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Dear Colleagues,

The University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey University cordially invites you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hub City Swing, to be held at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS, on October 20 – 22, 2017. The competition will feature a seven round individual public debate (IPDA) tournament, a team public debate (TIPDA) swing (two full tournaments), parliamentary debate (NPDA), and two full I.E. tournaments with the standard eleven AFA/NIET events as well as Editorial Impromptu.

You will find all of the pertinent information in this invitation. Questions should be directed to both Paul Strait ([l.strait@usm.edu](mailto:l.strait@usm.edu)) and Jennifer Talbert ([jtalbert@wmcarey.edu](mailto:jtalbert@wmcarey.edu)). *Entries should be submitted via the tabroom website at [hubcityswing.tabroom.com](http://hubcityswing.tabroom.com) no later than Monday, October 16th, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.* *Changes will be accepted without charge until Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Each change after that will be charged \$15.00.*

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

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Jenn Talbert, DOF

Seth Fendley, ADOF

The University of Southern Mississippi

William Carey University

## Tentative Schedule

### **Thursday, October 19**

8:00-9:00 pm – Registration (LAB lobby)

### **Friday, October 20**

8:00-8:50 Registration (LAB lobby)

9:00 IPDA/Parli R1

10:30 IPDA/Parli R2

12:00 Lunch

1:00 IPDA/Parli R3

2:30 IPDA/Parli R4

4:00 IPDA/Parli R5

5:30 IPDA R6/Parli Semis

7:00 IPDA R7/Parli Finals

8:00-8:45 IPDA coaches Review

8:45 IPDA Octos (or Quarters)

### **Saturday, October 21**

7:30 IPDA Quarters (Flighted)

9:00 IPDA Semis (unflighted)

9:45 Extemp draw (round 1)

10:00 Flight A R1

10:00 TIPDA R1

11:30-12 Lunch, IPDA Finals

12:00 Flight B R1

12:00 TIPDA R2

1:30 Extemp draw (round 2)

1:45 Flight A R2

1:45 TIPDA R3

3:30 Flight B R2

3:30 TIPDA R4

5:00-6:00 Dinner, TIPDA coaches Review

5:45 Extemp draw (finals)

6:00 Flight A Finals/TIPDA Quarters

7:30 Flight B Finals/TIPDA Semis

9:00 TIPDA Finals, Awards - Stout Hall Auditorium

### **Sunday, October 22**

7:45 Extemp draw (round 1)

8:00 Flight A R1 - TIPDA R1

9:30 Flight B R1 - TIPDA R2

10:45-11:30 Lunch

11:15 Extemp draw (round 2)

11:30 Flight A R2 - TIPDA R3

1:00 Flight B R2 - TIPDA R4

2:00-2:45 TIPDA coaches Review

2:30 Extemp draw (finals)

2:45 Flight A Finals - TIPDA Semis

4:15 Flight B Finals - TIPDA Finals

ASAP Awards - Stout Hall Auditorium

## Event Information

1. We will offer all eleven AFA events, along with editorial impromptu; open NPDA; novice, JV, varsity, and professional IPDA; and Open TIPDA.

A. All parliamentary debate (NPDA) 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 five preliminary rounds (contingent on entry size) 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 (*on Saturday, students must choose between IEs and TIPDA; everyone can enter IEs on Sunday*). 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 (which includes walking time to rounds). We will offer professional, varsity, JV, and novice divisions. We will offer six preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds.

D. Debate Judges should attend a Judges Training session as suggested by the IPDA constitution. For TIPDA, we are allowing for an extra 10 minutes at the end of each round for judges to give oral feedback. We are strongly encouraging all judges to explain their decision to the debaters and provide an opportunity for the debaters to ask questions. We will be awarding a top critic award, based on nominations and votes from the debaters.

E. All individual events (except editorial impromptu; see below) shall follow the rules established and followed by the American Forensics Association.

F. Access to the internet will be allowed during extemporaneous speaking preparation time. Students may not communicate with coaches, teammates, etc., but may use the internet for research.

G. In Editorial Impromptu, students will be given a 1 page op-ed article, and will have 9 minutes to read the article, prepare a response, and deliver it. Students must speak for at least 5 minutes. The speech should involve the development of an argument in response to the thesis developed or the opinion shared in the article. In agreeing or disagreeing with the position or thesis of the article, students should introduce new information and reasoning.

H. For the first round of Impromptu on both Saturday and Sunday, non-traditional prompts will be used. These prompts will be modeled after options used at the NFA National Championship Tournament.

I. Flighting for IEs will be as follows:

**Flight A:** Ext, Per, CA, Duo, Prose, POE

**Flight B:** Imp, Info, ADS, POI, DI, Ed/Imp

## Important Notes

1. 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.
2. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, but only the top three entries in each individual event/debate division will count for sweepstakes awards. *Except in 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).
3. 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, the **top novice competitor** in every individual event, the **top five** quadrathon competitors, and the **top five** Pilot award competitors (must compete in at least one debate event and at least one IE event to be eligible). The **top debate team** across NPDA and both TIPDA tournaments will also receive an award (every two-person debate team in any event is eligible). The **top three** schools in Debate Swing 1 (IPDA & NPDA), the **top three schools** in Debate Swing 2 (Both TIPDA tournaments), the **top three schools** across all debate tournaments (NPDA, IPDA, and both TIPDA), the **top three schools** in Individual Events for Swing 1, the **top three** schools in Individual Events Swing 2, the **top three** schools in Combined Individual Events, and top **Five** schools Overall (must compete all three days to be eligible) will receive sweepstakes awards. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate or individual events sweepstakes awards. Finally, there will be two **Top Critic** awards, one for IEs and one for debate.
4. 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 flight. 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 TIPDA teams and six IE entries on the same day.

