



Rice University Classic Swing

Dear Colleagues,

Rice University and the George R. Brown Forensics Society Alumni cordially invite you to the annual Rice University Classic Swing, September 29-October 1, 2017. The swing is open to all intercollegiate competitors. Both halves of the swing will be held on the Rice campus in Houston, TX. The tournament will offer all 11 AFA-NIET individual events and NPDA debate.

We will have one debate tournament with 6 preliminary rounds of NPDA debate with appropriate elimination rounds. There will be only one division offered.

We will have two individual events tournaments with all 11 AFA-NIET Individual Events. There will be only one division offered.

ENTRIES:

- IES: Entries will be registered through Joy of Tournaments
- NPDA: Entries will be registered through forensictournament.net.
- Fees will be calculated at 5:00pm (Central) Wednesday, September 27.** All changes must be made before that time.
- Adds, drops, or substitutions after the deadline are subject to regular fees plus a \$10.00 per change nuisance fee.
- Judges dropped after the deadline will incur a \$100.00 nuisance fee plus all fees for uncovered slots.
- All drops after the deadline must be emailed directly to dworth@rice.edu.
- Students may enter no more than three events per pattern. There is no limit on the number of students a school may enter per event.
- No cross-entry between NPDA and IEs.

JUDGES:

As the cliché goes, we would MUCH rather have your judges than your money.

- Judges may NOT cover both debate and IE commitments. You must be in one pool or the other.
- IEs: One judge covers 6 individual events.
 - Judges must be available for all elimination rounds.
 - All schools entered in IEs must have at least one judge entered.
- Debate: Each debate judge covers two (2) debate teams. A very limited number of hired judges will be available for uncovered slots/teams.
 - All schools entered in debate must have at least one judge entered.

-Debate judges must have a reliable electronic device that can send and receive email. We will use email balloting.

-Debate judges are committed through Elim 2 and after that for one round past the elimination of their teams

FEES:

-IE entry fees are \$10.00 per slot per half. Uncovered slots are \$15.00 each.

-NPDA fees are \$75 per team. NPDA judging fees are \$150.00 per uncovered team.

-Adds, drops, or substitutions after the entry deadline: Regular fee plus \$10.00 nuisance fee for each drop.

-Unreported drops and/or no-shows to rounds will result in a \$50.00 nuisance fee for each instance.

-Judges dropped after the entry deadline will incur a \$100.00 nuisance fee plus all fees for uncovered slots.

-Failure to pick up a ballot: \$50.00 nuisance fee for each instance. This includes e-ballots.

-Payment: Cash or check accepted. We cannot accept credit cards.

-Please make checks for both halves of the tournament payable to "George R. Brown Forensics Society." **NOTE: Payment for all registration fees is expected at registration.**

-Because we pay judges, we cannot accept payment after the tournament.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Debate: NPDA guidelines will be followed when possible at the discretion of the tournament director.

IEs: AFA-NIET rules guidelines and event descriptions will be followed when possible at the discretion of the tournament director. No prepared event may have been used in competition prior to this academic year.

Students entered in multiple events are responsible for notifying their judges. Judges will not wait past the scheduled times for students who are cross-entered.

Students may not substitute entries (go to someone else's round for them). Any substitution not approved by the tournament director will be considered an unreported drop. The fee for this (\$50.00) must be paid before students from the offending school can advance to elimination rounds.

JUDGES WHO FAIL TO PICK UP THEIR BALLOTS WILL RENDER ALL CONTESTANTS FROM THEIR SCHOOL INELIGIBLE FOR ELIMINATION ROUNDS.

SUBSTITUTION OF JUDGES FROM THE SAME SCHOOL IS NOT ALLOWED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED A FAILURE TO PICK UP A BALLOT. This fee must be paid before students from the offending school can advance to elimination rounds.

Debate Prep Rooms: Please respect your prep room. Damage to prep rooms will result in immediate removal of a school's teams from the tournament and your home institution will be billed for damage.

