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Dear Colleagues,

As we push our way towards normalcy and the end of 2021, OSU is busy making plans for the 1<sup>st</sup> (and Non-Annual) Earl Wells *Virtual* Speakeasy to be held on the interwebs on Saturday-Sunday, February 12-13, 2022.

Schools from inside and outside the region can have their students participate in both IEs and IPDA in one weekend. The goal, in these ever-changing times, is to provide schools with a full-ish-service “speech and debate” tournament in a convenient, stress-free (we hope!), and *virtual* two-day tournament format.

The tournament will feature:

- Four preliminary rounds of IPDA debate with two elimination rounds;
- Two preliminary and final (entry permitting) rounds of AFA events;
- A top-notch tab room staff, featuring Dan Broyles and Jennifer Conner from Pacific University and Brooke Adamson from Northwest Nazarene University.
- Top Three Certificates in all events, mailed courtesy of the ever-efficient USPS; and
- Top Two Sweepstakes Plaques in 4- and 2-year categories, kept for safe-keeping in our secured vaults until next year’s on-campus tournament (or sent to you via USPS if you pester Mark about it).

This tournament supports the goals of the International Public Debate Association (IPDA), and NFC Code of Ethics. We believe that debate is a public communication event. Our tournament reflects this philosophy.

We hope you’ll join us via SpeechWire and Yaatly this year.

Sincerely,

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1st (and Non-Annual)  
Earl Wells *Virtual* Speakeasy  
Oregon State University  
February 12-13, 2022

**ENTRIES:**

Schools must submit entries via [SpeechWire](#) (tournament page online by mid-to-late January).

Entry deadline: **Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:00pm**. We reserve the right to restrict school entries in cases where they do not upload enough judges to [Yaarly](#) (see below).

**FEES:**

Check only. Please make checks payable to: **OSU Forensics**. We cannot accept checks made out to any other entity. Fees will be assessed at 5:00pm on **Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:00pm**. After that date, no adds, only drops and kind words of support. Invoice will be sent to you via email before or during the tournament with instructions for mailing the check.

School Fee	\$40
Yaarly Fee	\$10 (per student)
Individual Events (per slot)	\$10
IPDA	\$40
Uncovered IE (1:6)	\$20 (per uncovered slot)
Uncovered IPDA (1:2)	\$80 (per uncovered debater)

**JUDGING:**

Schools **MUST** provide qualified judges for the tournament. Teams will be restricted to a maximum of six uncovered IE entries and two uncovered Debate entries, though we reserve the right to ask you to modify entries if there is a judging 'scarcity' issue. Judges will be assigned to the IPDA or IE judging pools as needed by the tournament director. Note that our fees have increased this year to help compensate for the use of [Yaarly](#).

Given our current budgetary situation, we can't provide payment for extra judges . . . though we appreciate those who are willing to volunteer and will gladly pay you back in extra goodies in the coaches' lounge at our 2023 in-person tournament.

We realize that many programs are suffering budget shortfalls this year, so please contact [Mark](#) should you need any special assistance with tournament fees. We would rather figure out a way to have you take part than have you miss out.

## **INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE (IPDA)**

Procedures will follow standard [IPDA/NFC](#) guidelines. We will use 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time limits and 30 minutes of preparation. Debaters will be presented with five resolutions and each side will have two strikes. Topics will be drawn from a variety of current events and include policy, value, fact and metaphor resolutions. Guidelines are at: <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

## **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

ALL Students are responsible for making it to their rounds on time – **competitors MUST arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the end of the current round to be given a chance to compete.**

[AFA-NIET](#) descriptions and rules apply to individual events.

- **Pattern A:** CA, DUO, IMP, INF, POE
- **Pattern B:** ADS, DI, EXT, PER, POI, PRO

Novice divisions are offered in extemp, impromptu, prose, informative, and IPDA.

### **PARKING:**

What parking?!?! Use your driveway.

### **SMOKING:**

Still not allowed on campus. Still a nasty habit. But you do you. And there is no such thing as virtual-second-hand smoke so far as I know.

### **FOOD:**

Look in your fridge.

### **LODGING:**

Your domicile. Your bed. You're welcome.

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

## Saturday, February 12, 2022 - All times are Pacific Standard

8:00am Round Zero (Check-in)  
8:30am Rd 1 A – CA, Duo, Impromptu, Informative, Poetry  
10:00am Rd 2 A – CA, Duo, Impromptu, Informative, Poetry  
11:30am Lunch Break & Time to Bid on NFTs  
12:15 pm Extemp Draw  
12:30pm Rd 1 B – ADS, DI, Extemp, Persuade, POI, Prose  
2:00pm Extemp Draw  
2:15pm Rd 2 B – ADS, DI, Extemp, Persuade, POI, Prose  
4:00pm Finals A  
5:30pm Extemp Draw  
5:45pm Finals B  
ASAP Awards

## Sunday, February 13, 2022 - All times are Pacific Standard

8:00am Round Zero (Check-in)  
8:30am IPDA 1  
10:00am IPDA 2  
11:15 Lunch Break & Time to Mine Cryptocurrency  
12:15 IPDA 3  
2:00 IPDA 4  
3:45 Elim 1  
5:15 Elim 2  
6:30 Awards

### EVENT KEY

**Pattern A:** CA, DUO, IMP, INF, POE

**Pattern B:** ADS, DI, EXT, PER, POI, PRO

**Debate:** IPDA