

# **Cowtown Classic Swing**

**Hosted by:  
Texas Christian University  
&  
West Texas A&M University**

**October 25-27, 2019**

**Texas Christian University,  
Fort Worth, Texas**



Dear Forensics Community:

The forensics teams of Texas Christian University and West Texas A&M University cordially invite you to the Cowtown Classic Swing, to be hosted on the beautiful sunny campus of Texas Christian University October 25-27, 2018.

We invite you to join us for a weekend of competition featuring two complete individual event tournaments with the eleven AFA events, and a debate tournament with Parliamentary and IPDA debate formats. Each individual event tournament (TCU Invitational on Saturday and WTAMU Invitational on Sunday) will include two preliminary rounds and a final (semi-finals if necessary). Parliamentary Debate will include five, and IPDA six preliminary rounds on Friday, and out-rounds as needed on Saturday. IPDA will include novice, JV, and varsity divisions if warranted by entry sizes of each event. Divisions may be collapsed if small entry sizes warrant.

Students may enter in either Parliamentary or IPDA on Friday, but not both. Students may enter three individual events per pattern. Two duos counts as two events.

We will be hosting some Halloween-themed fun! Each team is invited to participate in our pumpkin carving contest on Saturday! We will provide pumpkins and knives, but encourage you to bring any other materials you might like to decorate your pumpkin!

Further details about the Cowtown Classic Swing follow on the next few pages. We look forward to receiving your entry by the deadline: Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 5:00 p.m. through Speechwire. Please visit their website to enter.

We can't wait to welcome you to beautiful Fort Worth in October!

Sincerely,

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## Schedule

### Friday, October 25 Cowtown Debate

9:00 Registration  
10:00 Parli/IPDA Round 1,  
11:30 Parli/IPDA Round 2  
1:00 Parli/IPDA Round 3  
2:30 Parli/IPDA Round 4  
4:00 Parli/IPDA Round 5  
5:30 IPDA Round 6/Parli Elim 1  
Coach's Check and Postings ASAP  
7:00 IPDA Elim 1/Parli Elim 2

### Saturday, October 26 TCU Invitational

7:00 Registration/Breakfast  
7:30 IPDA Elim Round 2  
8:30 Extemp Draw  
9:00 Flight B Round 1  
10:15 Flight A Round 1  
11:30 Lunch and  
Parli Elim 3, IPDA Elim 4  
12:30 Extemp Draw  
1:00 Flight B Round 2  
2:15 Flight A Round 2  
3:30 Extemp Draw  
4:00 Flight B Finals  
5:15 Flight A Finals  
7:00 Awards  
8:00 additional IPDA Elims (if needed)

#### Pattern A

Impromptu  
Informative  
Prose  
Dramatic  
After Dinner Speaking

### Sunday, October 27 WTAMU Invitational

8:00 Extemp Draw  
8:30 Flight B Round 1  
9:45 Flight A Round 1  
11:00 Flight A Round 2  
12:15 Extemp Draw  
12:30 Flight B Round 2  
1:45 Flight A Finals  
3:00 Extemp Draw  
3:15 Flight B Finals  
4:45 Awards

#### Pattern B

Poetry  
Communication Analysis  
Duo  
Extemporaneous  
Persuasion  
POI

## Entries

**Deadline:** Entries should be sent no later than 5:00 on Tuesday, October 22. Entries may be submitted through Speechwire. Drops and changes may be made without penalty until Wednesday, October 23 at 5:00. Changes after this time will incur an additional fee of \$10 per slot.

**Debate Limitations:** Students may enter either Parli or IPDA, but not both. The tournament directors reserve the right to collapse divisions of debate if entry size warrants this action. Debate divisions offered: Open Parliamentary Debate. IPDA Varsity, JV, Novice.

**Individual Event Limitations:** Students may enter a maximum of three individual events per pattern. Competitors may enter two duos (with different partners), but this will count as two events in pattern A. Students entered in multiple events will be responsible for making it to their rounds on time, and should endeavor to sign in. The tournament directors reserve the right to limit the number of entries from a school, and to balance rounds to accommodate judging obligations from schools with large entries.

## Event Rules

We will follow AFA rules for individual events. Open internet access will be allowed in extemp prep.

