



LSUS DEBATE

45th ANNUAL RED RIVER Classic

Dear Colleagues,

The LSUS Debate Team invites you to the 46th Annual Red River Forensics Classic. This tournament will run Nov. 7-8, 2020. The Red River Classic will offer competition in all four IPDA divisions (Professional, Varsity, Junior Varsity, & Novice). All preliminary rounds will take place on Saturday with elimination rounds on Sunday.

All entries must be received by **Tue., November 3rd, 2020, at 5:00 pm CDT** in **ForensicsTournament.net**. Changes will be accepted without charge until **Wed., 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 4th 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.

With the advent of virtual tournaments, we must ask that ALL entries be covered without exception. As campuses are closed, our usually cadre of qualified lay judges from faculty and staff are not available.

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

WARNING: All schools must have their judges and competitors in the virtual rooms within 5 minutes of start times. Schools will be given 1 warning, then the offending judges and the competitors they are covering will be removed from the tournament. If the school has another issue with judges the entire entry may be removed. Competitors who are over 5 minutes late will be forfeited.

Cordially,

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VIRTUAL ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION:

Registration will be conducted via ForensicsTournament.net, and all competition rounds through Yaatly.

Registration Link: <https://www.forensicstournament.net/LSUSRedRiverClassic/20>

User guides for coaches and students, including instructional videos for ForensicsTournament.net and Yaatly guides, can be found on the IPDA Website at:

<http://www.ipdadebate.info/virtual-debate-resources.html>

AWARDS:

Certificates will be presented to all elimination round participants in all events (via emailed files). Awards shall be presented to the top five speakers in each debate division. The three top programs and the top community/junior college shall receive awards for Sweepstakes.

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).

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

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.

SCHEDULE:

Due to the constraints of online competition, we'll be starting at 10:00am to reduce the impact on any West Coast competitors. Additionally, all rounds will be single flighted in order to encourage an on-time schedule.

Saturday Nov. 7, 2020

10:00 Tournament Assembly
10:30 IPDA Round 1
12:00 IPDA Round 2
1:30 IPDA Round 3
3:00 Lunch Break
3:30 IPDA Round 4
5:00 IPDA Round 5
6:30 IPDA Round 6

Sunday Nov. 8, 2020

10:00 Awards
10:30 IPDA Elim 1
12:00 IPDA Elim 2
1:30 IPDA Elim 3
3:00 IPDA Elim 4 (if needed)

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 other than for accessing the Yaatly platform or ballots, 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 two (2) IPDA debaters. 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 for the entirety of the tournament. We will reserve the power to limit entries to make certain we can provide sufficient judging pools needed to keep clean rounds throughout the tournament.

Your Judges and Competitors MUST provide email addresses (in ForensicsTournament.net) to receive their ballots and providing cell phone numbers is STRONGLY encouraged.

ENTRIES & FEES:

Entries must be made at ForensicsTournament.net. Please email **AJ Edwards** at 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 Wednesday, 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 to discuss options.

Please Note: All entries must be received in ForensicsTournament.net by **Tuesday, November 3rd at 5:00 p.m.** Changes will be accepted without charge until **Wednesday, November 4th 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 , 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.

VIRTUAL DEBATE INFORMATION:

In addition to entering the tournament via ForensicsTournament.net, coaches should create the appropriate team Yaatly accounts several days prior to the tournament.

During the tournament,

- All competitors and judges should be in their competition room 5 minutes before the start of the round and test their audio. If a competitor or judge is not present in the room by the **start** of the round please contact Tournament Director AJ Edwards through Yaatly chat immediately.
- Coaches should confirm that all team judges have their ballots five minutes prior to the beginning of each round. All ballots will be delivered electronically via the email addresses the team's coach has provided.
- If a competitor's internet drops in the middle of a round, the competitor should try to re-enter the competition room first; if this does not work then please contact AJ Edwards through Yaatly chat immediately or have a coach or team member enter the Tab Room portal to inform the tab staff of the problem.
- If a competitor drops connection, the competitor will have a maximum of five minutes to reconnect before the round is forfeit. Due to the constraints of a virtual tournament, rounds will not be re-run.
- If a judge drops connection, the competitors should immediately pause their timers and contact AJ Edwards through Yaatly chat after two minutes have elapsed.
- Competitors and judge webcams must be activated the entire debate round, and they should not change their backgrounds.
- Competitors should mute their video during competitor speeches, only during cross-ex should both microphones be turned on. It is useful to use headphones during the round to help ensure everyone can hear you properly. Judges should also mute their microphones once the round has started.
- Judges should active the in-round timer function appropriate for each debate segment.
- Oral critiques should not be offered by judges after the round, this is important for keeping the rounds on-time

Notes on In-Round Disconnects

- Competitors should maintain an active video feed throughout a round.
- Competitors must run independent timers in accordance with IPDA Constitution & Bylaws whether or not a judge utilizes the in-round timer in Yaatly.
- Judges will freeze the clock for no more than five minutes to allow a competitor who has lost connection to reenter the round. If the competitor does not reestablish connection within that period then the round is forfeited.
- Any drops in connection by a competitor or a judge must be noted on the judge's ballot.

- If a competitor loses connection a second time in a single round then the competitor will not be readmitted to the round. In this case, the judge may assign speaker points based on the affected speaker's performance up to the point of the second disconnect.
- If a competitor has more than three disconnections in a tournament then they will forfeit any remaining rounds.

Familiarizing Your Team With Yaatly: Accessing this platform prior to the start of the tournament will be especially useful to familiarize your team with the interface and to confirm that cameras and microphones are functioning properly in your Team Room. We encourage anyone new to Yaatly to get a quick feel for the layout and functions.

Yaatly Functions & Features: We have a "Tab Room" and "Coaches'/Judges' Lounge" set up where you can interact with other coaches or confer with the Tab Room staff regarding questions and concerns (though we will not discuss student records or performance). We know that the social element of tournaments is sorely missed, and we hope this provides you with a chance to reconnect with your peers and plan for the rest of the semester.

Coaches' Check & Review of Ballots: We will NOT be offering a Coaches' Check due to the logistical challenges imposed in a virtual environment.

ENTRY FORM

Entries should be received by Tues., Nov. 3 at 5 pm. Fees assessed on Wed. Nov 4 at 5 pm.
Entries must be made on Forensicstournament.net: WE WILL CONFIRM THE ENTRIES ONLY VIA EMAIL.

IPDA: Public Debate Individual Competitors
PROFESSIONAL

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VARSIITY

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JUNIOR VARSITY

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