



Georgia Parliamentary Debate Association State Tournament

Debate Team at Georgia Tech

February 27, 2022

1 Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

The Georgia Institute of Technology invites you to attend the 9th Annual Georgia Parliamentary Debate Association state championship debate tournament. This year's tournament features three rounds of Open Competition in both the NPDA and IPDA formats of parliamentary debate on February 27, 2022.

The tournament will be held virtually via forensictournament.net due to concerns surrounding COVID-19. The official tournament will have a different cumulative sweepstakes formula than in the past.

The entry deadline will be at 5:00 on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. In addition to adhering to this deadline, we also require all attendees to cover their entries with qualified judges. We may provide exceptions to this rule on a case by case basis if we have sufficient judges to accommodate such an exception.

We very much look forward to seeing you this February.

Executive Secretary, GPDA



2 Schedule

Sunday, February 27

8:00 Draw for Round I

8:30 Round I

9:30 Draw for Round II

10:00 Round II

11:00 Lunch Break On your Own

12:30 Draw for Round III

1:00 Round III

2:00 Draw for Elim Round I

2:30 Elim Round I (if needed)

3:30 Draw for Elim Round II

4:00 Elim Round II (if needed)

5:00 Dinner on your own

6:00 Awards and Eliminations (if needed) Commence

3 Fees

School GPDA Dues for 2022 - 10.00 USD

To be paid via the FTN platform.

We aim to provide as low fee a tournament as is possible. The school fee we ask is to provide funds for hosting and awards. There is no uncovered entry fee however we reserve the right to deny uncovered entries if we lack the judges to cover them ourselves.

4 Judging

One judge covers two NPDA entries for NPDA events.

One judge covers two IPDA entries for IPDA events.

Important: IPDA judge expectations are different from NPDA judges. Although experienced debate judges are welcome, undergraduate and lay judges are encouraged in IPDA as long as not judging and entering the same division; NPDA judges must have a degree to judge varsity (undergraduates forfeit their competition eligibility), and qualified judges are encouraged in novice. An attempt will be made to enforce the two-strike rule in varsity NPDA, though it cannot be guaranteed. Strikes are unknown in IPDA.

5 Divisions

We are presently offering a Novice, Junior Varsity, and Senior Varsity division for both IPDA and NPDA, however if there are insufficient entries to justify a division we will collapse divisions. We presently anticipate collapsing division, however speaker awards will be broken into Novice and Open.



6 Entry Limitations

There will be no “caps” this year on the total number of teams a school may enter overall.

7 Sweepstakes

Sweepstakes: The sweepstakes formula will be as follows counting only a school’s top four teams in Varsity NPDA and likewise in Varsity IPDA. This formula applies not only to the yearly sweepstakes for GPDA, but also to the cumulative sweepstakes:

5 points per win in preliminary rounds

7 points per each team advancing to first elimination round

Speaker awards on the basis 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

8 Other Awards

Other Awards will be given to:

1) Student of the Year (voted by the coaches).

2) Critic of the Year (voted by the students).

3) Top Novice (top performing novice entry).

All teams advancing will receive tangible awards, as well as the top speakers in each division.

9 Rules

Rules for NPDA debating, and other information, can be found at:

<http://www.parlidebate.org/npda-rules/>

Rules for IPDA debating, and other information, can be found at:

<http://www.ipdadebate.info/>

10 Entry Instructions

Entries are to be submitted via <https://forensicstournament.net/GPDA/22>