



2025 Great Salt Lake Invitational & UTEP Individual Events Classic

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the University of Utah and The University of Texas at El Paso, we invite you to return to the Mountain West for the Great Salt Lake Invitational/UTEP IE Classic held at the University of Utah. The tournaments will be held on January 18-20, 2025. On Saturday, January 18th and Sunday, January 19th, attendees will be able to participate in two complete IE tournaments, including entry options in IPDA and NFA-LD Debate. On Sunday, January 19-Monday, January 20, 2025, teams may also choose to participate in the concurrent debate tournaments, featuring competition in NPDA, BP, and CEDA debate formats. Full details about double entry restrictions are included in Part I of the invitation.

We look forward to seeing you in January and wish everyone the best of luck and safety in the upcoming competitive season.

Warmest regards,

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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Tournament Procedures & Facilitation

Unless otherwise specified, NPDA, AFA (IEs), NFA (LD), IPDA, CEDA, and BP tournament guidelines will govern the tournament's operating procedures. The tournament directors reserve the right to make any decisions necessary to facilitate the timely and accurate completion of the tournament.

Eligibility & Entries

Tournaments are open to any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two-year or four-year college or university in good standing with the school's debate team/club. As the weekend will offer several tournaments that run back-to-back, students may (and are encouraged to) participate in a range of competitive events. Organizational (e.g., NPDA, AFA, etc.) eligibility requirements also apply.

All entries should be submitted via the forensictournament.net website. Please make sure that you **enter both halves** of the IE swing, if that is your choice. **Entries are due by Friday, January 10th at 6:00 PM (PST)**. This early entry deadline is necessary for ordering food, compiling judges, and ensuring the timely distribution of strike forms.

Double Entry

IE/LD/IPDA - Saturday, January 18th: Students may choose between AFA Individual Events, NFA-LD, or IPDA debate. IE students may enter up to three events per pattern. No cross-entry between competitive disciplines (IE, IPDA, and LD) will be permitted.

IE/LD/IPDA - Sunday, January 19th: Students may participate in a second AFA Individual Events, NFA-LD, or IPDA tournament with the same entry restrictions as the previous day.

NPDA/BP/POLICY - Sunday, January 19th: Students may also participate in an NPDA, BP, or Policy tournament which will conclude on Monday, January 20th (if warranted by entries). No cross-entry is permitted between debate events. Students participating in the BP, NPDA, or Policy tournaments may not participate in AFA Individual Events, NFA-LD, or IPDA debate on Saturday. Entry is permitted in the tournament on Friday.

Campus

The tournament will make every effort to minimize the length of walks on campus. Prep rooms (for NPDA) will be randomly assigned by the size of the squad and space needs. Competitors and judges should anticipate walking to rounds and should bring footwear appropriate for sidewalks impacted by winter weather.

PART II: NPDA DEBATE

Preparation Time/Rooms: Prep rooms will be provided and pre-assigned by the tournament. Teams will receive 20 minutes of preparation time after the centralized announcement of each topic, as well as a live tournament Google doc.

Flex Time: The tournament will, per NPDA guidelines, feature two minutes of flex time after the PMC and LOC, as well as one minute of flex time after the MGC, and LOR. This time may be used for prep, CX, drinking water, etc.

Judge Strikes

An appropriate number of judge strikes will be available where allowed by the judge pool. Judge strikes need to be submitted by Friday, January 17th at 6:00PM PST in order to be guaranteed for the first two rounds of competition. **WE WILL USE ELECTRONIC BALLOTING.**

Please note: ALL JUDGES must enter a judging philosophy and have an activated email address on forensicstournament.net by the entry deadline. Schools that fail to enter their judge's philosophies will forfeit the right to complete preferences/strikes AND/OR BE REQUIRED TO PAY A NUISANCE FEE. We hate to make threats concerning philosophies, but we are concerned by the need for the tournament to scramble and prod schools for philosophies. Please enter philosophies when you enter your judges to ensure that other schools have access to information so that they can make appropriate decisions concerning their preferences.

Tournament Format

The NPDA tournament will feature 5 preliminary rounds of debate with teams advancing to appropriate elimination outrounds based on entries. Entries permitting, the tournament will offer both a junior and open division.

