

Greetings Competitors, Coaches and Judges,

We are happy to be virtually hosting the State Competition for the Texas Community College Forensics Association. Here are the basics of what you need to know:

EVERYONE:

- You must be verified through the Forensicstournament.net program to receive announcements about postings or ballots. You should receive an email or a text from them asking you to verify the information. If you have NOT received a notification, please email me ASAP so we can figure out why not.
- All events are following Phi Rho Pi National rules and guidelines:
http://www.phirhopi.org/uploads/1/6/1/8/16185708/event_rules.pdf
- The tournament is using Forensics Tournament for Posting and Ballots. You can find a copy of the schedule there also: <http://Forensicstournament.net/TCCFASateMeet/21>
- The tournament is using Zoom for the actual performances/competitions. Please be sure you have the most current version of Zoom to make it easier on yourself. Preferably version 5.3 or higher. Otherwise, you will not be able to “Self Select” breakout rooms in Zoom. But if you have an older version, you should be fine.
- The Zoom Room Meeting ID number for the tournament is: 903 944 8393 (Virtual Tournament Lobby) The room will be open by 7:30 a.m. both days.

If you need a full address, it is: <https://tjc.zoom.us/j/9039448393>

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We are using Breakout Rooms from that main room for all of the competition rooms, Tab Room, Warm Up Rooms, etc. So in other words, login to Zoom, select “Join” a meeting, put in the code above and you will be in the main room for the tournament. You should be able to “Self Select” your event’s breakout room. Simply click on “Breakout Rooms” at the bottom of your Zoom Screen. Then select which breakout room you need. They will be labeled by event (if multiple rooms for an event, there will be a number beside the event name – same as on the posting.)

- If you don’t see ‘Breakout Rooms’ at the bottom of your Zoom Screen, look for the three dots above “More” and then break out rooms.

- If you can't find that either, **TURN ON** your microphone and ask Joan Andrews for help. If Joan isn't there, M'Liss S. Hindman, will be. Either of us can put you into your proper breakout room.
- After you finish your round, click on "Leave Breakout Room" and you will return to the Main Zoom Room. Then you can select where you need to go next – your other round, your team's warm up room, the lounge, etc.

COMPETITORS:

- Please remember that you need to enter a breakout room with your Microphone and your Camera OFF. In virtual tournaments, it is good form to leave both off until the judge is doing roll call or when you are actually performing. You should still watch your fellow competitors perform of course.
- If you are doing IPDA and/or Parli Debate, the DRAW is going to take place in your breakout room. The judge will have the topics. The judge will put the topics in the Chat. You will take turns striking the topics. Opposition or Negative strikes first (in less than one minute.) Then the Government or Affirmative will strike next (in less than one minute), etc. The judge will repeat what the final topic is and begin your prep period (20 minutes for Parli and IPDA is 30 minutes.)
- There is a 5 minute Forfeit for striking. The debater(s) in attendance will get the privilege of choosing the topic for the round. The late debater(s) will only have what is remaining of prep time.

JUDGES:

- You will receive either an email or a text sending you the link for your eballots (depending on which you verified). You will have to have two screens open – one for Zoom and one for your ballots in Forensics Tournament.
- If you have any problems during the day, please come to the Tab breakout room in Zoom (see number above.)
- Please turn on your camera as soon as you get to your event's Zoom breakout room – so that competitors will know that they are in a real room!
- Competitors MAY be cross entered.
- For IPDA Debate, Parli Debate AND Impromptu, you will receive an email with the Topics. You should copy and paste them into the Chat for the competitors to read.
- Yes, IPDA Debate and Parli Debate judges...we are asking you to do the DRAW for your round in your pairing's assigned Zoom breakout room. That way you will know what topic they are preparing. Be sure you repeat the topic before they go to prep, just to verify that everyone agrees on the topic. (20 minutes prep for Parli, 30 minutes prep for IPDA.)
- Please read about the forfeit rule for draw above under "Competitors."

AWARDS:

- Award will be done in a Zoom webinar and we will send out the link sometime Saturday.