

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association and Texas State University, it is my pleasure to invite you to the TIFA State Championship Tournament **to be held synchronously online** February 4-5, 2022. The tournament is open to TIFA member schools and will offer competition in all AFA-NST individual events, as well as NPDA, IPDA and NFA-LD styles of debate. Tournament staff will use ForensicsTournament.net for registration, event postings, ballot distribution, tournament tabulation, and information sharing. 8X8 will be used for competition and meeting rooms.

On Sunday, February 6, our friends at Texas State University will host the second half of the swing. The **Bobcat Forensic Classic is open to all schools** and will offer competition in all AFA-NST individual events. Please find additional information at their ForensicsTournament.net page.

We hope that you will join us for what is sure to be a weekend of fun and quality forensics competition.

Best Regards,

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VP and Director of Tournaments
Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association

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President
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Texas All-State Forensic Squad

Every year, TIFA names an All-State Squad to recognize students who have excelled in forensics (in individual events, debate, or both) at either the 2-year or 4-year level while maintaining high levels of academic achievement and who are recognized as exhibiting strong character and leadership skills. To be considered for the All-State Squad, coaches must fill out the [All-State Squad Form](#) on the student's behalf and submit it by the end of Saturday registration for the Spring TIFA tournament.

Novice Awards

At the Spring Championship, TIFA recognizes the Top Novice and Top Community College student in each event category, whether or not they advance to the event final. The same student may win both recognitions in addition to placing in the event itself. A separate novice final round will not be held. **Please identify novice competitors when you register on ForensicsTournament.net. Once a student has been entered in the tournament, you will be able to designate that student as a novice competitor under the "Competitor Request" tab at the top of the page.** For the purposes of awards, a "novice" is defined as a student in their first two semesters of collegiate competition. In team debate and Dramatic Duo, both members of the team must meet TIFA novice requirements to be eligible for novice awards.

Individual Events

Contestants in prepared events may not use materials used by the student in competition prior to September 1, 2021. AFA-NST and TIFA rules govern all individual events. The tournament host reserves the right to cancel an event if entries do not warrant holding the event. There is no limit on the number of entries per school per event. The top four per event count for school sweepstakes. A student may enter three events per pattern.

Pattern A: CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POI, POE

Pattern B: ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO

Sweepstakes Points

First:	12 Points
Second:	10 Points
Third:	7 Points
Finalist:	5 Points
Semis:	2 Point

NPDA Debate

This event will be governed by the rules of the National Parliamentary Debate Association. There will be six preliminary rounds (when possible) plus the appropriate number of elimination rounds. Power matching will occur in the final two preliminary rounds. Teams will debate different resolutions each round. All winning records are not guaranteed to break to elimination rounds. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win.

Format

First Proposition Constructive Speaker: 7 minutes
Opposition Flex Time: 2 minutes
First Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes
Proposition Flex Time: 2 minutes
Second Proposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes
Opposition Flex Time: 1 minute
Second Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes
Opposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 4 minutes
Proposition Flex Time: 1 minute
Proposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 5 minutes
Pre-Round Prep Time: 20 minutes

Flex time may be used by the controlling team to prepare arguments, drink water, set up stands, ask questions, etc. Flex time may not be used as additional speech time.

IPDA Debate

This event is governed by Phi Rho Pi guidelines. Debaters are not allowed to consult any other person during prep time. Students entered in IPDA may not enter Individual Events/NFA-LD. There will be four preset flighted preliminary rounds plus an appropriate number of elimination rounds. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win.

A topic draw room will be created on the virtual meeting site. Five topic choices will be provided. Negative will strike first with subsequent strikes alternating between competitors until one topic remains to be debated. Should a debater not be present to draw at the scheduled time, a five-minute grace period will be started. At the end of the five minutes, the topic list will be given to the debater in attendance who will choose the topic to be debated.

Format

Affirmative Constructive: 5 minutes

Cross Examination: 2 minutes

Negative Constructive: 6 minutes

Cross Examination: 2 minutes

First Affirmative Rebuttal: 3 minutes

First Negative Rebuttal: 5 minutes

Second Affirmative Rebuttal: 3 minutes

Pre-Round Prep Time: 30 minutes

NFA-LD Debate

This event is governed by the rules of the National Forensics Association. Students entered in NFA-LD may not enter Individual Events/IPDA. There will be four preset preliminary rounds plus an appropriate number of elimination rounds. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win.

