

James ‘Al’ Johnson & Mike Edmonds Speech and Debate Tournament

October 18th-19th, 2024

Dear Colleague:

Colorado College cordially invites you to attend the James ‘Al’ Johnson & Mike Edmonds Speech and Debate Invitational to take place on the CC campus in Colorado Springs, on October 18-19th. We are excited to welcome you to the CC campus in Olympic City, USA!

This year’s tournament, a tribute to our city’s Olympic history, will include 11 AFA-NST individual events (open division only), and one IPDA debate tournament. The IE competition will be on Friday and the debate tournament will be held Saturday, with four preliminary and two to three elimination rounds of open IPDA debate. Tournament entries, submitted via Forensictournament.net, should be received no later than Monday, Oct. 14th. In addition to our Olympic-themed impromptu quotations and awards ceremony, we will also be honoring former Senior Vice President of Colorado College and National Speech & Debate Association Hall of Fame inductee, Mike Edmonds, at this year’s event. (That means cake!)

The invitation includes all tournament information and logistics. If there is a question you don't find answered, please contact us. We expect this year's tournament to draw outstanding competition that will be complemented by an excellent tab room staff. We hope that you will join us in the shadow of beautiful Pikes Peak for a superb fall tournament.

We look forward to hosting your team!

Warm regards,

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Tournament Schedule

Friday, October 18th

Time	Event/Location
8:00 AM	Extemp Draw
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Pattern A, Round 1 (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA)
9:45 – 11:00 AM	Pattern B, Round 1 (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS)
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	Pattern B, Round 2
12:15 – 1:15 PM	LUNCH BREAK
1:30 PM	Extemp Draw
2:00 – 3:15 PM	Pattern A, Round 2
3:15 – 4:30 PM	Pattern B, Finals
4:30 PM	Extemp Finals, Draw
5:00 – 6:15 PM	Pattern A, Finals
6:30 PM or ASAP	Awards

Saturday, Oct. 19th

Time	Event/Location
8:00 AM	Topic Announce, Flight A, Round 1
8:30 AM	Topic Announce, Flight B, Round 1
9:45 AM	Topic Announce, Flight A, Round 2
10:15 AM	Topic Announce, Flight B, Round 2
11:30 AM	Topic Announce, Flight A, Round 3
12:00 PM	Topic Announce, Flight B, Round 3
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch Break, followed by
1:30-2:30 PM	Reception honoring Mike Edmonds
2:30 PM	Topic Announce, Flight A, Round 4
3:00 PM	Topic Announce, Flight B, Round 4
4:30 PM	Elim 1
5:30 PM	Elim 2
6:30 PM or ASAP	Awards
ASAP	Elim 3 (if needed)

Eligibility & Entries:

Any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two year or four-year college is eligible to participate if in good academic standing. Eligibility standards for AFA nationals will be enforced, and the tournament director reserves the right to ask a coach to prove that a student is eligible.

FORENSICSTOURNAMENT.NET IS THE PREFERRED METHOD OF REGISTRATION.

Double/Triple Entry:

A competitor may enter up to three individual events per conflict pattern, unless doing extemp. Contestants in extemp are limited to two events in Pattern A. Competitors that decide to double or triple enter are doing so at their own risk. Multiple entry can create hardships for competitors. It is the competitor's responsibility to check in to their rooms and perform within the allotted scheduled round time.

IPDA Debate:

Divisions: We plan to offer a single, open division of 1v1 IPDA debate.

We will use the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with 30 minutes of prep time. We ask that competitors and critics defer to this link for additional rules and regulations: <http://www.ipdadebate.info>. All rounds are subject to IPDA rules unless otherwise noted.

Following the return of the ballot, critics may disclose as much or as little information as they see fit so long as it does not interfere with the tournament schedule. Delays caused by coaches/judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including removal from the tournament.

NOTE TO JUDGES: All rounds must have one winner and one loser. Topic Draw and Prep Topic draw will be conducted at a central location and will begin once all debaters are present. Debaters who are not present at the scheduled draw time may forfeit their ability to participate in topic strikes. Debaters assigned to the negative will be given first strike. Each debater will have 30 minutes of prep time. There will/will not be pre-assigned prep rooms.

Elimination Rounds:

IPDA: we will have two to three elimination rounds based on the number of entries. We will not offer more than three elimination rounds. Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by total speaker points, followed by opposition record, then adjusted speaker points, and finally by ZScore. In elimination rounds, brackets will NOT be broken.

Individual Events - General:

The individual events offered are subject to the rules of the AFA National Individual Events Tournament.

