



On behalf of the University of Central Arkansas, the UCA School of Communication, and UCA Debate and Forensics, we invite you to our campus for the Fifteenth Annual End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament. In addition to our annual event, we are honored to also host the Team IPDA National Championship alongside our regular tournament. Please read this invitation carefully, as some of our normal tournament protocols will change for this tournament.

We hope that you will be able to join us in person on March 10-12, 2022, for a weekend of IPDA Debate. You will find pertinent information included with this invitation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



Go Bears!

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Tournament Ethics Statement: The behavior of all attending the End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament will be in keeping with the [NCA Policy on Anti-Harassment Code of Conduct](#). We encourage all programs to review these expectations before entering this tournament. We expect that behavior between all participants, coaches, judges, and observers be respectful and appropriate at all times. If any participant has concerns over propriety or good sportspersonship, they should discuss the matter with their coaching staff. Any coach or judge should address any concerns with the Tournament Director. As a condition of entry, all participants, coaches, judges, and guests agree that any decision issued by the Tournament Director is final.

Tournament Headquarters: The tournament will be headquartered in the College of Business building. There should be plenty of parking near the building, but there is a row of spaces marked "Reserved 24/7." Do not park in these spaces, or you may receive a ticket.

The University of Central Arkansas is a non-smoking campus. The prohibition against smoking (including vaping and e-cigarettes) extends to all UCA property, including parking lots.

Hotel Information: There is no tournament hotel, but Conway has plenty of options, most of which are just off I-40 and near plenty of restaurants and shopping options. Contact us if you want recommendations.

Registration and Fees: Register at <https://forensicstournament.net/HiBEARNation/23>. Teams should register by Monday, March 6 at noon. Changes will be allowed until Wednesday, March 8 at 8:00 p.m. After that point, only drops will be allowed.

Though we are using the same FTN registration link for both tournaments, you will pay entry fees for both tournaments separately.

- Team IPDA: Fees are \$60.00 per team. Make checks out to “International Public Debate Association.”
- IPDA: Fees are \$25.00 per individual. Make checks out to the “UCA Foundation” with “UCA Debate and Forensics Fund” in the memo line.

Because we are following National Championship protocols, including for the IPDA portion of the tournament, all entries must be covered. NO EXCEPTIONS. One judge covers four individual entries and/or two teams. For Team IPDA, all judges will be obligated to judge for the entire tournament. For individual IPDA, judges are obligated until one round after a team’s last debater has been eliminated, and eliminated competitors may be used as out round judges (but they will not judge in the same division in which they competed.)

Tournament Notes:

1. All rules guiding IPDA debate, including division eligibility and times, will apply to this tournament. These rules can be found at ipdadebate.info.
2. UCA will enter competitors into this tournament; however, UCA competitors will not be judged by members of the UCA community.
3. Because we are following national tournament protocols for this tournament, we will not have our tradition of themed rounds for this tournament.
4. To keep the tournament on time, we ask that everything (courtesies, roadmaps, arguments, etc.) be “on the clock.” Judges should penalize competitors who violate this rule.
5. For Team IPDA, cross-examination is to be closed. There should be no swapping of speaker positions in rebuttal. (The speaker who gives the first constructive should be the one who gives the first rebuttal.)
6. For Team IPDA, we will offer four elimination rounds. For IPDA, we will offer an appropriate number of elimination rounds, including partials to ensure that all winning records have a chance to break.

Awards: Awards will be given to all out round participants, the top five speakers in each division, and the top three programs in Team IPDA and IPDA. This year, we will use the National Championship formula for calculating sweepstakes awards:

- 1 pt. per prelim win, 1 pt. per break, 2 pts. per elimination round win
- IPDA: three debaters per division max
- Team IPDA: two teams per division max; points count double

We will also present our “Big Bear” award to the program with the highest preliminary round winning percentage across all divisions of debate, regardless of team size (three entries minimum).

Tentative Schedule (times indicate the start of draw):**Friday:**

11:00 – Registration
12:00 – Team Rd. 1
1:30 – Team Rd. 2
3:00 – Team Rd. 3
4:30 – Break
5:00 – Team Rd. 4
6:30 – Team Rd. 5

8:30 – Team Octafinals

Saturday:

8:00 – Team Quarterfinals
9:30 – IPDA Rd. 1
11:00 – IPDA Rd. 2
1:00 – Team Semifinals
2:30 – IPDA Rd. 3
4:00 – IPDA Rd. 4
5:30 – IPDA Rd. 5
7:00 – IPDA Rd. 6
8:30 – Team Finals

Sunday:

8:00 – Ballot Check
8:30 – IPDA Elim Rd. 1
10:15 – Awards
Remaining Elim Rds. ASAP