A belated salutation to all!

It is with deepest pride and greatest pleasure that we welcome you to register for the 2018 Cavalier Clash Swing to be held on grounds at UVA in Charlottesville, VA, on December 1st and 2nd. We deeply apologize for the lateness with which this formal invite is going out; for reasons beyond our understanding or control we have only just **today** gotten confirmation that we have the needed spaces reserved despite having submitted our request in July.

The tournament will feature IPDA, NPDA, and a full I.E. tournament with all eleven AFA/­NIET events as well as Duo Improve Acting. In future years we will expand to a third day offering a second IE tournament, more non-AFA speech events, and possibly a second IPDA tournament or a BP tournament. The tournament will be sanctioned by NPDA and IPDA, and will count for AFA if enough schools enter.

It is our hope that you will find all of the information you need in this invitation; however please feel free to reach out to our coach, Tony Boese (arb5mr@virginia.edu) with any questions, comments, or concerns.

We hope to see each and every one of you in Charlottesville in December; feel free to reach out to us if there is any way we can try to help make that a reality.

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***Tournament Locations***

http://www.virginia.edu/webmap/ACentralGrounds.html

The tournament will be held in a tight cluster of buildings on grounds. Tab, lounges, and most rounds will be held in New Cabell Hall. More rooms and GA will be in Wilson Hall, which is connected via enclosed walkway which will be nice if there is any bad weather. Meals will be served in Newcomb Hall; sorry, no indoor path there.

We suggest you park in central garage, which is just behind Newcomb Hall. You can hazard parking in the lot next to New Cabell Hall, but you might be ticketed. **If you plan to bring a bus lest us know ASAP so we can make arrangements for you.**

***Event Information*[[1]](#footnote-1)**

We will offer all eleven AFA events, along with duo improv acting. We will also offer novice and varsity NPDA, which might be collapsed depending on entries, and Novice and Open/Professional IPDA. Depending on entries we may collapse those students in Open with those students in Novice. We will avoid any collapsing as long as possible and via any means available.

A. All parliamentary debate (NPDA) rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the National Parliamentary Debate Association. Debaters and will have fifteen minutes of preparation time. We will offer both a novice and a varsity division as long as there are enough entries to support both divisions. We will offer four preliminary rounds and however many elimination rounds entries and records call for.

B. 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. We will offer both a professional and a novice division as long as there are enough entries to support both divisions. Should collapse occur all students will be made into one bracket and any non-students into another to be processed however best given the number of non-student entries. We will offer four preliminary rounds and however many elimination rounds entries and records call for.

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

**Flight A**: Imp, Per, ADS, POE, DI, Ext,

**Flight B**: Info, CA, Duo, Prose, POI, Improv

D. Awards shall be presented to the elimination round participants in all debate events, the top 6 speakers in every division of debate, the top six competitors in every individual event, the top novice competitor in every individual event, and the top pentathlon competitors. The top three schools in Debate (any format), top three in Individual Events, and top threeschools Overall will receive sweepstakes 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 debate and both individual event swings to be eligible for the overall sweepstakes award.

E. **We will need your judges**. We are not an old enough team to have a crew of alumni to tap, and graduate students and faculty will be hard to come by that weekend. We prefer judges over money. One judge covers two IPDA debaters, two NPDA teams, or six IE entries per flight. Judges may cover multiple events if and only if the events do not conflict.

F. Specific rule for duo improv acting will be forthcoming. However, in general, a team of two will draw characters/roles and a setting/activity at random, have a few minutes to rough out a plan, and then will act out a brief improvised scene.

G. Entry Limitations:

(1)Competitors may enter either NPDA or IPDA debate but may NOT be entered in both.

(2) Individual Event competitors may enter a maximum of four events per flight.

*Tentative Schedule*

Saturday, 1 December

0830-0915 - Registration

0930 – Topic Announcement for Round 1

1100 - Topic Announcement for Round 2

1230 - Topic Announcement for Round 3

1400 – Topic Announcement for Round 4

1530 – Tab and Review Interlude, and Meal Break[[2]](#footnote-2)

1630 - Topic Announcement for Elimination Round 1

1800 - Topic Announcement for Elimination Round 2

1930 - Topic Announcement for Elimination Round 3

Sunday, 2 December

0830-0900 - Registration

0800 - Extemp Draw

0815 - Flight A Round 1

0930 - Extemp Draw

0945 - Flight A Round 2

1115 - Flight B Round 1

1245 - Flight B Round 2

1300 - Lunch Break[[3]](#footnote-3) and Finals Postings

1400 - Extemp Draw

1415 – Flight A Finals

1545 – Flight B Finals

ASAP – Awards

***Entries***

Entries should be submitted via email to Tony Boese (arb5mr@virginia.edu) no later than close of business Saturday, 24 November.

Changes will be accepted without charge until close of business Monday, 26 November.

This tournament will be using Tabroom.com for tab and entries. If you have not yet created an account for your team, go ahead and do so, the tournament will be up and accepting entries soon.

***Entry Fees and Payment Information***

Entry Fees:

Individual Event Covered Entries $15.00

Individual Event Uncovered Entries $25.00

IPDA Debate Covered Entries $35.00

IPDA Debate Uncovered Entries $70.00

Parliamentary Debate Covered Entries $50.00 (per team)

Parliamentary Debate Uncovered Entries $100.00 (per teams)

Drop Fees:

Drops on or before Monday $0.00 (per entry)

Drops on Tuesday $5.00 (per entry)

Drops on Wednesday $10.00 (per entry)

Drops on Thursday or Friday $20.00 (per entry)

Drops at Registration $30.00 (per entry)

Dropped Judges $50.00 (per judge, plus uncovered entry fees incurred)

We accept college/university checks, personal checks, and cash.

***Hotels***

We are currently working on trying to get deals arranged nearby. Unfortunately, the university hotel was recently demolished, and the budget option nearby is closed for repair. We will continue to do our best here. If you want to go ahead and make reservations before we succeed in this, feel free to reach out for suggestions or consult you favorite review sites.

***Food***

We will have one main meal each day. Sadly, we cannot provide more meals or snacks due to somewhat draconian policies involving food in academic spaces. Indeed, food in an academic space under our use, even if it is not ours, results in our being banned from using spaces for a semester for first offenses. As such, **anyone seen with food in any academic space will be disqualified and their team fined. If a team orders in food, the team will be disqualified without refund.** There are many places to eat on and near grounds if you get hungry, worry not, it just **cannot** be the buildings in which we are holding rounds.

***Internet***

Internet connection instructions will be included in your welcome packs.

**Let us know if you need anything else or have any questions.**

**We hope to see you soon!**

1. This is largely lifted from another invite, so I do not claim credit for it. However, in short, it is all the standard stuff. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Depending on turnout and scheduling, we may have food available on a rolling basis starting earlier in the day as opposed to taking a full meal break this late in the day [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Same caveat [↑](#footnote-ref-3)