



On behalf of the University of Central Arkansas, the UCA School of Communication, and UCA Debate and Forensics, we invite you to our campus for the Eleventh Annual End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament, to be held March 8-10, 2019. As you start thinking about the IPDA National Championship, we hope that you will join us for a fun weekend of IPDA Debate.

Our tournament is open to all who wish to participate. You will find pertinent information included with this invitation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

In the meantime, we hope that you join us in a service project. We know that many students are in need of professional attire for interviews and other events (such as debate tournaments). The University of Central Arkansas Office of Career Services sponsors a [WOW Closet](#), where students can receive one professional outfit per academic year. We ask that you bring your gently used professional attire to be donated. Thank you in advance for participating in this activity.

Go Bears!

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**Tournament Headquarters:** The tournament will be headquartered in the College of Business, which is located just north of the AETN headquarters on Donaghey Avenue. Parking passes will be unnecessary, but do not park in a handicapped spot (unless you have a tag) or in the row of spaces marked "Reserved 24/7."

**The University of Central Arkansas is a non-smoking campus. The prohibition against smoking (including vaping and e-cigarettes) extends to all UCA property, including parking lots.**

**Hotel Information:** There is no tournament hotel, but Conway has plenty of hotels, most of which have restaurants and shopping nearby. Please contact us if you need help locating options or want recommendations.

**Registration and Fees:** Fees are \$25.00 per covered individual and \$40.00 per covered team. Uncovered entries are an additional \$15.00 per uncovered individual and \$25.00 per uncovered team. We cannot take credit cards. Please make any checks out to the UCA Foundation and put “UCA Debate and Forensics” in the memo line.

One judge covers four individual entries and/or two teams. In IPDA, undergraduates may be used as judges without jeopardizing their eligibility. As is standard procedure at most IPDA tournaments in this region, judges are obligated until one round after a team’s last debater has been eliminated, and eliminated competitors may be used as out round judges.

The entry deadline is Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. Changes may be made without penalty until Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. At that time, fees will be locked. Please register by sending your entry to Anthony McMullen at [amcmullen@uca.edu](mailto:amcmullen@uca.edu). Do not forget to include ADA requests for competitors and judges.

**Tournament Notes:** All rules guiding IPDA debate, including division eligibility and times, will apply to this tournament. These rules can be found at [ipdadebate.info](http://ipdadebate.info). Per our tradition, preliminary rounds will be themed (e.g., domestic policy, economy and finance, education, pop culture, etc.)

Our goal is to provide eight rounds of IPDA debate for all divisions, but we reserve the right to reduce the number of Professional rounds if we receive insufficient entries. (Historically, this hasn’t been an issue.)

UCA debaters may compete at this tournament. However, we will ensure that they are not judged by members of the UCA community, and UCA will not be eligible for any sweepstakes awards.

For Team IPDA, we will offer three elimination rounds. For IPDA, we will offer an appropriate number of elimination rounds, including partials to ensure that all winning records have a chance to break.

**Awards:** Awards will be given to all out round participants, the top five speakers in each division, and the top three programs in Team IPDA, IPDA, and overall. Sweepstakes will be calculated as follows:

Team IPDA: 2 pts/prelim win, 4 pts/break (two teams max)

IPDA: 1 pt/prelim win, 2 pts/break (three individuals per division max)

Top Speakers: 5 pts for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 4 pts for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, etc.

We will also present the “Big Bear” award to the division with the highest preliminary round winning percentage across all forms and divisions of debate, regardless of team size (three competitors minimum.)

**Tentative Schedule (times indicate the start of draw):****Friday:**

12:00 – Registration  
 1:00 – Team Rd. 1  
 2:25 – Team Rd. 2  
 3:50 – Team Rd. 3  
 5:15 – Team Rd. 4

7:00 – Team Quarterfinals  
 8:30 – Team Semifinals

**Saturday:**

7:00 – Late Registration  
 7:30 – IPDA Rd. 1  
 9:00 – IPDA Rd. 2  
 10:30 – IPDA Rd. 3  
 12:00 – Lunch Break  
 12:30 – IPDA Rd. 4  
 2:00 – IPDA Rd. 5  
 3:30 – IPDA Rd. 6  
 5:00 – IPDA Rd. 7  
 6:30 – IPDA Rd. 8

**Sunday:**

8:00 – Ballot Check  
 and Team Finals  
  
 8:30 – IPDA Elim Rd. 1  
 10:30 – Awards  
 ASAP – Remaining Rounds

Team IPDA Finals: If it is possible to schedule Team IPDA Finals without delaying IPDA Elim. Rd. 1, we will schedule that round during Sunday's ballot check. Otherwise, that round will take place Saturday night at 8:00 p.m.