Advancing to Elimination Rounds

At the end of the preliminary rounds, all teams with a 3-2 record or better (but not more than 60% of the pool) will advance. Team seeding in elimination rounds will be first based on win/loss record, then adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, then judge variance. Elimination rounds will be single-elimination. Brackets will be broken in elimination rounds. All elimination rounds will take place on Monday. Breaking teams will be posted on Sunday night.

Forfeiture Rule

Any team that is late to a round will have that time deducted from their team's first speech (the PMC or LOC). When the full speech time has elapsed (7 or 8 minutes), the team in question will be forfeited. In the event both teams are late, both teams will have time deducted from their first speech. A universal timer will be made available at the time of topic announcement. Time deductions and forfeiture rules will be enforced by the judge assigned to the round.

Judge Disclosure & Feedback

Disclosure of decisions and other oral commentary may be conducted at the discretion of the judge, but please conduct such commentary **after** the ballot has been returned by email. We will be attempting to

power-match every round without lagging, so a prompt return ensures that the tournament stays on time. A warm room of results will be provided.

PART III: INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Events Offered

Students may not enter more than 3 events per pattern. It is the sole responsibility of the competitors to complete all events in the time given. Failure to do so will result in a no-show score for the round. We will offer the following events:

Pattern A – Extemp, Informative, After Dinner Speaking, Prose, and Poetry

Pattern B – Impromptu, Persuasive, Communication Analysis, Duo, Dramatic, and POI

Divisions

We plan to offer a single, OPEN division.

Elimination Rounds

Any event with 7 contestants or fewer will not have a final round. For events with more than 7 competitors, a final round will be held. Any event with more than 36 entries will advance to semifinals.

Advancing to Elimination Rounds

No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank-ordered first by cumulative rankings, then by the highest speaker points. All attempts will be made to make a clean break (by cumulative rankings).

Placement in Elimination Rounds

Students will be rank-ordered first by cumulative rankings (with an exception for majority first-place rankings), then by judge's preference, followed by the highest reciprocal score (decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

PART IV: LD DEBATE

Divisions

We plan to offer a single, OPEN division.

Procedural Issues

NFA L/D Debate is a communication event that is debated in a stock issues paradigm. In deference to the intent of the event, we ask that all competitors and critics are mindful of these rules. Complete rules can be found at <http://www.nationalforensics.org>. MPJ and judge strikes will not be offered; judges will be randomly assigned. Judge constraints should be submitted in advance of the tournament.

Disclosure

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. We don't want to do it, so don't put us in a position where we would want to do it. NOTE TO JUDGES: All rounds must have one winner and one loser.

Preliminary Rounds

The computer will randomly match Round One. Subsequent rounds will be power-matched high-low within brackets.

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 be broken**.

PART V: IPDA DEBATE

Divisions

We plan to offer a single, OPEN division.

Procedural Issues

IPDA Debate is a forum designed to enhance education through the laboratory of productive "real world" competitive debate experiences. IPDA debates are intended to provide rhetorically sound models of communicative debate and interaction. We ask that competitors and critics defer to this intent and the rules which govern the activity that can be found at: <http://www.ipdadebate.info>. Judges will be randomly assigned and, consistent with IPDA rules, may include "lay judges."

Disclosure

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. We don't want to do it, so don't put us in a position where we would want to do it. 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 the first strike. Each debater will have 30 minutes of prep time. There will not be pre-assigned prep rooms; debaters and coaches are asked to respect other tournament events that may be running concurrently with IPDA.

Preliminary Rounds

The computer will randomly match Round One. Subsequent rounds will be power-matched high-low within brackets.

Elimination Rounds

The number of elimination rounds will be determined by the size of the field. 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**.

PART VI: BP DEBATE

A single OPEN British Parliamentary division will be run in compliance with the WUDC guidelines. We will feature six preliminary rounds and appropriate elimination rounds. The number of elimination rounds will be dependent on the total number of teams present within the division. Thus, the schedule (see Part XII) is subject to change. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated to the contingent in a timely and efficient manner. Paper ballots will be used during preliminary rounds and will be distributed to the chair adjudicators after a motion has been announced.

Registration

Registration will take place on forensictournament.net. Novice designations will be requested separately by the tab director. *As noted in Part I, registration will be open online until January 5th 6:00PM (PST). This is so we can provide your participants with amenities and have enough food for them. Please help us by registering prior to that deadline!*

On the Sunday morning of the tournament, Registration/Check-In will take place alongside the light breakfast (provided by the tournament). A tournament briefing will take place after registration concludes, prior to the first preliminary round, which will cover any other logistics not listed on this invitation.

