

2022 Missouri Mule Tournament Regs:

General Tournament Policies:

Statement of Support for the Ethical Treatment of Others:

The Talking Mules Speech & Debate Team is committed to assuring equal opportunity to all persons, regardless of race, color, religious creed, national origin, physical ability status, age, economic status, gender, sex or sexual orientation. As such, our tournament is opposed to all forms of discrimination and seeks to establish a tolerant atmosphere in which every individual is accorded respect. While we respect the importance of First Amendment freedoms, we respectfully remind tournament participants that with rights come responsibilities. Please refrain from disrespectful or derogatory speech. Our tournament practices a policy of zero tolerance for violations of Title IX. If you wish to register a complaint, please begin with the Tournament Director, Dr. Jack Rogers, rogers@ucmo.edu, 660-543-8646 or 660-238-0674 cell or if he cannot be reached, Dr. Nikki Freeman at (660) 473-3316 or nfreeman@ucmo.edu. All complaints will maintain the confidentiality of all persons involved to the maximum extent possible. However, please remember that the Tournament Director and your coach are identified as mandatory reporters by Federal law. Our University's Title IX compliance office may become involved. Dr. Corey Bowman is the University's compliance officer and may be contacted at bowman@ucmo.edu, 660-543-4114. The Title IX tournament coordinator and UCM's compliance officer will ensure that appropriate Title IX officers at your home institutions are contacted. (Adapted from Pi Kappa Delta's website.)

The tournament will also be supporting the NFA's working "Open Door" Policy

UCM Speech & Debate is committed to providing safe performance spaces for all competitors. We acknowledge the art of performance may be a healing process and/or opportunity to speak on important issues. As a performer, it is impossible to know all the ways in which content or a performance may unintentionally harm our peers. To better serve our competitors, we will be honoring the NFA's open door practice during rounds this weekend. Meaning, competitors may choose when they feel comfortable being present in the room, which includes choosing only to be present in the room when performing. Competitors may also discretely leave the room, even when not double-entered without question or penalty.

If one of your competitors needs to be coded to avoid competing against or being judged by a competitor or judge due to a previous or current difficulty outlined in the aforementioned policies, PLEASE contact the tournament director with your request prior to Wednesday, October 19th. We will do everything in our power to ensure a safe and supportive competitive experience for all.

Student led programs:

If you are a student led program or a program with limited resources, we will do everything in our power to assist you with judges and fees. Simply make a request with the Tournament Director at rogers@ucmo.edu.

Competition

Debate:

- Open and Novice divisions in NPDA (mix of fact, value, and policy resolutions) NFA-LD (2022-23 NFA Topic), and IPDA. If the Novice Division has seven or less entries, it will be collapsed with the Open Division; however, novice speaker awards and top team awards will be awarded. All divisions and formats of debate will be conducted as much as is practical in accordance with the appropriate governing organizations' rules and procedures.

Divisions:

Novice in all formats of debate is intended for those with less than two semesters of previous debate experience in any format, high school or college. If one of the team members does not fit the definition of novice, then the team must compete in open. If you have questions about a debater's or team's eligibility, please contact the tournament director.

Open is open to any debater regardless of experience.

Because some of the rooms on Friday are a bit spread out, NPDA and IPDA will have 30 minutes to draw, prep, and walk to their competition rooms. NPDA will have a central announcement of the topic. **A 10 minute forfeit rule will be strictly enforced in all formats of debate.** All debate formats will offer 5 prelim rounds, with appropriate outrounds, though we will try to advance all winning records if resources allow. We will follow the practice of posting win-loss records in a centrally located place as soon as the tabroom can comply after each prelim round. **We will also strongly encourage all debate judges to submit a judging philosophy which will be made available to all participants prior to the first round.**

PLEASE READ

We will be using electronic ballots. No oral critiques until AFTER the ballots have been turned in – it tends to cause the tournament to run late. JUDGES are responsible for keeping themselves and their debaters ON TIME. If you get involved in a long oral critique and are late to pick up your ballot YOU WILL BE CHARGED \$25 FOR THE PUSHED BALLOT. If the debaters are late (10 minute forfeit rule) they will forfeit that round and a 0 will be entered for speaker points.

Individual Events:

I.E.'s will be conducted in accordance with the AFA-NIET guidelines. The conflict patterns are: Pattern A: Extemp, Persuasive, Prose, POI, Duo; Pattern B: Impromptu, Inform, Poetry, DI, ADS, CA. A student may enter up to three events in both conflict patterns. It is the student's responsibility to make their rounds on time. No student will be allowed to enter more than three events per conflict pattern or two Duos. **No exceptions.** It tends to make the tournament run late. Any student who enters a minimum of five events in **two genres** - unprepared platform event (EXT or IMP), prepared platform event (ADS, PER, INF, CA) and/or interpretive

event (DUO, POE, POI, DI, PRO) will be eligible for Pentathlon. Any event that has 50 or more entries will be advanced to a semi-finals round.

We will follow the current NFA practice of allowing internet access during extemp prep; however we can neither guarantee equal access to all or constant, quality connectivity.

Cross-Overs:

The only restriction is that students competing in LD cannot enter individual events.

