Dear Forensics Community,

Illini Global Forensics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign cordially invites you to take part in our 1st annual Illini Forensics Invitational on Saturday, April 1st and Sunday, April 2nd.

We will be offering an **online, synchronous NPDA-Parliamentary Debate and IPDA tournament** via Forensicstournament.com

We are committed to providing you with a professional atmosphere and a spirited competitive experience. As such, EVERY participant and judge competing synchronously MUST have a device with a webcam, microphone or headset, and a Zoom account for debate.

If you have any questions, feel free to send us an email!
Best Wishes,
Steven Frankowski - President
Griffin Decant - Debate Chair
Tess O'Connell - Speech Chair
Camille Dolce - Secretary
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2023 Illini Forensics Invitational *Tentative* Schedule

All times in CST

Saturday, April 1st

9:30 AM Check in - Virtual Judges Lounge
10:00 AM Round 1 IPDA Topic Drop 10:10 AM Round 1 NPDA Topic Drop 10:30 AM Round 1 IPDA/NPDA Round Start
12:30 PM Round 2 IPDA Topic Drop 12:40 PM Round 2 NPDA Topic Drop 1:00 PM Round 2 IPDA/NPDA Round Start
2:30 PM Round 3 IPDA Topic Drop 2:40 PM Round 3 NPDA Topic Drop 3:00 PM Round 3 IPDA/NPDA Round Start

Sunday, April 2nd

9:30 AM Check in - Virtual Judges Lounge
10:00 AM Round 4 IPDA Topic Drop 10:10 AM Round 4 NPDA Topic Drop 10:30 AM Round 4 IPDA/NPDA Round Start
12:30 PM Round 5 IPDA Topic Drop 12:40 PM Round 5 NPDA Topic Drop 1:00 PM Round 5 IPDA/NPDA Round Start
3:00 PM Elim Announcements and Elim 1 IPDA Topic Drop 3:10 PM Elim Announcement and Elim 1 NPDA Topic Drop 3:30 PM Elim Round 1 Begin
IF NEEDED 5:00 PM Elim Round 2 IPDA Topic Drop 5:10 PM Elim Round 2 NPDA Topic Drop 5:30 Elim Round 2 Begin

If needed, additional elimination rounds will be added to Sunday, not to begin sooner than 7:00 PM CST.

Tournament Notes

Registration and Deadlines

Entries are due **Tuesday, March 27th, 11:59 PM CST on forensicstournament.com.**
Judge entries are due Thursday, **March 29th, 11:59 PM CST.**

Fees and Judging

Parli teams: $30 per team
IPDA entries: $20 per person
Teams will be required to bring one judge for every two entries
Uncovered judges will be a $100 hired judge fee
Teams/Slots dropped after March 29th: $25
Judges dropped after March 29th: $25 + Uncovered Judge Fee if applicable

Fees should be paid to Illini Global Forensics via PayPal @illini.forensics or mailed by check
Check address:
Illini Forensics
700 West Oregon Street
Urbana, IL, 61801

Student Eligibility

Students must be currently enrolled at the college or university under whom they are competing. Students may not have attended a collegiate national forensic/debate tournament in four or more academic years ***OR*** completed eight semesters of collegiate competition. A semester is defined as having competed in more than two tournaments. ***Either*** of these standards being met (eight semesters of college competition or four years of collegiate national tournament participation) will render a student ineligible to compete in this tournament.

All registration, entry, tabulation, and topic announcement will be done via forensicstournament.com. Please make sure that every judge and competitor on your team has a Forensics Tournament account set up and linked.

We will only be offering an OPEN and JV division of NPDA Parliamentary debate and IPDA. If there are not enough entries, divisions will collapse into open.

For NPDA:

The Illini Forensics Invitational will follow the latest version of NPDA rules. The 7-8-8-8-4-5 format will be followed with **20 minutes of pre-round preparation**. The tournament will also allow flex time as described by NPDA. Only the tournament invitation, NPDA constitution and by-laws, NPDA national tournament procedures, and materials prepared during the 20-minute preparation time period prior to the round may be brought into the debating chambers. There are no restrictions on pre-round coaching or consultation of materials during the preparation period.

For IPDA:

The Illini Forensics Invitational will follow the latest version of IPDA rules. The 5-2-6-2-3-5 format will be followed with **30 minutes of pre-round preparation**.. Only the tournament invitation, IPDAconstitution and by-laws, IPDA

national tournament procedures, and materials prepared during the 30-minute preparation time period prior to the round may be brought into the debating chambers. There are no restrictions on pre-round coaching or consultation of materials during the preparation period. Judges will provide topics IN ROOM at the prep time start, and competitors will strike and prep in room.

We are committed to running an efficient tournament and will be **strictly** enforcing the following:

- A five-minute grace period will be provided for debaters and judges to begin the debate
- Teams not in their rooms, ready to debate, will be AUTO-FORFEITED 25 minutes after topic announcement, 35 minutes for IPDA, at the discretion of the judge
- We will tentatively allow disclosure and end-of-round feedback, at judges discretion. If feedback causes rounds to start late, we will reassess.

We understand technology can be difficult: please contact the debate tab (224-245-0942, text or call) **immediately** with any technical difficulties!