We will run six preliminary rounds. The computer will randomly match the first round. Subsequent matches will be power-matched. **All preliminary rounds will feature open adjudication**, in which participants will hear their results from their respective adjudication panels within 15 minutes of the debate round ending.

After the six preliminary rounds, we will offer an appropriate number of elimination rounds dependent on the total number of teams present within the division. These rounds will be paired in accordance with the WUDC structure of power-protected out-rounds. The top two teams from each round will advance to the next out-round, up until the final round.

Novice Debate

We encourage institutions to bring their novice debaters to participate in this tournament. In compliance with WUDC (and USUDC) guidelines, novices can be paired with either seasoned debaters or other novices. In the instance where we have an acceptable number of novice teams, we will offer a novice break for the top novice *teams* (dependent on attendance).

A novice is one who has been participating in collegiate debate within the past 12 months, regardless of current class standing. For instance, a senior college student can be classified as a novice if this student had begun debating less than 12 months ago. A novice team is comprised of two novice speakers. Novice teams are eligible for the novice break. Furthermore, if a novice break is offered, and a novice team is one of the top teams for the open break, the team will participate within the OPEN out-rounds (rather than

the novice out-rounds). A team comprised of a novice speaker and an open speaker is *not* eligible for the novice break.

Prep Time

In accordance with WUDC guidelines, teams are given a maximum of 15 minutes to prepare after a motion is released. Teams are to prepare by themselves, without their coaches or the Internet. Teams are allowed to refer to written/hardcopy materials during prep time but are not allowed to bring them up to the podium when it comes time to speak.

Meals

We are pleased to offer a light breakfast **and** lunch on both days of the tournament. Vegan and Gluten-Free options will be provided, as well! In order to ensure that the tournament runs in an efficient and timely manner, we highly encourage you to stay on the premises for lunch!

Awards

As noted in Part VIII, we will be providing awards to the top 10 speakers and all breaking teams. In the instance where we have an appropriate number of novice teams for a novice break, we will have awards for the breaking novice teams and top 5 novice speakers.

PART VII: POLICY DEBATE

Judge Preferences

We will use ordinal ranking for judge preference. Judge preferences need to be submitted by Thursday, January 16th at 6:00PM PST in order to be guaranteed for the first two rounds of competition. **WE WILL USE ELECTRONIC BALLOTING!**

Please note: ALL JUDGES must enter a judging philosophy and activated email on forensicstournament.net by the entry deadline. Schools that fail to enter their judge's philosophies will forfeit the right to complete preferences/strikes AND/OR BE REQUIRED TO PAY A NUISANCE FEE. We hate to make threats concerning philosophies, but we are concerned by the need for the tournament to scramble and prod schools for philosophies. Please enter philosophies when you enter your judges to ensure that other schools have access to information so that they can make appropriate decisions concerning their preferences.

Tournament Format

The tournament will feature six preliminary rounds on the 2024-2025 CEDA resolution with appropriate numbers of elimination rounds per division. There will be two divisions (Junior and Open). We will follow CEDA rules for eligibility. If the collapsing of divisions is warranted, we will offer a junior breakout final round. Time limits will be 9-3-6 with 10 minutes of prep. Rounds 1 and 2 will be preset; Rounds 3 thru 6 will be power-matched (hi-lo). Hybrid teams will be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

Advancing to Elimination Rounds

Teams will advance to elimination rounds based on the following criteria: win/loss, total speaker points, adjusted speaker points, double-adjusted speaker points, and ranks. Brackets will not be broken.

Judge Disclosure & Feedback

Disclosure of decisions and other oral commentary may be conducted at the discretion of the judge, but please conduct such commentary after the ballot has been returned by email. We will be attempting to power-match every round without lagging, so a prompt return ensures that the tournament stays on time. Round results will be provided.

PART VIII: AWARDS

BP, NPDA, and POLICY AWARDS

Individual awards will be presented to the top 10 speakers in each tournament. Team awards will be presented to all teams who advance to the quarterfinal round and beyond.