Judges:

This is Warrensburg; and as such, there is not a large pool of available judges. **Please bring judges to cover your entry.** In the event that you cannot bring enough judges to cover your entry, a few judges are available for hire. One judge covers 2 NPDA teams. One judge covers 2 LD or IPDA entries. One judge covers 8 entries in I.E.'s. **A judge cannot cover both LD and IE entries.** All debate judges are obligated to Full Outround #1 regardless of whether your team(s) broke to elimination rounds **and 1 round past their elimination.** **All IE judges are obligated to the Finals of both A & B.** **Fees:** Uncovered IE entries are \$10.00 each. Uncovered debates teams are \$100. Uncovered LD or IPDA entries are \$50.00.

Judging constraints:

Please we'd rather have your judges than your money! Programs must cover the majority of their entry. Some exceptions may be granted by the tournament director if judges are available. Hired judges are available on a first come, first serve basis. We reserve the right to limit entries based upon your ability to bring judges to adequately cover them. We also reserve the right to stack IE competitors into panels so that we may use your judge but will only do so as a last resort.

Sweepstakes Formula:

While there is no limit to the number of entries a school may enter, only the school's top 4 entries per division of debate format and IE event will count towards Sweepstakes awards. The tabroom will automatically advance your top competitors. Points for debate prelim wins will be: NPDA and Public Forum win or bye = 5 points; LD = 2.5 points. Debate speakers will be awarded 6 points for 1st Speaker; 5 points for 2nd Speaker; 4 points for 3rd Speaker; 3 points for 4th Speaker; 2 points for 5th Speaker and 1 point for 6th Speaker. I.E.'s will earn 3 points for a ranking of 1 in prelim rounds; 2 points for a ranking of 2; and 1 point for a ranking of 3. Competitors in the finals will be awarded 6 points for 1st Place; 5 points for 2nd place; 4 points for 3rd Place; 3 points for 4th Place; 2 points for 5th Place and 1 point for 6th Place. Points will be awarded for the top 5 finishers in pentathlon using the same formula as the finals of IE's.

Awards:

Appropriate awards to include: 1st-3rd Overall Sweeps (limited to those schools that enter both IE's and Debate); 1st-3rd IE Sweeps; 1st-3rd Debate Sweeps; Top 2 year program; all debate teams and/or individuals (LD, IPDA) who reach the elimination rounds, 1st-6th Debate speakers, all finalists in the Individual Events; 1st-5th Place in Pentathlon. Finally, the top scoring team who is a member of Pi Kappa Delta will be awarded the E. Sam Cox Trophy.

Yes, it's a challenging schedule. PLEASE remember the health and sanity of your judges and competitors as you enter. We want to make **everything** available, but we don't want to kill anyone either.

2022 Missouri Mule Tournament Schedule

Friday, October 21

8:00-9:00	Registration, Student Union Atrium
9:30	IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announcement
10:00	Round 1, NPDA & IPDA
11:15	IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announcement
11:45	Round 2, NPDA & IPDA
12:30-1:15	Lunch – Food Court (on your own), University Union
1:15	IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announcement
1:45	Round 3, NPDA & IPDA
3:00	IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announcement
3:30	Round 4, NPDA & IPDA
4:45	IPDA Draw & NPDA Topic Announcement
5:15	Round 5, NPDA & IPDA
	Dinner – On your own
6:30	Elimination Round 1 (NPDA & IPDA)
8:00	Elimination Round 2 (NPDA & IPDA)

Saturday, October 22

7:00	IE / LD Registration, Student Union Atrium	
7:30	IPDA & NPDA Elim Round 3	8:00 LD RD 1
9:00	Extemp Draw - Wood 100	
9:30-10:45	RD 1, Pattern A (Extemp, persuasive, prose, POI, Duo)	9:30 LD RD 2
10:45-11:15	Extemp Draw	11:00 LD RD 3
11:15-12:30	RD 2, Pattern A	
12:30-1:00	Lunch On Your Own	
1:00-2:15	RD 1, Pattern B (Impromptu, informative, poetry, DI, CA, ADS)	1:00 p.m. LD RD 4
2:30-3:45	RD 2, Pattern B	2:30 p.m. LD RD 5
4:00	Extemp Draw	
4:30-6:00	FINALS A	4:00 p.m. LD Octos
6:00-7:30	FINALS B	6:30 p.m. LD Quarters
		8:00 LD Semis
8:30ish	Awards Assembly	TBA (post awards) LD Finals

Entry

ALL entries must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. (CST), Monday, October 17th**. Fees will be assessed upon your entry as it stands at **5:00 p.m. (CST), Wednesday, October 19th**. All changes after that deadline will be assessed a nuisance fee plus original fees. To enter the tournament. Log In and enter your tournament information on **Forensicstournament.net** Please double check your entry if you have not received an email confirming your entry by Wednesday the 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Fee Calculation Worksheet:

Entries:

_____ NPDA Teams @ \$50.00 each	_____
_____ LD @ \$25.00 each	_____
_____ IE slots @ \$8.00 each	_____
_____ Duos @ \$10.00 each	_____

Judging Fees:

_____ All uncovered Team Debate entries @ \$100.00 each	_____
_____ All uncovered IPDA or LD entries \$50.00	_____
_____ Uncovered IE slots @ \$10.00 each	_____

Nuisance Fees:

_____ IE Changes Adds or Drops after deadline @ \$10.00 each	_____
_____ Dropped debate entry @ \$25.00 each	_____
_____ Dropped Judges @ Registration @ \$200	_____

Total Tournament Fees _____

Please make checks payable to:

UCMO Forensics, EIN 46-3836498.

If you need a W-9 from the University, please request it in advance and I can email you a copy.