

January 26, 2014 *(Updated Feb 16, 2014)*

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

You are hereby invited to attend the **4th Annual Ozark Cup** (formerly the Ozark Rookie Championships) to be hosted at **John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas on Saturday, March 1st**. All 11 AFA-NIET events along with Duet Improv, Online Children's Storytelling, Online Broadcast Journalism, and Online Spoken Word will be offered along with 4 rounds to semis of IPDA debate in Novice and Open (Varsity) division.

The Ozark Cup will offer the following amenities :

1) Free entry for all teams that cover their judging!!!

2) Golden cups for first place in each event. Silver cups for the runner-ups. All other finalists receive nicely framed certificates.

3) Lots of novice love! We will provide cups for the top 2 novices in each events. Also, if there are at least 6 students in each division of an event, then there will be separate Open and Novice final rounds (both will compete against each other during prelims). **IMPORTANT!** We have a more restrictive definition of Novice than most tournaments to allow newby competitors better chances to win an award. See the tournament rules on the next page.

4) A later start time so that nearby programs can drive in at a decent hour and participate without hotel costs.

5) Online events! Since we will be testing on online balloting system for a future online-only tournament, we will offer competition in 3 online events. These events are open to schools who attend for pattern A and B events AND for schools who are not able to travel to the Ozarks! Schools who attend in person may tape their events during registration on Saturday morning. Schools that attend virtually will need to have their events posted to YouTube and links sent to profroebuck@gmail.com by 9 am CST.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me! You can reach me via email at profroebuck@gmail.com. We hope to see you at Ozark Cup!

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4TH ANNUAL OZARK CUP SCHEDULE

Saturday March 1

8:45 Registration---Simmons Great Hall
9:00 Pattern C Event taping (Broadcast Journalism, Children's Storytelling, Spoken Word)
9:30 Extemp Prep
10:00 Pattern A-Round 1 (PER, CA, POI, POE, DUO), Extemp Prelims (2 judges minimum)
10:30 Rd 1 IPDA
11:30 Pattern A-Round 2
12:00 Rd 2 IPDA
12:30-1:30 Lunch Provided
1:00 Pattern A Finals
1:30 Rd 3 IPDA
2:30 Pattern B-Round 1 (IMP, INF, ADS, PRO, DRA, DUET IMPROV)
3:00 Rd 4 IPDA
4:00 Pattern B-Round 2
5:00 IPDA Semis
5:30 Pattern B Finals
6:00 IPDA Finals
7:00 Appetizers and Awards

Note: IPDA competitors doing IE's should do their IE first, then return ASAP for their debate draw.

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1) Tournament rules. AFA and IPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere within this invitation.
- 2) Competitor Eligibility. Competitors must be students at a 2-year or 4-year college or university who have not participated in more than eight semesters of intercollegiate forensics competition.
- 3) Entry/Facility Limitations. Though we do not anticipate having to limit entries and will make every effort to accommodate all who wish to participate, we reserves the right to limit entries if NWACC's campus capacity is exceeded. We will use the following priority to entries (if needed): first, entries received after the entry deadline; second, entries without sufficient judges (uncovered); and finally, time the entry is received – the earliest entries will take precedence.
- 4) JBU and NWACC Student Participation. JBU and NWACC students may participate in the tournament, and will be eligible for individual and team sweeps awards.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Preliminary entry is due by 5 pm Tuesday February 25 at forensicstournament.com/ozark/14. Fees will be assessed and final entry is due on Thursday February 27 at 5 pm.

IPDA DEBATE

The IPDA constitution will guide all facets of IPDA competition at the tournament, including Novice and Open divisions. It is available at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html> We will NOT offer a professional division at this tournament.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1) Students may not enter more than THREE events per pattern. IPDA competitors may enter 1 event per pattern in addition to IPDA. Students may enter 2 duos or 2 duet improvisations with 2 different partners.