Additionally, we will present a sweepstakes award to the top two schools in the Debate Sweepstakes category. Sweepstakes will be determined by awarding 5 points for every preliminary round win for a school's top four teams in BP, NPDA, or Policy debate format. Ties will be broken in favor of the school with the most elimination round wins. In BP, a team that finishes in the top half of a debate will be credited with points for a win.

Special Awards

The award for top NPDA speaker and top NPDA team at the Great Salt Invitational honors two of Utah's emeriti faculty in argumentation & debate. First, the Malcolm O. Sillars Tournament Champion Award will be given to the team that wins the Open division of NPDA. Second, the Richard Rieke Outstanding Debater award will be given to the top ranked speaker in the Open division of NPDA.

IE, LD, and IPDA AWARDS

In AFA Individual Events, both tournaments will offer awards for the first three finishers, with t-shirts for finalists and semifinalists. In addition, the Utah portion of the IE swing will once again award the prestigious Royal L. Garff Speaker of the Year Trophy.

In NFA-LD and IPDA competitions, the tournament will offer awards to all competitors who advance to elimination rounds. We will also recognize the top three speakers.

Sweepstakes awards will be offered to the top two individual events schools at each tournament. The top three schools competing in the IE/LD/IPDA swing will receive sweepstakes trophies, and the top 2-year college will be recognized.

The Royal L. Garff Award: The top overall competitor in AFA Individual Events at the GSL will be awarded the Royal Garff Award, a traveling trophy given out each year. The award was created in 1997 in memory of Prof. Royal Garff, a lifetime supporter of public speaking, forensics, and public debate. The trophy has been awarded at every GSL since 1997 and continues to honor the achievements of students who compete in short prep, platforms, and interpretation events. The winner of the Garff Award will be determined based on the highest total accumulated in up to six events using the following scale:

1st place = 10 pts, 2nd place = 7 pts, 3rd place = 5 pts, Finalist = 3 pts. Please note: Only students who compete in all three genres (interp, platform, and short prep) are eligible for the Garff Award.

Calculating Sweeps:

Individual Events - Sweepstakes points will be issued to all participants in semifinals and finals based on the following scale. No points will be given for preliminary rounds.

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	Finalist	Semifinalist
10 pts.	7 pts.	5 pts.	3 pts.	1 pt.

IPDA & NFA LD Debate -

1 st Place	2 nd Place	Semifinalist	Quarterfinalists
15 pts.	9 pts.	6 pts.	3 pts.

For swing sweepstakes, points from both tournaments are pooled to determine the winners.

PART IX: FEES & JUDGING

Fees & Amenities

The fee structure for the 2025 tournament aims to reflect the costs of the tournament and their variation depending on the size of the judging/coaching staff that attends with teams. We achieve this by working to maintain low “per entry fees” and assigning a per-person fee. In IE, LD, and IPDA, fee structures are the same for both tournaments and are charged for each tournament. Fees include meals as indicated in the schedule (read carefully), as well as light snacks and coffee throughout the tournament.

Fees will be assessed at the entry deadline. Drop and/or “No Show” fees will be assessed after this deadline.

Judging Obligations

It’s cliché, but we would rather have your judges than your money. The tournament directors reserve the right to refuse entry to teams uncovered by a critic. If you have extra judges attending the tournament, please contact the tournament directors, as we may be able to hire them at a healthy stipend.

Judging requirements are as follows:

Individual Events	1 judge for every six entries
BP Debate	N-1 judges (where N is the number of teams entered)
LD Debate	1 judge for every two entries
IPDA Debate	1 judge for every two entries
Policy Debate	1 judge for every two entries
NPDA Debate	1 judge for every two entries

Judges may not be used to cover multiple event categories, i.e., an IE judge may only cover IE entries, not LD and IE entries OR a BP judge may only cover BP entries, not BP and NPDA entries.

Additionally, all debate judges (NPDA, LD, BP, and POLICY) are committed through the first full elimination round and/or one round past the elimination of their teams whichever is greater. IE and IPDA judges are committed through the final round. IE and IPDA will be sharing a judge pool and you may

be assigned IE or IPDA ballots if you have entries in either event type. **If you cannot cover your entry, you may be asked to reduce your entry to accommodate the tournament.**

Fee Structure

ENTRY FEES*	DROP & UNCOVERED FEES
Per Person Fee - \$10/person**	Uncovered Debate Team (BP, CEDA, NPDA) – Entry Fee + \$150/team
NPDA Debate - \$60/team	Uncovered IPDA or LD Entry – Entry Fee + \$75/entry
LD Debate - \$25/entry	Uncovered IE Entry – Entry Fee + \$20/entry
IPDA Debate - \$25/entry	IE Drop Fee - \$20/entry
BP Debate - \$60/team	Debate Drop Fee - \$40/entry for any format of debate
Policy Debate - \$60/team	“No Show” Fee - \$60/entry for any event
Individual Events - \$10/entry	
Duo Interpretation - \$20/entry	

*IE, LD, and IPDA fees are assessed per half of the swing.

