

IPDA National Championships and Convention, April 8 - 11, 2022
Please note the Friday thru Monday schedule for our National Tournament and Convention



COME HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 25TH YEAR OF NATIONAL IPDA COMPETITION

The International Public Debate Association is pleased to announce our annual National Championships and Convention to be held April 8-11, 2022. We are still planning a face-to-face tournament/convention; with the standard pandemic caveat of "if the situation changes." **IPDA will require face coverings in all interior rooms and spaces. This will help us comply with our host's current mask mandate. We will let you know if anything changes.**

The fine squad at Abilene Christian will be our host for this event. The National Championship tournament will start off with 5 rounds of IPDA Team debate on Friday. Then we will feature 8 rounds of IPDA Individual debate preliminary of in our 4 divisions: Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional, beginning on Saturday.

In addition, the IPDA will also be hosting its National Convention prior to the beginning of individual, competitive rounds on Saturday. This is an excellent opportunity for students and directors alike to feature debate-specific academic work in an educational and professional environment. If you are interested in presenting a paper or research at our convention, please contact IPDA Managing Director, Mary G. Jarzabek, via email at mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu. Paper or panel presentations are scheduled on Saturday before the start of the IPDA Individual rounds. We hope this will enable everyone to attend these enlightening convention events.

Please join us in Texas for an educational and exciting weekend as we mark our Silver Anniversary for IPDA!

Sincerely,
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IPDA Managing Director

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

ENTRY PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE: Entry opens on Feb. 3 and the entry deadline is 5:00 PM, Friday, March 25. Each school will enter our tournament via Forensics Tournament at <https://forensicstournament.net/IPDANationals/22>. Entries and fees owed will be visible in the ForensicsTournament.net program but I will send separate emails with entries finalized by Monday, March 28. Each entry change (including adds or drops) made after 5:00 PM, Tuesday, March 29 will be assessed a \$20 add/drop fee per individual change. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Executive Committee of IPDA reserves the right to review and make changes to the names used to identify individuals or independent programs during the National Championship.

RULES AND ENTRIES: One division of TEAM IPDA is offered with a "varsity" designation. Then, four individual divisions will be offered: NOVICE, JUNIOR VARSITY, VARSITY, and PROFESSIONAL. If you have any questions about division eligibility, you can find your answers in the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws located on the web at ipdadebate.info. The tournament will follow IPDA guidelines and regulations as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws.

JUDGES: You will notice on the entry form there is no price for uncovered entries. **This is not an option!** We require that each program cover its entries to ensure a diverse and unbiased judging pool. One judge will cover up to four debaters and/or two teams. Programs are mandated to meet this requirement (so for every four debaters or two teams you enter, you MUST bring a judge!). **All judges are obligated to ALL rounds including ALL outrounds.** We will, of course, try to release schools as soon as possible during the out-rounds for their journey home. However, out-rounds require extra judges, and we need a diverse pool for balanced panels.

Judging for the National Championship Tournament

1. All judges are expected to deliberate independently. Each ballot should be decided by the assigned judge with no discussion or outside influences. Judges and contestants are required to abide by this judging caveat.
2. To maintain consistency and fairness for the National Championships Tournament, participating programs will be expected to provide the same judges throughout the duration of the tournament. The name of each judge should be submitted at the time of the team's entry. Judges unable to continue their duties for ANY reason during the tournament must be immediately replaced: even if this means removing a competitor from the tournament and placing them in the judging pool for the remainder of the tournament. Rounds **must** be judged by the person named at the top of the ballot – **NO "BALLOT SWAPPING" IS ALLOWED.**

Procedures for judging assignments and ballot distribution:

Judges' ballots for each program are going to be placed into a folder or packet designated for that program (e.g. ACU will get a folder with all the ballots assigned to the ACU judges for that round).

1. EACH program will be asked to submit the name of the person who will be responsible for picking up these ballot folders. EACH program must pick up their ballot packets no later than fifteen minutes prior to the start of each round to allow their judges enough time to start each round on time.
2. A "Three-Strike" penalty system will be used for failure to comply with these procedures.
 - a. A strike will be:
 - i. Failure of a judge to start the round five minutes after that round's prep time **has expired**.
 - ii. Failure of a program to notify the tab room of a name change on the designated ballot. IF a program encounters a problem, the tab room **MUST** approve any judging changes.
 - b. Any delay stemming from tab room procedures will **NOT** be considered a strike.
3. PENALTIES:
 - a. 1st strike-a warning will be issued to the program director. It is assumed that this will correct any problems with a program's judges.
 - b. 2nd strike – a \$50 fine or "extra fee" will be imposed on the program.
 - c. 3rd strike – the program may be disqualified from the tournament.
4. Coaches and teams are encouraged to stay on top of their team's judging requirements and to take proactive steps to help ensure that their judges pick up all ballots promptly.

HOTELS: Contact Sheila Ritchie for information or other options – Sheila.ritchie@acu.edu

All rates listed below are pre-tax rates. You should mention the "IPDA National Debate Tournament" for these rates. The first hotels listed have a special rate inside the block. After the respective cutoff dates, you will pay the going market rate. All hotels reserving rooms for us have set a "2 week prior to event" cutoff date for room rates.

