

Dear Colleagues,

The University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey University cordially invites you to the Hub City Swing, to be held at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS, on September 25th – 27th, 2015. The competition will feature public debate (IPDA- both individual and team), parliamentary debate (NPDA) two full I.E. tournaments with the standard eleven AFA-NIET events.

You will find all of the pertinent information in this invitation. Questions regarding university facilities should be directed to Paul Strait (l.strait@usm.edu), while questions about tournament administration should be sent to Jennifer Talbert (jtalbert@wmcarey.edu). *Entries should be submitted via email to Jennifer Talbert **no later than Monday, September 21st, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.** Changes will be accepted without charge until Wednesday, September 23rd, 2015 at noon. Each change after that will be charged \$15.00.*

We look forward to seeing you for a weekend of fun and forensic competition!

L. Paul Strait, The University of Southern Mississippi (Tournament Host)
Jennifer Talbert, William Carey University

Tournament Headquarters

The tournament will be headquartered at Joseph Greene Hall (JGH) on the southern side of campus. There should be plenty of parking directly south of the building's entrance or to the west of the the Theatre and Dance Building (TAD). **The University of Southern Mississippi is a Non-Smoking Campus. The prohibition against smoking extends to all USM property, including parking lots.**

Directions

The University of Southern Mississippi is located 90 minutes from Mobile, AL; New Orleans, LA, or Jackson, MS. From Highway 49, turn west onto Hardy Street (left turn if coming from the south, right turn if coming from the north) Turn right at the second stop light onto 31st Ave. You are now on campus. The road will lead to a 3-way stop. The LAB is the building in front of you (slightly to the left) and parking will be to either side of you.

From I-59 take exit 65 (Hardy St. or Hwy 98) and go east. Follow that road to 31st Ave and turn left. You are now on campus. The road will lead to a 3-way stop. The LAB is the building in front of you (slightly to the left with big columns) and parking will be to either side of you.

Hotels

Please find lodging at any one of the places listed below. No block has been reserved. Hotels are listed in order of high quality to budget options.

Event Information

1. We will offer all eleven AFA events; novice and open NPDA; novice, JV, varsity, and professional IPDA; and Open TIPDA.
 - A. All parliamentary debate rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the National Parliamentary Debate Association. Debaters will have fifteen minutes of preparation time (plus five minutes to walk to the round). We will offer open and novice divisions, but divisions may be collapsed if necessary due to limited entries. If entries are collapsed, we will still recognize the top novices in parliamentary debate. We will offer six preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds.
 - B. All TIPDA rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the International Public Debate Association. Students will have thirty minutes of preparation time (includes walking time to rounds). We will offer an Open division only. TIPDA will take place during individual events (students may not compete in both). We will offer four preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds.
 - C. All IPDA rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the International

Public Debate Association. Students will have thirty minutes of preparation time (includes walking time to rounds). We will offer professional, varsity, JV, and novice divisions.

D. All individual events shall follow the rules established and followed by the American Forensics Association.

Flight A: Ext, Per, CA, Duo, Prose, POE Flight B: Imp, Inf, ADS, POI, DI

2. For the purposes of elimination round seeding and speaker points in debate events, adjusted speaker points (total points minus high-low) will be considered. Total points will be used to break a tie. If another tie still exist, then it will be broken on double adjusted speaker points, then strength of play, then coin flip.

3. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, but only the top three entries in each event/division will count for sweepstakes awards. *Exception in TIPDA and NPDA where the top four teams from a school will count towards sweepstakes* (even if NPDA has two divisions only the top four teams from one school will count).

4. Awards shall be presented to the elimination round participants in all debate events, the top six speakers in every division of debate, the top six competitors in every individual event, and the top five pentathlon competitors. The top three schools in Debate (Any format), Individual Events (Swing 1, Swing 2), Cumulative I.E.s (both Swing 1 and 2) and Overall sweepstakes will receive awards. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate or individual events sweepstakes awards, but schools must be entered in both debate and individual events to be eligible for the overall sweepstakes competition and entered in both I.E. tournaments to be eligible for the Cumulative I.E. sweepstakes.

5. Judges: We need and want your judges. We prefer judges over money. One judge covers four IPDA debaters, two NPDA teams, two IPDA teams, or six IE entries per pattern. Judges may cover multiple events if the events **do not conflict**. For example: one judge could cover four IPDA debaters and six IE entries per pattern, as those events do not occur at the same time, but that same judge could not cover two IPDA teams and six IE entries.