**Per person fee applies to all persons in attendance, including competitors, judges, observers, coaches, parents, etc.

Community College Fee Reduction

The University of Utah and The University of Texas at El Paso support the involvement of community colleges in competitive forensics both through our recruitment efforts and our outreach. Consistent with those efforts, all community college teams that cover their judging commitment will receive a 20% fee reduction from their total fees (excluding uncovered judging fees).

Payment

Fees may be paid by check or cash upon arrival at the tournament/on-site registration or online via Forensicstournamnet. Checks should be made payable to “University of Utah” for all fees.

PART X: DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From the Airport: Out of airport, follow signs toward Park City/Cheyenne. You will pass through downtown on the freeway as it curves right and then left. When you arrive at 1300E, exit the freeway and turn left onto 1300E. Go north until you reach 100S and turn right at the northwest corner of campus. Follow this street onto the U of Utah campus. The street winds around the north side of campus (it changes as it winds, ending up as North Campus Drive). Take a right following the signs to the Olpin Student Union. Any lot along this street should accommodate your parking needs. *Parking fees - the weekend and holidays are free in any lot, unless otherwise marked.*

PART XI: IE/LD/IPDA SCHEDULE

(subject to change based on entries)

Great Salt Lake IE Classic

Saturday, January 18th

Registration	8:30
Extemp Draw	9:00
RD 1A	9:30-11:30
LD/IPDA Round 1	
RD 1B/ LD/IPDA Round 2	11:30-1:30
RD 2B	1:30-3:30
LD/IPDA Round 3	
Extemp Draw	3:30
RD 2A/LD 4	4:00-5:45
LD/IPDA Round 4	
Finals B*	5:45-7:00
Debate Elim 1	
Extemp Draw	6:45
Finals A	7:00-8:30
Debate Elim 2	
Awards	8:30 (or ASAP)
Debate Elims (as needed)	

UTEP IE Classic

Sunday, January 19th

Light Breakfast	8:30
Extemp Draw	8:30
RD 1A	9:00-10:30
LD/IPDA Round 1	
RD 1B	10:45-12:00
LD/IPDA Round 2	
RD 2B	12:00-1:30
LD/IPDA Round 3	
Lunch (on your own)	1:30-2:30
Extemp Draw	2:30
RD 2A	3:00-4:30
LD/IPDA Round 4	
Finals B/ Debate Elim 1	4:30-5:45
Extemp Draw	5:45
Finals A	6:00-7:15
Debate Elim 2	
Awards	7:30
Debate Elims (as needed)	

PART XII: NPDA/POLICY/BP SCHEDULE

(subject to change based on entries)

NPDA DEBATE	BP DEBATE	POLICY DEBATE
<u>Sunday, Jan. 19</u> 8:00 – registration for debate only schools 8:30 – Light Breakfast 9:00 – Round 1 Topic 11:00 – Round 2 Topic 1:00 – Lunch (provided) 1:30 – Round 3 Topic 3:30 – Round 4 Topic 5:30 – Round 5 Topic <u>Monday, Jan. 20</u> 8:30 – Light Breakfast 9:00 – Elim 1 Topic (Partial) 11:30 – Elim 2 Topic 1:00 – Lunch (provided) 1:30 – Elim 3 Topic 3:30 – Elims (as needed)	<u>Sunday, Jan. 19</u> 8:00 – registration for debate only schools 8:30 – Light Breakfast (Provided)/Check-In 9:00 – Tournament Briefing 9:30 – Round 1 Topic 11:30 – Round 2 Topic 1:30 – Lunch (provided) 2:00 – Round 3 Topic 4:00 – Round 4 Topic <u>Monday, Jan. 20</u> 8:30 – Light Breakfast (Provided)/Check-In 9:00 – Round 5 Topic 11:00 – