



Arkansas Tech University Speech & Debate

1815 Coliseum Drive, Russellville, AR 72801

October 5, 2024

Dear IPDA Colleagues,

The Arkansas Tech University Speech & Debate Team is proud to invite you to our main campus in Russellville, AR for the “Argy-Bargies” IPDA debate tournament which will take place during the weekend of November 15-17, 2024. After several years of hiatus in hosting tournaments, we are proud to offer a weekend of competition featuring a **full team IPDA tournament as well as a full Individual IPDA tournament**. We hope you will find it to be something completely different (in a positive and enjoyable way!).

Argy-Bargy

(noun): A lively discussion: Argument, Dispute. (*Merriam Webster Dictionary*)

(noun): Loud argument or disagreement that is not usually serious. (*Cambridge Dictionary*)

Argy-Bargies

(noun): Plural of argy-bargy, chiefly British as in *discussions*. An exchange of views for the purpose of exploring a subject or deciding an issue. (*Merriam Webster Dictionary*)

In the spirit of the renaming of our tournament as the “ATU Argy-Bargies”, we look forward to hosting a tournament that will embrace the opportunity to hold lively discussions that are usually un-serious and held for the purpose of exploring subjects and deciding issues. We look forward to providing experiences and topics which will also foster an atmosphere of fun yet vigorously undertaken publicly oriented debate amongst collegially contentious collegiate competitors.

IPDA rules will be adhered to at our tournament; if you need a copy of the rules for IPDA debate, they are located on the association website at www.ipdadebate.info. Strike and preparation rules will be adhered to, and all ~~five~~ three IPDA question types will be used, so your competitors should come prepared to answer these questions three (types): 1) What is your name? (fact), 2) What is your quest? (policy), and 3) ~~what is the airspeed velocity of a coconut laden swallow~~ What is your favorite color? (value).

Also, please make ensure that your competitors and judges know to be in their assigned rooms at the end of the strike and prep period. Banging coconuts together on your way to rounds is optional, so long as you are still timely to rounds, but coconuts will not be provided to you for this purpose.

The preliminary schedule for our tournament weekend is as follows:

(Elimination round schedules may be adjusted depending on the number of entries per category)

Friday, Nov. 15	Saturday, Nov. 16	Sunday, Nov. 17
10:30-11:15 Registration	7:30- 8:00 Registration	8:15-9:45 IPDA Elim I
11:30-12:45 TIPDA Rd. 1	8:15-9:45 IPDA Rd. 1	10:00-11:15 Awards Ceremony
1:00-2:15 TIPDA Rd. 2	10:00-11:30 IPDA Rd. 2	11:15- Remaining IPDA Elims
2:30-3:45 TIPDA Rd. 3	11:45-1:15 IPDA Rd. 3	
4:00-5:15 TIPDA Rd. 4	1:30-2:45 IPDA Rd. 4	
5:15-6:15 Dinner & Ballot Check	3:00- 4:30 IPDA Rd. 5	
6:15-7:45 TIPDA Elim I	4:45-6:15 IPDA Rd. 6	
8:00-9:15 TIPDA Elim II	6:30-7:30 Dinner/Ballot Check	
	7:30- 9:00 TIPDA Elim III	
	9:15-10:30 TIPDA Elim IV (if needed)	

Thank you in advance for your support of our tournament offerings; we look forward to a great weekend hosting you all!

Sincerely,

Gabriel L. Adkins, Ph.D.
Professor of Communication Studies
Director of Speech & Debate
Arkansas Tech University

Lodging:

The following Hotels in Russellville and Clarksville are recommended. Additional lodging options (if needed) can be found in the nearby towns of Morrilton, AR and Clarksville, AR (both are within 30 miles of our campus). There are several other hotels in the area; please feel free to contact Dr. Adkins at gadkins@atu.edu if you need additional hotel listings. None of them have grill-shaped beacons- we checked.