Complete event descriptions are available on request. Two conflict patterns A & B will be offered in open division. Finals will follow two preliminary rounds with the top six advancing to finals. In the occurrence of a very small number of participants in an event, that event may go to two rounds and no finals.

Please watch for announcements concerning when finals for various events will take place as these will be adapted by the IE tab room for judge and room availability during the time allotted in the schedule for finals. No speaker will be ranked lower than 4th in the preliminary rounds, but speakers will be ranked 1st through last in elimination rounds.

Awards:

Awards will be given for finalists and higher in individual events and all competitors who advance to elimination rounds in IPDA debate. The top three speakers will be awarded in IPDA debate.

Overall sweepstakes awards will be offered to the top two 4-year and community colleges competing in both IPDA and Speech events.

Ties will be broken by the most number of first places in individual events, secondly by the school qualifying the most number of persons to elimination rounds of IEs or Debate, and finally by the flip of the coin. The top three teams in each division of debate per school or the top three persons in each individual event per school will count toward team sweepstakes.

Fees:

Individual Events: \$10 (one judge covers 6 slots)

Judging Fee Per Uncovered Individual Events: \$25

IPDA: \$20 (one judge covers four debaters)

Judging Fee Per Uncovered IPDA: \$75

Drops at Registration: \$25

Dropped Judges: \$100 each.

Note: Schools cannot be guaranteed that they will be able to enter more students than the judges they provide, but to the extent that judges can be hired, a fee of \$75 for uncovered IPDA competitors, and \$25 for each uncovered event in individual events will be charged. IE judging commitments are determined as a whole and not per conflict pattern.

Meal Fee (see Meal section below): \$15 per competitor/coach/judge per day.

Fees will be assessed as of 5 pm, Wednesday, October 16th, and schools will be expected to pay fees as indicated by their entry at that time regardless of subsequent deletions. Drops after Wednesday will result in a \$20 fee. Drops at registration are a \$25 fee.

Judging Obligations:

Judges should expect to judge at least up to their commitment and may be asked to judge one round beyond their commitment to ensure the best possible critics. All judges are expected to be available for the first elimination round of debate and one round beyond that in which their team is eliminated. Judges in individual events should expect to judge in both conflict patterns even if they have students entered in only one conflict pattern.

If your team can provide judges in excess of your commitment, we WOULD REALLY LIKE to either hire them for additional rounds or give a discount to the registration fees of the team. Consult Jillian if you are interested in this option.

Tournament Facilitation:

The tournament director reserves the right to make any decisions necessary to facilitate the timely and accurate completion of the tournament.

Campus Map/Tournament Buildings: All events, tab room, awards, and registration will take place in Tutt Library and Palmer Hall (circled in purple in the middle of the map).



Transportation & Parking:

If staying at a downtown hotel, please consider using the free ZEB shuttle, which travels along Tejon St. every 7-10 minutes, stopping on the westside of Robson arena (building #125, circled in yellow on map above, a 3-minute walk to/from Palmer Hall). For a shuttle map and schedule information, see: <https://coloradosprings.gov/mountain-metro/page/free-downtown-shuttle>.

Parking: Parking will be slightly limited this year due to the Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival. However, all parking lots and street spots that regularly require a permit will be open to the public. The C-1 parking lot on the map above, just north of Tutt Library and Palmer Hall, is the best option for parking that is close to the tournament.

Meals:

While campus is centrally located, there is limited time for meal breaks. To ease this challenge (and keep the tournament on time!), we will be **ordering** lunch for competitors, judges, and coaches. A meal fee will be charged at \$15 per student/coach/judge per day and cover lunch on Friday and Saturday, in addition to light breakfast fare and snacks, coffee, beverages, which will be available throughout the tournament. Please indicate any dietary restrictions by contacting Jillian during the registration period.

Lodging:

There is no designated tournament hotel. The following are options that you might want to consider for your team, though there are plenty of hotels across the city.

Hotel/Website	Includes Parking	Includes Breakfast	Distance from Campus
Home 2 Suites Hilton	Yes	Yes	2 miles
Best Western Plus Executive	Yes	Yes	3 miles
Hilton Garden Inn Colorado Springs Downtown	Self-parking available \$15 per car per day in parking garage	Yes	1 mile
Holden House 1902 Bed & Breakfast Inn	Yes, off-street parking	Yes	2 miles
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	Yes	Yes	1 mile
Hyatt Place Colorado Springs Downtown	\$25 per night	On-site restaurant with dining options 24/7	1 mile
Springhill Suites Colorado Springs Downtown	\$15 covered parking	Yes	1.5 miles
Elements by Marriott	\$15 covered parking	Yes	1.5 miles
The Antlers, a Windham Hotel	No	Onsite restaurant with dining options	1 mile