## Sweepstakes Formula

### I.E.s

1. Individual events will be scored as follows:

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

2. Final Rounds: 6 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 5 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 4 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 3 points for 4<sup>th</sup> place, 2 points for 5<sup>th</sup> place, and 1 point for 6<sup>th</sup> place

## Debate

1. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, however only the top 3 entries in each event / division will count for sweepstakes awards (except for NPDA and TIPDA which counts top 4 entries).
2. 5 points for each preliminary round win/bye, 6 points for breaking to elimination rounds (These are halved for individual debate.)
3. 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.

## Quadrathon

To be eligible for Quadrathon, students must compete in a minimum of four individual events, including at least one event of all three categories of individual events: limited preparation (extemp, impromptu, editorial impromptu), public address (ADS, persuasive, informative, CA), and interpretation (DI, POI, prose, poetry, duo). Points to determine Quadrathon placing will be according to the individual events sweepstakes formula outlined above.

## Entries

Entries should be submitted via the tournament website, <http://hubcityswing.tabroom.com/>. We know that people are resistant to technology that is new or unfamiliar, but submitting via the website rather than by email will vastly save time on our end. To that end, we are offering a 5% reduction in entry fees if you can accomplish relatively error-free entries through the website.

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## Fees

### Entry Fees

Covered Ind. Events (\$12.00) Uncovered Ind. Events (\$17.00) Covered NPDA (\$50.00)  
Uncovered NPDA (\$75.00) Covered IPDA (\$30.00) Uncovered IPDA (\$45.00) Covered TIPDA  
Team (\$50.00) Uncovered TIPDA Team (\$75.00) Late/Change Fees (\$15/ea) Drop Fees (\$30/ea)

## Food & Food Fees

The tournament will be providing several meals: lunch and dinner on Friday, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday. Two of the meals will be pizza, two will be sandwiches, and one will be barbecue. Food fees for every individual (students, coaches, and judges) are as follows: Friday \$10, Saturday \$10, Sunday \$5.

Given the tight schedule for debate, anyone participating in debate must purchase meals for the days in which they are participating in debate. For IE competitors on Saturday and Sunday, meals are optional as there is a little more time to explore nearby food options. For IE competitors, please indicate if you will be purchasing meals when you enter. Additionally, please let us know of any special dietary needs (vegetarian/vegan/allergies etc.).

## Debate Judge Information

One of the cornerstones of the IPDA style of debate is an emphasis on lay judging. Lay judges anchor the activity and prevent the inevitable technical idiosyncrasies that develop in any debate format from becoming so esoteric as to become incompatible with the practice of *public communication*. We believe this is a good and important goal. However, one issue with lay & inexperienced judging is that the traditional idea of a judge philosophy or paradigm doesn't make work, which undercuts a very important pedagogical goal: audience adaptation.

To solve this problem, we are collecting some basic data on all debate judges at the tournament, which will be circulated to all tournament participants. Though imperfect (these questions only tell so much, and inevitably some ballots will be pushed at the last minute), we believe this information will help guide strategic decision-making and serve this important pedagogical goal. To that end, for all of your judges, we need the following information by Thursday, October 18, at 9:00pm:

1. Name
2. Age (18-23, 24-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50+)
3. Level of education and major
4. Political leanings (e.g., very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, very conservative, other [specify with no more than 2 words], prefer not to specify)
5. Have you judged/participated in debate before, and if so, how much (either in terms of tournaments or years)?

Examples:

1. Paul Strait
  2. 30-39
  3. Ph.D., Communication (undergraduate = Philosophy & Classics)
  4. Left-libertarian
  5. Yes, 23 years
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1. Seth Fendley
  2. 24-29
  3. Ph.D. student, Communication (undergraduate = Communication & Public Relations)

4. Moderate
5. Yes, 7 years

When you register, you will receive a link to a google form that will collect this data for your debate judges. Although participation is optional, we strongly encourage everyone to participate. All participating schools will receive access to the full data.

## Tournament Headquarters

The tournament will be **headquartered in the Liberal Arts Building (LAB)** 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 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) with huge columns and parking will be to either side of you. On Friday you may need to turn left at the 3-way and follow to big parking lot on the right at the second stop sign.

From I-59 take exit 65 (Hardy St. / 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. On Friday you may need to turn left at the 3-way and follow to a big parking lot on the right at the second stop sign.

## Hotels

The tournament hotel is the Comfort Suites. The room rate is \$87 per night. There are only 30 rooms in the block so book quickly. The rate will expire on Saturday October 7 for all rooms that were not previously booked.

Address:

122 Plaza Dr, Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 261-5555

Has full hot breakfast and has been recently renovated.