Please respect the people who will be competing and judging in your room. You **MUST** move items to the back of the room at the end of prep.

You are responsible for all personal items in your prep room.

SMOKING ON CAMPUS

While not smoke-free, our campus restricts smoking to designated areas. Please note that the policy prohibits smoking outside in areas within 25 feet of entryways, exits, wheelchair ramps serving as entries or exits, outdoor air intakes or operable windows. The use of tobacco, including smoking, is restricted to 13 designated outdoor areas on campus. The approved locations are marked with a sign that reads "Designated Tobacco-

Use Area" and are within a five-minute walk from any building. We also ask that smokers take the time to place cigarette butts into the appropriate containers in the designated areas.

LODGING

Hampton Inn Houston-Near The Galleria

4500 Post Oak Pkwy. Houston, Texas, 77027, USA TEL: +1-713-871-9911

Group Block Information

Double/Double \$84.00

Reservations can be made by the following way:

Go to www.houstongalleria.hamptoninn.com<http://www.houstongalleria.hamptoninn.com/>

- Click on "Add Special Rate Codes"
- Enter Group Code: "" RCL
- Click on "Check Availability"

Call the Reservations number: 1-800-426-7866

CUTOFF DATE: SEPTEMBER 15.

This is a great rate and includes breakfast. The hotel is about 10 minutes from campus and near some great dining options as well as the Galleria.

PARKING

There are several options, but, unfortunately, there are no free options. We plan to headquarter the tournament in the Sewall Hall area. There are paid visitor lots near there (Founder's Court and Duncan Hall lots) that max out at \$12.00/day. These are the closest. Beyond that, any visitor lot is fine, but all will charge. West Lot 1 is a bit cheaper but is a 6-8 minute walk to the tournament area. Greenbriar Lot, West of the stadium, is the most inexpensive, but is about a 12-minute walk.

See the map for lot locations.

NOTE: All lots require credit card payment for entry and exit.

There are also paid lots across Main St. from campus in the Medical Center.

Food:

There are many options in Rice Village and along Kirby Dr., west of campus

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: NPDA

Saturday

7:15 am	Tournament Registration
8:00 am	Rd 1 NPDA
9:30 am	Rd 2 NPDA
11:00 am	Rd 3 NPDA
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Rd 4 NPDA
3:00 pm/ASAP	Rd 5 NPDA
5:00 pm/ASAP	RD 6
ASAP	Awards

Sunday

8:00 am	Elim 1
10:00 am	Elim 2 NOTE: ALL JUDGES COMMITTED THROUGH E2
12:00 pm	Elim 3
2:00 pm	Elim 4
ASAP	Elim 5 if necessary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Individual Events

IE Swing Part One

Friday

3:15 pm	IE Registration: (Tab Room)
4:00 pm	Extemp Draw
4:30 pm	Rd 1 Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA)
5:45 pm	Rd 1 Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS)
6:00 pm	Extemp Draw
7:15 pm	Rd 2 Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA)

Saturday

8:00 am	Rd 2 Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS)
9:15 am	Extemp Draw
9:45 am	Elim 1 NOTE: ALL IE JUDGES COMMITTED THOUGH FINALS.
11:15 am	Elim 2
12:45	Elim 3 (Note: If possible, we will consolidate and remove the 3rd finals set)
2:15 pm or ASAP	Awards Ceremony

IE Swing Part Two

5:30 pm	Extemp Draw
6:00 pm	Round I Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA)
7:15 pm	Round I Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS)

Sunday

9:00 am	Extemp Draw
10:15 am	Round 2 Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA)
11:30 am	Round 2 Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS)
1:00	Extemp Draw
1:30	Elim 1 NOTE: ALL IE JUDGES COMMITTED THOUGH FINALS.

3:00	Elim 2
4:30	Elim 3 (Note: If possible, we will consolidate and remove the 3rd finals set)
ASAP	Awards Ceremony

RICE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MAP

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