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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The University of Oklahoma Forensics Team and the OU Forensics Alumni proudly invite you to Sooner Showdown Swing to be held on our campus in Norman, Oklahoma on November 3-5, 2017.

We will offer competition in the following event categories:

- 1) Two Individual Events Tournaments (2 prelims to finals---Saturday and Sunday. Open division only.)
- 2) Parliamentary Debate (4 prelims to appropriate elims---Friday thru Saturday. Junior and Open Division.)
- 3) Team IPDA Debate (4 prelims to appropriate elims---Friday thru Saturday. Open Division.)
- 4) Individual IPDA Debate (6 prelims to appropriate elims on Saturday thru Sunday. May not enter Pattern B IE's on Saturday or Pattern A IE's on Sunday. Novice, Junior, Varsity, and Professional Division.)
- 5) NFA-LD Debate (4 prelims to semis on Sunday---May not enter IE's. Open Division.)

You may enter the tournament and keep up to date with the latest announcements at

<http://www.forensicstournament.net/soonershowdown/17>

We will offer awards to all elimination round participants and sweepstakes awards to the top overall speakers and programs at the swing in various categories (see the invitation). On Saturday night, we will livestream awards to maximize use time over the weekend. Please let me know if you have any questions by emailing me at eroebuck@ou.edu.

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The University of Oklahoma

Sooner Showdown---Friday Nov 3

1200	Registration
200	Parli 1/TIPDA 1
320	Parli 2/TIPDA 2
440	Parli 3/TIPDA 3
600	Parli 4/TIPDA 4
730	Dinner/TIPDA Ballot Check
800	Parli Elim 1/TIPDA Elim 1

Sooner Showdown---Saturday Nov 4

700	Registration
745	Extemp Draw
800	A1 (DI, EXT, PER, POE, PRO)
915	Extemp Draw
930	A2
1045	B1 (ADS, CA, DUO, IMP, INF, POI) / IPDA 1
1215	Lunch Break / Parli Elim 2/TIPDA Elim 2
115	B2/IPDA 2
245	Extemp Draw
300	A Finals
330	Parli Elim 3/TIPDA Elim 3
430	B Finals/IPDA 3
600	IPDA 4
ASAP	Live Stream Awards
730	IPDA 5

Sooner Alumni Swing/Sooner Showdown---Sunday Nov 5

700	Registration
745	Extemp Draw
800	A1 (DI, EXT, PER, POE, PRO) / IPDA 6 / LD 1 & 2
930	B1 (ADS, CA, DUO, IMP, INF, POI) / IPDA Ballot Check
1045	Extemp Draw / LD 3 & 4
1100	A2/IPDA Elim 1
1215	Lunch Break
1245	B2
200	A Finals / IPDA Elim 2 / LD Elims Begin
330	B Finals / IPDA Elim 3
530	Swing Awards
ASAP	IPDA Elim 4 (if needed)

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1) AFA, NPDA, NFA, and IPDA regulations will govern their respective events, unless specified elsewhere within this invitation.
- 2) Competitor Eligibility. The rules of AFA, NPDA, and IPDA will guide competitor and judge eligibility. Competitors in IE's, LD, and NPDA 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, OU reserves the right to limit entries if our 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) OU Student Participation. Students from OU will participate in the tournaments, but will not be eligible for team sweepstakes awards.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

All entries should be made at forensicstournament.net. Preliminary entry is due by 9 pm on Monday October 30. Fees will be assessed and final entry is due on Wednesday November 1 at 12 pm.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- 1) Students may not enter more than THREE events per pattern. Students assume all responsibility of making it to their rounds.
- 2) Students may access electronic devices and the internet during Extemp prep. However, their speech must be their own original work and they may not consult with anyone inside or outside the prep room.

