed.

Entry confirmations will be emailed to all coaches on Thursday, November 4th by 8:00 p.m.

Any program that has previously attended the Red River Classic and is experiencing financial hardship please contact AJ Edwards at [AJ.Edwards@lsus.edu](mailto:AJ.Edwards@lsus.edu) to discuss options.

**Please Note:** All entries must be received in ForensicsTournament.net by **Tuesday, November 2nd at 5:00 p.m.** Changes will be accepted without charge until **Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at noon**, at which point fees will be set. Late fees of \$15.00 per alteration will be due for any changes after Wednesday, November 4th at noon (in addition to any fees associated with the entry). Any changes made after noon on Wednesday will need to be directly emailed to [AJ.Edwards@lsus.edu](mailto:AJ.Edwards@lsus.edu) , and will be subject to a fee of \$15.00 per alteration, correction, or drop.

As is our tradition at the Red River Classic, any programs new to the event or new to the Red River will either receive a fee waiver or a reduction in fees. This will be judged according to program size and number of entries. Further, if your program is facing budgetary concerns due to cuts or Covid-19 please contact us and we will either wave all fees or reduce the fees accordingly dependent on program entry size. We want everyone to have the best possible chance to compete and are willing to make all possible financial accommodations.

## **LSUS Debate Tournament COVID-19 Protocols**

### **Policy**

Louisiana State University Shreveport and the LSUS Debate team wish to take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that visitors to campus have a safe and educational experience while on campus. In this spirit we will be instituting the following protocols and procedures for all visiting teams and its members.

### **Visitor Policy**

While cases of COVID-19 remain high in our region, LSUS will institute the following mitigation efforts in regards to vaccination and/or COVID test results:

#### ***Proof of Vaccination or a Negative COVID Test***

We ask that all coaches ensure that their students and staff that come onto the LSUS campus have provided them with either proof of vaccination against COVID-19 and/or a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 72 hours prior to the tournament start date. We encourage these results to be as close to the event date as possible.

### **Use of Face Coverings**

As mandated by the State of Louisiana and the LSU Board of Regents face coverings, such as mask, will be required at all times while inside any buildings on the LSUS campus. This includes during competition and while speaking. While outside, mask and coverings may be removed for individuals that are fully vaccinated and are able to maintain social distancing as defined by CDC guidelines.

### **Social Distancing**

We are strongly encouraging all participants to avoid extraneous physical contact (hugs, handshakes, etc.) as a means of reducing any risk of inadvertent transmission of bacteria or viruses. While we realize that students will be enthused to see friends from other programs, we hope that this simple step will help promote the safest event possible.

### **Symptom Monitoring**

We are asking each coach/sponsor to monitor participants from their programs for complaints of symptoms or any physiological signs of illness; we will have the ability to digitally take temperatures upon request for any participant requesting it based on symptoms they may exhibit. Any participant exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID exposure is strongly encouraged to self-isolate in their hotels; LSUS does ask that anyone who has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID, or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID, not attend this year's event in an effort to promote the public good for the other participants.

### **Event Management**

To follow the most recent suggestions for COVID mitigation while still providing a baseline of support LSUS will do the following.

1. We will have ample amounts of hand sanitizers placed around the event space and campus. Please encourage your students and staff to make frequent use of them
2. For any students that lose, misplace, or have their face coverings damaged, we will have extras available.
3. Room capacity will be held at a 75% threshold.
4. All food service will either be single service, self-contained items or we will have a designated member of the LSUS team serving the food. This will allow us to cut down on the number of individuals touching the serving and food surface. We will insure that these persons are vaccinated, and have taken all sanitization measures.

### **Additional Notes**

Please know that Louisiana State University Shreveport and the LSUS Debate team take the current COVID-19 situation very seriously. We will do everything in our power to make accommodations beyond the previously stated to those that wish for them.

Additionally, we reserve the right to ask any program, coach, or participant to leave University grounds for continued violations of the COVID-19 event policy.

We hope that we can make this event as enjoyable and most importantly safe as possible for your programs and your students. Please reach out to me with any concerns, questions, or remarks that you may have.