Format

Affirmative Constructive: 6 minutes

Negative Cross-Examination: 3 minutes

Negative Constructive: 7 minutes

Affirmative Cross-Examination: 3 minutes

First Affirmative Rebuttal: 6 minutes

Negative Rebuttal: 6 minutes

Second Affirmative Rebuttal: 3 minutes

In-Round Prep Time: 4 minutes

The tournament will use the 21-22 NFA-LD topic. Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its counterterrorism operations in one or more of the following areas: statutory authorization for use of military force, air and/or drone strikes, combat and/or 127e programs.

Judging Information

One judge covers two (2) NPDA teams, two (2) LD or IPDA entries or eight (8) IE entries. A judge cannot be counted for both IPDA/LD and Individual Events. For the Saturday portion, designate your judges as either an Individual Events judge or an IPDA/LD judge. The tournament reserves the right to place judges in events they have not been designated to judge. NPDA judges are obligated for one round beyond their team's elimination. For all other events, judges are obligated through the end of the tournament.

Tournament Fees

Organizational Dues

Schools that did not attend the Fall TIFA Championship will be assessed \$80.00.

Covered Entries

Individual Events:	\$10.00 / slot
NPDA:	\$60 / team
NFA-LD:	\$30 / entry
IPDA:	\$30 / entry

Uncovered Entries

Individual Events:	\$15.00 / slot
NPDA:	\$100.00 / team
IPDA:	\$75.00 / entry
NFA-LD:	\$75.00 / entry

Nuisance Fees

Entries are due Monday, January 31, 2022 at 5pm (CST). For each judge dropped after Wednesday February 2nd at noon, there will be an additional \$50.00 fee. Schools that drop a judge at registration/check-in will be charged \$100.00. Entry changes after Wednesday, February 2nd at noon will be charged \$10 in addition to the original entry fee. Changes at registration/check-in will be charged \$20 in addition to the original entry fee.

Judges who do not pick up their assigned ballots on time (within 10 minutes after the round is scheduled to begin) will be penalized \$25. If their fine is not paid, the judge's students will be deemed ineligible for elimination rounds and the school's ballots will be held until the fees are paid.

Payment

Please pay fees in full no later than two weeks from the end of the tournament. **Checks are preferred and should be made payable to Wayne Kraemer–TIFA, P.O. Box 1425, San Marcos, Texas 78667.** If alternative means of payment are needed, please contact Wayne Kraemer (wk02@txstate.edu).

Schedule

NPDA Schedule Friday, February 4

8:30	School Registration
9:00	Round 1
10:30	Round 2
12:00	Round 3
2:00	Round 4
4:00	Round 5
6:00	Elim One
7:45	Elim Two
8:00	TIFA Business Meeting

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Individual Events Schedule Saturday, February 5

8:00	Registration	
8:30	Extemp Draw	
9:00	Pattern A: Round 1 (CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)	
10:15	Pattern B: Round 1 (ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)	
11:30	Extemp Draw	
12:00	Pattern A: Round 2 (CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)	
1:15	Pattern B: Round 2 (ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)	
2:30	Extemp Draw (Semifinals)	
3:00	Semifinals (All IEs)	
4:30	Extemp Draw (Finals)	
5:00	Pattern A: Finals (CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)	
6:30	Pattern B: Finals (ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)	

IPDA Schedule Saturday, February 5

8:00	Registration	
8:30	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
9:00	IPDA Flight A: Round 1 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
9:30	IPDA Flight B: Round 1	
10:30	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
11:00	IPDA Flight A: Round 2 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
11:30	IPDA Flight B: Round 2	
12:15	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
12:45	IPDA Flight A: Round 3 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
1:15	IPDA Flight B: Round 3	
2:00	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
2:30	IPDA Flight A: Round 4 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
3:00	IPDA Flight B: Round 4	
4:00	IPDA Quarterfinalists: Draw	
4:30	IPDA Quarterfinals	
5:30	IPDA Semifinalists: Draw	
6:00	IPDA Semifinals	
7:00	IPDA Finalists: Draw	
7:30	IPDA Finals	

NFA-LD Schedule Saturday, February 5

8:00	Registration	
8:30	LD Round 1	
9:30	LD Round 2	
10:30	LD Round 3	
11:30	LD Round 4	
1:30	LD Semifinals	
2:45	LD Finals	

**The awards ceremony will begin ASAP after the last IPDA round.
All times are CST.**