Pattern A: DI, EXT, PER, POE, PRO

Pattern B: ADS, CA, DUO, IMP, INF, POI

TEAM IPDA DEBATE

- 1) We will offer one division of Team IPDA Debate
- 2) The IPDA constitution will guide all facets of IPDA competition at the tournament. It is available at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

NPDA and NFA-LD DEBATE

- 1) We will open and junior divisions of Parliamentary Debate and an open division of NFA LD. Competitors are eligible for junior if they have not completed more than 2 years in either high school or college debate combined.
- 2) Disclosure - Judges may not disclose their decision until the ballot has been turned in at the ballot table. Delays attributed to coach/judges may result in penalties to that school's teams including automatic losses or removal from the tournament.
- 3) Preliminary Rounds – Rounds One and Two will be randomly matched. After round 3, rounds will be power-matched high-low within brackets based upon the results of all previous rounds (or lag powered if necessary).
- 4) Elimination Rounds - Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon record, followed by adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by Z-Score.
- 5) If we have sufficient judges, we will break brackets in NPDA and NFA-LD debate elims.

IPDA DEBATE

- 1) We will offer novice, junior, varsity, and professional divisions of IPDA.
- 2) The IPDA constitution will guide all facets of IPDA competition at the tournament. It is available at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>
- 3) Brackets are NOT broken in elimination rounds in IPDA debate.

SWEEPSTAKES POINTS

IE'S

- IE's prelims that advance to a final round: 1st-3, 2nd-2, 3rd-1
- IE's prelims that do not advance to a final round: 1st-2, 2nd-1.33, 3rd-0.66
- IE final placing: 1st-9, 2nd-7, 3rd-5, Finalist-3.

Debate

- Team IPDA/NPDA ballots won (elim and prelim): 6 pts
- For top debater individual sweeps, these Team IPDA/NPDA points will be halved.
- IPDA/LD ballots won (elim and prelim): 3 pts
- Professional IPDA points won by competitors who are NOT undergraduates at the institution they represent will not count towards team sweepstakes awards.

SWING SWEEPSTAKES CATEGORIES (SCHOOL)

- Top 3 universities and community colleges. These will be calculated by determining the total percentage of IE points earned plus the total percentage of debate points earned.
- The top 3 oral interp, limited prep, and public address programs. These will be calculated by calculating the average points earned per slot entered in category. A school must be entered in at least 5 slots in a category to be eligible.
- The top 3 debate programs. These will be calculated by totalling overall points earned during the weekend.

SWING SWEEPSTAKES CATEGORIES (INDIVIDUAL)

- The top 3 oral interp, limited prep, and public address competitors. IE events will be calculated by calculating the average points earned per slot entered in each category. Competitors must be entered in at least 3 events in a category over the course of a swing to be eligible.
- The top 3 debate competitors. Top debate competitors will be calculated by overall points earned during the weekend in one or two debate events.
- The top IE competitor and the top Debate plus IE competitor. Based on total points earned.

FEES AND JUDGING

Individual Events: \$10 (*one judge covers 8 slots*)

NPDA Teams: \$40 (*one judge covers 2 teams.*)

IPDA: \$30 (*one judge covers 4 debaters. May not cover IE's concurrently with IPDA judging.*)

TIPDA: \$40 (*one judge covers 2 teams.*)

NFA-LD: \$20 (*one judge covers 2 debaters. May not cover Sunday IE's*)

Judges must be available one round past the elimination of their competitors.

Uncovered IE entries: \$10

Uncovered NPDA entries: \$40

Uncovered LD: \$20

Uncovered TIPDA: \$40

Uncovered IPDA: \$30

For payment, cash is preferred so that we can pay our hired judges. Checks should be made out to The University of Oklahoma.

LODGING

We will not be securing a tournament hotel or block. There is not a football game in Norman on our weekend, so there will plenty of rooms available. Please utilize your favorite hotel booking service such as [hotels.com](https://www.hotels.com) or [travelocity.com](https://www.travelocity.com) to find appropriate lodging for your team.