Courtyard by Marriott Mall South * 4350 Ridgemont Dr. 325-695-9600	Mention IPDA Block for rate	\$104/Flat Rate Plus Tax	■ Restaurant ■ Lounge ■ Outdoor pool ■ Five wheelchair accessible rooms, two with roll-in showers
Residence Inn * 1641 Musgrave Trail 325-677-8700	Mention IPDA Block for rate	\$119/Flat Rate Plus Tax	■ Outdoor pool ■ Hot breakfast ■ Two wheelchair accessible rooms, both with roll-in showers
MCM Eleganté Suites * 4250 Ridgemont Dr. 325-698-1234	Mention IPDA Block for rate. Maybe link	\$104/Flat Rate Plus Tax	■ Indoor pool ■ Hot breakfast with cooked-to-order eggs ■ Free manager's reception nightly ■ Two wheelchair accessible rooms, both with roll-in showers
Holiday Inn Abilene – North College Area * 3525 West Lake Road 325-673-1400	Link to reserve	\$114/Flat Rate Plus Tax	■ Restaurant ■ Lounge ■ Outdoor pool ■ 18 wheelchair accessible rooms
Comfort Suites – University 1902 East Overland Trail 325-672-0338	Mention IPDA Nat'l Tournament	\$96 per room Plus Tax**	■ Free breakfast ■ Wheelchair accessible rooms.

****Comfort Suites reservation link:** [Rates & Available Rooms - Comfort Suites University \(choicehotels.com\)](https://www.choicehotels.com/rates-and-available-rooms/comfort-suites-university)

2022 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT and CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 am **Team Debate Registration**, ACU campus (Onstead-Packer) – 1st floor
Main Prep – 1st floor of Onstead-Packer building
8:45 am Team Round 1 - (all times reflect start of IPDA draw for each round)
10:15 am Team Round 2
11:45 am Team Round 3
1:45 pm Team Round 4
3:15 pm Team Round 5
4:30 pm Coaches Review – may be available for partial review in Round 5
5:15 pm **Breaks posted**
ASAP Team Doubleoctos or “Partials”- if needed
7:00 pm Team Octos
8:45 pm Team Quarters

SATURDAY, April 9

8:00 am Team Semifinal Round
8:30 am Joint meeting of Governing Board and Exec. Committee – Onstead-Packer building
9:45 am Team Final Round
Registration Final Check In – ACU (Onstead-Packer) – 1st floor
(Registration closes at 11:15 am)
10:30 am **Presentation of Convention Panels** – Panels will be held in rooms in Onstead – Packer
12:00 pm Round 1 – (all times reflect the start of IPDA draw for each round)
1:40 pm Round 2
3:20 pm Round 3
5:00 pm Round 4
7:30 pm **Season Awards Reception – Hunter Welcome Center – ACU Campus**

SUNDAY, April 10

8:00 am Round 5
9:40 am Round 6
11:20 am Round 7
1:00 pm Round 8
2:30 pm **Lunch Break – Meal Vouchers courtesy of Abilene Christian hosts – ACU Cafeteria**
3:00 pm Coaches Review - May be available for partial review during Round 8
4:00 pm **Breaks posted**
4:15 pm First Elimination Round - or “Partials” - if needed
5:45 pm Second Elimination Round
*7:20 pm Third Elimination Round

* Times may vary depending on the need for additional out-rounds!

* ALL participants need to hasten the out-round process!

MONDAY, April 11 – All outrounds will be held on the ACU Campus

8:00 am Quarterfinal Rounds for all divisions
9:30 am Semi Finals for all divisions
11:00 am Finals for all divisions
1 pm **IPDA Tournament Awards Ceremony – Teague Center – ACU campus**

ENTRIES – Due by Friday, March 25 at 5 pm. PLEASE REGISTER at <http://forensicstournament.net/IPDANationals/22>

We prefer that you bring a check to the tournament for Fees payment.

Cash and Credit Card payments are also possible.

Please make checks payable to: **International Public Debate Association**

Checks will be accepted at Tournament Registration on April 8 or April 9, 2022.

Credit Cards will be accepted, but are not preferred – contact Keith Milstead at president@IPDAdebate.info

If your school accounting office needs an address for the check, you may contact Mary Jarzabek for an address.

Mary Jarzabek, IPDA Managing Director:

Email: mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu

Phone: (318) 797-5318

All entries will be confirmed via email by Monday, March 28, 2022, at 2 pm CST.

FTN Fees will be finalized in this confirmation process.

FEES:

** Tournament Registration, Convention Fee and Annual IPDA dues will appear as a “School Fee” in the FTN registration.

** Each school will purchase their banquet tickets by enrolling individuals (students, coaches, judges, and guests) in “Pattern D” in the FTN program during the registration process. Last names will be sufficient. If you want the Veggie option for the Banquet, then please type “Veg” at the end of each vegetarian ticket name.

**If you need a separate invoice for the IPDA dues – please contact Mary Jarzabek: mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu

Calculate your Fees:

Program Tournament Registration Fee \$35.00

Program Convention Fee \$20.00

Program Annual IPDA Dues \$35.00 – Please request a separate invoice, if needed

_____ Individual IPDA @ \$35.00 each = _____

_____ TEAM IPDA @ \$60.00 each = _____

_____ Banquet tickets @ \$ 35.00 each = _____ (request your vegetarian tickets with “Veg”)

Total Fees..... \$ _____

AWARDS:

Tournament trophies will be given to all competitors who break to out-rounds, the top five speakers in each division, and the top five overall sweepstakes programs. IPDA has a national tournament award for the top sweepstakes community college winner and the Scholastic Champion. The formula for calculating points will be the same as that detailed in the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws.

Season award, which are based on this debate season’s cumulative points, will also be given to the top ten individuals in each division, the top five speakers in each division, and the top five programs in each division. The Founder’s Award will also be presented to the top five programs earning the most combined points over the course of six regular season tournaments. In addition, awards such as the Bennett Strange Coach of the Year Award, the Scholastic Championship Award, and other association-specific awards will be presented.