2) Novice IE eligibility. Competitors are considered novice if they have not advanced to a final round in 3 or more tournaments in their collegiate career. If a student placed in the top half of an event that did not go to finals, then that counts for a final round. There is a pattern D listed on forensicstournament.net where you can indicate what students are eligible for novice consideration.

3) Conflict Patterns:

Pattern A: EXT, DUO, ADS, PERS, POE, POI

Pattern B: CA, DRAMA, PROSE, IMP, INFO, DUET IMPROV

Pattern C: Broadcast Journalism, Online Children's Storytelling, Online Spoken Word

4) The rules for Duet Improv are as follows: Teams of two will be given the choice of 3 scenarios to "act" out. Two chairs will be provided for the scene. No other objects or props may be used. Teams will have a total of 6 minutes to use at their discretion for both preparation and performance (e.g. 2 minutes to prepare, 4 minutes to perform).

5) The rules for Broadcast Journalism are as follows: Students will be given news copy from multiple stories that they must cut down for 2-minute radio news broadcast. The materials will be posted at forensicstournament.com/ozark/14 on the Wednesday morning before the tournament. Competitors will be evaluated solely on the verbal portion of their performance, not nonverbal. Proper attribution must be given to all stories from external sources read during the performance. Students will tape their performances during the 9:00 am registration block OR they must post their performance to YouTube by 9:00 am CST and email the link to profroebuck@gmail.com. Students who are entering online will receive instructions via email on how to submit their performances.

6) The rules for Online Children's Storytelling are as follows: Students will perform a selection of children's literature not to exceed 6 minutes in length, including introduction. Students may use the original book to read out of, or may post their event online. Students will tape their performances during the 9:00 am registration block OR they must post their performance to YouTube by 9:00 am CST and email the link to profroebuck@gmail.com. Students who are entering online will receive instructions via email on how to submit their performances.

7) The rules for Online Spoken Word are as follows: Students will perform a selection of their own original drama, poetry, or drama not to exceed 6 minutes in length. Script is optional. Introduction is not required, but students should share the title of their performance. Students will tape their performances during the 9:00 am registration block OR they must post their performance to YouTube by 9:00 am CST and email the link to profroebuck@gmail.com. Students who are entering online will receive instructions via email on how to submit their performances.

SWEEPSTAKES

We will offer individual sweeps awards to the top 3 open and novice competitors. Moreover, we will offer sweepstakes awards to the top 3 universities and community colleges. We will offer sweepstakes

awards to the top 3 online only schools that attend the tournament. Finally, the top University and Community College will take home a huge travelling trophy with their name engraved on it. Past winners include:

University

2011-John Brown University

2012-University of Arkansas

2013-John Brown University

Community College

2011-Crowder College

2012-Crowder College

2013-NW Arkansas Community College

SWEEPSTAKES POINTS

1) IE Ballots---1st-4, 2nd-3, 3rd-2, 4th-1

(In final rounds with more than one judge, the points are averaged)

2) IE Placing---1st-8, 2nd-6, 3rd-4, Finalist-2

3) IPDA Ballot---Win-5, Loss-1, Forfeit-0

4) IPDA Placing---Semifinalist-5, Finalist-10, Champion-20

FEES/JUDGING

\$0 per covered IE slot. 1 judge covers 10 slots total at the tournament.

\$10 per uncovered IE entry

\$0 per covered IPDA debater. 1 judge covers 2 IPDA debaters (we will not double flight)

\$20 per uncovered IPDA debater.

It is possible for a 1 judge to cover 1 IPDA team and 5 IPDA slots.

All checks should be made out to JBU Forensics

LODGING

We will not be reserving a block of rooms for the tournament as we anticipate we will have mostly local programs competing. Those teams that need to stay overnight should be able to find plenty of local lodging in Siloam Springs at hotels.com, travelocity.com, or their favorite online booking site. We are also about 30 min from Springdale and 40 min from Rogers/Bentonville and Fayetteville.

MAP AND DIRECTIONS

Will be sent to all schools participating. We will be headquartered in the Simmons Great Hall.