

The Debate Team at UT Tyler

The University of Texas at Tyler

Colleagues,

On behalf of the Debate Team at the University of Texas at Tyler, it is my privilege to extend an invitation to you and your debate team to return to the site of the 1st IPDA National Championship tournament and compete at the 2nd annual Tournament of Roses Invitational on our beautiful campus in Tyler, Texas on February 28th – March 1st.

There have been some changes, so please read carefully! This tournament will feature a full four round Team IPDA tournament on Friday and six rounds of individual competition in all four divisions of International Public Debate on Saturday. For teams competing for season awards, this is an excellent last chance to rack up the season points.

We look forward to hosting a fun and enjoyable tournament. We hope you will plan to attend and have a great time visiting our campus. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail. We look forward to seeing you in February!

Sincerely,

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Entry Deadlines, Fees, Judges

The Debate Team at UT Tyler and Department of Communication at UT Tyler understand that budgets are tight at this time of year, and we appreciate your consideration to compete at the Tournament of Roses. Registration costs will be only \$25 for covered IPDA entries and \$40 for covered TIPDA entries, so **PLEASE BRING JUDGES**. Each team must provide at least one judge for each FOUR individual IPDA entries. Each team must provide at least one judge for each TWO Team IPDA entries. Eliminated competitors will be used to judge outrounds, and teams are obligated to judge at least one round beyond their elimination, as is typical at IPDA tournaments. Uncovered entries will be subject to an additional \$15 fee. Lunch will be provided on Saturday for all competitors and judges.

All entries should be emailed to Matthew Lucci at mlucci@patriots.uttyler.edu by 5:00 PM CT on Thursday, February 20th. Changes may be made before 5:00 PM CT on Tuesday, February 25th. Any changes made after this deadline will be subject to a \$10/competitor fee. Invoices will be emailed to each team after the entry deadline. Please make all checks payable to “University of Texas at Tyler.”

Tournament Guidelines and Procedures

All of the rules and standards governing the International Public Debate Association apply to the Tournament of Roses Invitational at UT Tyler. As such, there shall be no electronic devices (other than timers) or printed evidence used in round. For individual IPDA, speech times are 5-2-6-2-3-5-3. There will be four individual divisions of debate: Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional, which may be collapsed if needed. The IPDA constitution includes requirements for eligibility in each of these divisions.

Team IPDA will be open to all undergraduate competitors, in accordance with the IPDA constitution. Speech times for TIPDA are 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3.

The tab room will be closed to all competitors during the tournament. If any issues arise, please call Matthew Lucci at (469) 658-2230.

UT Tyler students may compete in order to fill breaks. Every effort will be made not to have UT Tyler competitors judged by UT Tyler judges, but in the event that more judges are needed then clean judges are available we guarantee that the UT Tyler competitors will be judged by non-UT Tyler Team members.

Sweepstakes and Awards

Team, Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity and Professional will count toward the tournament sweepstakes. Space permitting, there is no limit on entries, but only the top three undergraduate competitors in each division will count toward the sweepstakes. There will be speaker awards for the top 5 competitors in each division, awards for all advancing competitors in each division, and sweepstakes trophies for the top 3 programs. There will also be an award for the Top Community College. The team with the highest winning percentage (minimum 3 competitors) will also receive the "Patriot Competitive Excellence Award".

Sweepstakes will be determined as follows:

Team IPDA (top 2 teams, 2 points for prelim wins, and 4 points for breaking.)

Individual IPDA (top 3 competitors per division, 1 point for prelim wins, and 2 points for breaking.)

Combined Sweepstakes (combine points for both individual and team divisions)

Speaker awards will also count toward sweepstakes points. Sweepstakes points will be calculated as such: 10 points for 1st place, 8 for 2nd, 6 for 3rd, 4 for 4th, and 2 for 5th.

Tournament Hotel

There will not be a tournament hotel this year, but there are plenty of hotels close to our campus that offer competitive rates. I have included some of the closest ones here. If you have any trouble finding a hotel, do not hesitate to me at (469) 658-2230 or mlucci@patriots.uttyler.edu

Baymont by Wyndham (903) 939-0100

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/baymont/tyler-texas/baymont-inn-and-suites-tyler/overview>

La Quinta (903) 525-9677

http://www.laquintatyleruniversityarea.com/?cid=local_6499

Staybridge Suites (903) 566-1100

https://www.ihg.com/staybridge/hotels/us/en/tyler/tyrst/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--SB--US--TYRST

Holiday Inn Express (903) 566-0600

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/tyler/tyrcx/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--US--TYRCX

Days Inn (903) 705-4660

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/tyler-texas/days-inn-and-suites-tyler-tx/overview?CID=LC:DI:20160927:RIO:Local:SM-diwsct>

Schedule

Friday, February 28, 2020

12:45 PM TIPDA Registration
01:30 PM Draw TIPDA Round 1
02:45 PM Draw TIPDA Round 2
04:00 PM Draw TIPDA Round 3
05:15 PM Draw TIPDA Round 4
06:30 PM TIPDA Coaches' Check
07:00 PM TIPDA Elim 1

Saturday, February 29, 2020

08:00 AM IPDA Registration and TIPDA Elim 2
09:30 AM Draw IPDA Round 1
11:00 AM Draw IPDA Round 2
12:30 PM Draw IPDA Round 3
02:00 PM Lunch (Provided)
02:30 PM Draw IPDA Round 4
04:00 PM Draw IPDA Round 5
05:30 PM Draw IPDA Round 6
07:30 PM IPDA Coaches' Check
07:30 PM TIPDA Elim 3 (if needed)

Sunday, March 1, 2020

08:00 AM Draw IPDA Elim 1
09:30 AM Draw IPDA Elim 2
11:00 AM Awards
ASAP Remaining Elim Rounds as needed