Parliamentary teams will be given 15 minutes of preparation time following topic announcement, no prep time in the round. IPDA debate will follow IPDA guidelines. Debaters will be given 30 minutes of preparation time following topic draw. Debaters are expected to be in their competition rooms at the end of prep time, and a late forfeiture rule will be enforced. IPDA will be flighted, and offer three divisions: Novice, JV, Varsity.

## Fees

Individual Events: \$10 (one judge covers 6 slots)  
Judging Fee Per Uncovered Individual Events: \$12  
ParliTeams: \$75 (one judge covers 2 teams)  
Judging Fee Per Uncovered Parli Team: \$50  
IPDA: \$30 (one judge covers four debaters)  
Judging Fee Per Uncovered IPDA: \$25  
Drops at Registration: fee + \$25. Dropped judges: \$100 each.

## Awards

Awards will be given to the top six competitors in each individual event, and out-round participants in debate. Debate events will also include speaker awards for the top 3 speakers. The top novice competitor in each category will also be recognized.

**Individual Sweepstakes:** The top three individual students in individual sweepstakes will receive an award. Eligibility requires students to compete in four events, which must include at least one event from interpretation events (Prose, Duo, POI, DI, Poetry) and one public address/limited preparation event (Inf, Imp, Ext, Pers, CA, ADS). Two duos may not both count toward individual sweeps.

**Team Sweepstakes:** The top three schools will be recognized with an award for individual events sweeps, debate sweeps, and combined debate/IE. Sweepstakes awards will be calculated with the following formula:

### Individual Event Preliminaries:

1st – 3 points  
2nd – 2 points  
3rd – 1 point

### Debate Preliminaries:

Win – 3 points  
Loss – 1 point

### Individual Event Finals:

1st – 12 points  
2nd – 10 points  
3rd – 8 points  
4th – 6 points  
5th – 4 points  
6th – 2 points

### Debate Out-Rounds (except finals):

Win – 6 points  
Loss – 2 points

### Debate Finals:

Win – 12 points  
Loss – 6 points

## Tournament Practices

The WTAMU and TCU may enter novice competitors in their own half of the IE swing, but these students will be ineligible for individual sweeps. TCU and WTAMU competitors will be entered in debate events. Tournament directors reserve the right to place students from the same team into the same section of IEs to conserve judges.

TCU is a smoke-free campus. Please refrain from tobacco use on campus.

A number of food options are available both on campus, and within walking distance. Information will be provided at registration. The tournament will provide pizza for debaters on Friday evening, and continental breakfast and light lunch on Saturday and Sunday. We will also provide a hospitality lounge with snacks for judges and coaches.

## Hotel Suggestions

Fort Worth is home to many hotels that will accommodate all tastes and budgets. We suggest the area around Hulen Mall (south of I-20 on Hulen), the Cityview area (south of I-20 on Bryant Irvin), or Benbrook hotels (north of I-20 on Winscott Road), which are all near both campus and many food options. The link below will take you to a Google Maps search with hotels in this area highlighted.

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels/@32.6808093,-97.4057638,15z>

## TCU

A detailed map of TCU is available at <http://www.maps.tcu.edu>. Registration on Friday will be in Rees-Jones Hall. Registration Saturday and Sunday will be held in Moudy South on the corner of University Drive and N. Cantey. **NOTE THAT THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CONSTRUCTION ON CAMPUS. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT WITH TOURNAMENT CONFIRMATIONS AFTER REGISTRATION.**

Parking information will be forwarded with your entry confirmation.

We hope to see you in Fort Worth in October! Please contact us with any questions: [a.hinderaker@tcu.edu](mailto:a.hinderaker@tcu.edu) or [cmckee@mail.wtamu.edu](mailto:cmckee@mail.wtamu.edu).

## Halloween Fun!

Plan for some Halloween-themed fun in both competition prompts for debate and limited prep events, and a pumpkin carving contest on Saturday! We will provide one pumpkin for each registered team, and a carving knife. Teams are encouraged to bring a plan to decorate their pumpkin, and any additional materials you would like to add to make the best pumpkin of the tournament! The winning team will receive a prize.