Sweepstakes formula

1. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, however only the top 4 entries in each event / division will count for sweepstakes awards. 2. Individual events will be scored as follows:

Preliminary rounds: 3 points for 1st place 2 points for 2nd place 1 point for 3rd place

Semifinals: 2 points for non-advancing contestants

3. Debate will be scored as follows

5 points for each preliminary round win/bye 5 points for breaking to elimination rounds (These are halved for individual debate. Speaker points are not halved.)

Final rounds: 6 points for 1st place, 5 points for 2nd place, 4 points for Semi-Finalists, 2 points for Quarter-Finalists, and 1 point for all other out rounds as long as it is not the first elimination round. (Everyone who breaks already gets points so the first elimination round will not receive additional sweepstakes points!)

6 points for 1st speaker, 5 points for 2nd speaker, 4 points for 3rd speaker, 3 points for 4th speaker, 2 points for 5th speaker, and 1 point for 6th speaker.

4. To be eligible for Pentathlon, students must compete in (1) a minimum of five individual events, and (2) in at least two of the three categories of individual events: limited preparation (extemp, impromptu), public address (ADS, persuasive, informative, CA), and interpretation (DI, POI, prose, poetry, duo). Points to determine Pentathlon placing will be according to the individual events sweepstakes formula outlined herein. Only the best five events will be counted toward a student's final Pentathlon placing with at least one event from at least two of the three categories being included in those five.

Team IPDA Rd. 1 Team IPDA Rd. 2 Team IPDA Rd. 3

Team IPDA Rd. 4 Team IPDA Coaches Check Team IPDA Quarters

Team IPDA Semifinals Team IPDA Finals

Tentative Schedule

Friday, September 25

12:00 - 1:00 REGISTRATION, (JGH 115)

1:30 IPDA/NPDA Rd 1 Rd 1 - (in JGH Auditorium)

3:15 IPDA/NPDA Rd 2 Rd 2

5:00 IPDA/NPDA Rd 3 Rd 3

6:45 IPDA/NPDA Rd 4 Rd 4

8:30 IPDA/NPDA Rd 5 Rd 5

Saturday, September 26

8:00 IPDA/NPDA Elim Rd 1

9:00 - 10:00 REGISTRATION, (LAB) - 1st Floor

9:15 IPDA/NPDA Elim Rd 2

10:15 Extemp Draw (in JGH Auditorium) + TIPDA Draw Rd 1

10:30 FLIGHT A - ROUND 1

11:45 Extemp Draw (in JGH Auditorium)

12:00 FLIGHT A - ROUND 2 + TIPDA Draw Rd 2

1:15-2:45 Lunch + IPDA/NPDA Elim Rd 3 (if needed)

2:30 TIPDA Draw Rd 3

2:45 FLIGHT B - ROUND 1

4:00 FLIGHT B - ROUND 2 + TIPDA Draw Rd 4

5:15 Extemp Draw (in JGH Auditorium)

5:30 FLIGHT A Finals + TIPDA Coaches Review

6:00 TIPDA Draw Elim Rd 1

6:45 FLIGHT B Finals

7:30 TIPDA Draw Elim Rd 2

8:30 AWARDS CEREMONY (Start with IE)

ASAP TIPDA Draw Elim Rd 3 (if necessary)

Sunday, February 1

7:45 Extemp Draw

8:00 - 9:15 FLIGHT A - ROUND 1

9:45 - 10:30 FLIGHT B - ROUND 1

10:30 Extemp Draw

10:45 - 12:00 FLIGHT A - ROUND 2

12:00 - 1:15 FLIGHT B ROUND 2

1:15 - 1:45 Lunch Break

1:45 Extemp Draw

2:00 - 3:15 FLIGHT A Finals

3:15-4:30 FLIGHT B Finals

5:00 AWARDS Ceremony

Entries

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Entry Fees

Covered Ind. Events (\$10.00)

Uncovered Ind. Events (\$16.00)

Covered NPDA (\$40.00)

Uncovered NPDA (\$75.00)

Covered IPDA (\$25.00)

Uncovered IPDA (\$40.00)

Covered IPDA Team (\$40.00)

Uncovered IPDA Team (\$60.00)

Late and Drop Fees (\$15)