Hampton Inn	(479) 858-7199
Fairfield Inn & Suites	(479) 967-9030
Clarion Inn & Suites	(479) 968-4300
Days Inn & Suites	(479) 705-7600
La Quinta Inn & Suites	(877) 298-2066

Entry Deadlines, Fees, and Judges:

1. The entry deadline will be noon on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Changes will be accepted at no charge until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13th, 2024. Any additional changes or drops after that time will be charged a fee of \$10.00 per alteration.
2. Entries should be completed EITHER via the tournament website on forensictournament.net (FTN) OR sent using the form included below to gadkins@atu.edu. *PLEASE title the subject line of the e-mail "2024 ATU Argy-Bargy Entries".
3. Please indicate if any of your participants have ADA-related mobility needs so that we may accommodate them with appropriate room and building assignments.
4. Entry Fees are as follows:
 - a. **Team IPDA entries:**
 - i. Covered: \$50.00 per team entered
 - ii. Uncovered: \$75.00 per uncovered team entered
 - b. **Individual IPDA entries:**
 - i. Covered: \$35.00 per entry
 - ii. Uncovered: \$50.00 per entry
5. One judge will cover 2 IPDA Teams AND/OR 4 Individual IPDA entries.
 - a. Judges, and eliminated competitors (if needed), will be expected to be available for judging one round past the round in which all of their squad's competitors are eliminated.
6. Entry fee payment may be made via either check or cash; we do not have the ability to take credit card payments. Any checks should be made out to "ATU Speech & Debate".
 - a. Please note that unfortunately, we must say "niche" to accepting shrubberies and/or herrings as forms of payment- as much as we hate to say it.

Special Notes:

1. Parking on Friday is available next to the Tucker Coliseum. On Saturday & Sunday the campus is open parking.
2. The Tab Room will be closed to competitors during the tournament. Coaches who are not competing (i.e. in the Professional Division) will have access to the Tab Room throughout the tournament.
3. All IPDA rules will be adhered to throughout the tournament, including those rules regarding the use of evidence. Please prepare your squads accordingly. You are also encouraged to familiarize your judges with the standard "back of the ballot" guidelines found on page 6 of the following document from the IPDA website:
http://www.ipdadebate.info/uploads/4/9/8/1/4981933/guide_to_a_typical_ipda_tournament.pdf
4. The 30-minute strike and prep time will be enforced. This time will start as soon as the strike sheets have been distributed for the round. Competitors and judges will be expected to be AT THE ASSIGNED ROOM AND READY TO BEGIN THE DEBATE by the end of the 30-minute strike and prep period.
 - a. If competitors are not at the room within 5 minutes of the end of the prep period, they will forfeit that round to their competitor(s) and be assigned zero speaker points for that round. *For Team IPDA (TIPDA), this will apply to both forfeiting competitors.
 - b. The competitor(s) on the receiving end of the forfeit will accordingly be assigned speaker points based on the average of their speakers points in their other rounds for any rounds forfeited to them. Again, this will apply to both competitors in a TIPDA round.
 - c. Exceptions to the above will be considered by the Tournament Director on a case-by-case basis if needed. Exceptions to the forfeit rule will only be considered in extreme and uncontrollable circumstances.
5. Points and will be assigned in accordance with the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws.
6. If possible, based on competitor availability, elimination rounds will be accelerated and/or condensed.
7. **ATU is a tobacco-free campus.** There will be no tolerance on the part of our campus police for smoking or vaping, so please ask us about campus-adjacent areas where you may use tobacco products if you have the need to do so. Otherwise, they might take you off in the cart!



2024 “ATU Argy-Bargies” Debate Tournament School Entry Form:

<u>Institution Name</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Emergency Phone (Cell)</u>

TIPDA Tournament Entries:

<u>Team Member Names</u>	<u>TIPDA Entry Fee</u>
	\$
	\$
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<i>Total TIPDA Entry Fees:</i>	\$

Individual IPDA Tournament Entries:

<u>Competitor Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>IPDA Entry Fee</u>
		\$
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<i>Total IPDA Entry Fees:</i>		\$

Institution Judges:

<u>Judge Name</u>	<u>Coach?</u>	
<i>Uncovered Judging Fees (if applicable):</i>		\$

Entry Fee Totals:

TIPDA	\$
IPDA	\$
Uncovered Judging Fees	\$
<i>Total ATU “Argy-Bargies” Entry Fees:</i>	\$

**If space for additional entries is needed, please use additional tournament entry forms.*