

**The University of Oklahoma and  
West Texas A&M University  
invite you to the 27th Annual  
Sweetheart Swing**



**February 9-11, 2018**

**Hosted at**

**The University of Oklahoma,  
Norman, OK**

Dear Forensics Community,

The University of Oklahoma and West Texas A & M University forensics teams are honored to invite you to our *27<sup>th</sup> annual Sweetheart Swing*, which will be hosted on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman February 9-11, 2018.

We invite you to join us for a weekend featuring:

- ♥ Two complete AFA Individual Event Tournaments held completely in the Physical Science building. No long hikes for triple entered competitors!
- ♥ NPDA Parliamentary Debate (6 prelim rounds!)
- ♥ IPDA Individual Debate (Novice, Junior, Varsity, and Professional)
- ♥ IPDA Team Debate
- ♥ NFA-LD

You can find links to register as well as other helpful information at [www.sweetheartswing.com](http://www.sweetheartswing.com). IE registration will take place on [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com) and debate registration will take place on [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net).

In order to foster wellness and due to campus constraints, starting this year NPDA competitors will NOT be able to enter the first IE swing. However, students who enter both IE and Debate during the weekend are eligible for special awards (see awards information later in the invitation.)

There is not an official tournament hotel this year but many lodging options exist in the Norman area. You may find information about these options at the following link: [Hotels](#)

We hope to welcome you to Norman in February and look forward to receiving your entry by: Tuesday, February 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

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## **Tournament Guidelines**

AFA-NIET rules will be followed in the participation and tabbing of all individual events.

Students may enter a maximum of three events per pattern. Semifinals will be held in all events with 45 or more entries, and finals will be held in all events. The patterns are:

Pattern A: DI, EXT, PER, POE, PRO

Pattern B: ADS, CA, DUO, IMP, INF, POI

Debate will follow IPDA, NFA, and NPDA guidelines. NPDA will be offered on Friday and Saturday. IPDA will be offered Friday and continue through Saturday. NFA-LD and Team IPDA will be offered Sunday. Students who participate in NPDA, IPDA, TIPDA, or NFA-LD may not concurrently register for IEs on the day those debate types are offered.

Registration for IE's will take place on Speechwire.com. Registration for Debate will take place on forensicstournament.net. Preliminary entry is due by Tuesday, February 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Drops or changes may be made until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

## **Fees**

Individual Events: \$10 (*one judge covers 8 slots*)

NPDA Teams: \$60 (*one judge covers 2 teams*)

IPDA: \$30 (*one judge covers 4 debaters*)

TIPDA: \$40 (*one judge covers 2 teams*)

NFA-LD: \$20 (*one judge covers 2 debaters*)

## **Miscellaneous Fees**

Uncovered IE entries: Fee + \$10

Uncovered NPDA entries: Fee + \$60

Uncovered LD: Fee + \$20

Uncovered IPDA: Fee + \$30

IE Drops at tournament: Fee + \$20

NPDA Drops at tournament: Fee + \$20

LD Drops at tournament: Fee + \$20

IPDA Drops at Tournament: Fee + \$20

All IE judges are expected to be available for final rounds. Debate judges are expected to be available for one round past when their teams are eliminated.

## **Awards**

All IE finalist and debate elimination round contestants will receive awards.

For each IE tournament, sweepstakes awards will be given to the top 3 schools and top 3 pentathlon speakers.

Pentathlon eligibility requires students to compete in 5 events, which must include at least one interpretation event (DI, DUO, POE, POI, PRO), one public address event (ADS, CA, INF, PER), and one limited preparation event (EXT, IMP).

In debate, the top 3 speakers in each division of IPDA, NPDA, and LD will receive awards. The top 3 schools will also win awards. For team debate sweeps, only the top four entries in each division of debate will count towards the award.

For both IE and debate, the top 3 competitors that compete in both areas of competition will be recognized. The top 3 overall schools in IE and debate during the swing will also be recognized, as well as the top community college and top program from Oklahoma. To calculate overall team awards, the percentage of total points in earned in IE's plus the percentage of total points earned in debate will be utilized as the determining factor in ranking these programs.

| Individual Events   | Debate                                      |
|---|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place – 6 points                              | Each LD or TIPDA prelim ballot won - 3 pts  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – 5 points                              | Each IPDA or NPDA prelim ballot won - 2 pts |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – 4 points                              | Each elim ballot won (any debate) - 2 pts   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place – 3 points                              |   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> place – 2 points                              |   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> place – 1 point                               |   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> place/non-advancing semi-finalist – 0.5 point |   |

## 2018 SWEETHEART SWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### Friday, February 10

#### DEBATE

3:00 Registration

4:00 Round 1 IPDA/NPDA

5:30 Round 2 IPDA/NPDA

7:00 Round 3 IPDA/NPDA

### Saturday, February 11

#### West Texas A&M IE's

7:00 Registration

7:45 Extemp Draw

8:15 Flight A Round 1

9:30 Flight B Round 1

10:45 Flight B Round 2

12:15 Extemp Draw

12:45 Flight A Round 2

2:00 Finals Flight B & any Semi-finals

3:15 Extemp Draw for Finals

3:30 Any remaining finals

5:00 or ASAP Awards

#### DEBATE

8:30 Round 4 IPDA/NPDA

10:00 Round 5 IPDA/NPDA

11:30 Round 6 IPDA/NPDA

1:00 Lunch on your own/Coaches Check

2:00 Elimination 1

3:30 Awards

4:00 Elimination 2

5:30 Elimination 3

7:00 Elimination 4

### Sunday, February 12

#### OU IE's

7:45 Extemp Draw

8:15 Flight A Round 1

9:30 Flight B Round 1

10:45 Flight B Round 2

12:15 Extemp Draw

12:45 Flight A Round 2

2:00 Finals Flight B & any Semi-finals

3:15 Extemp Draw for Finals

3:30 Any remaining finals

5:00 or ASAP Awards

#### LD/TIPDA Debate

8:00 Round 1

9:15 Round 2

10:30 Round 3

11:45 Round 4

1:00 Lunch on your own/Ballot Check

2:00 Elim 1

3:30 Awards

4:00 Elim 2

5:15 Elim 3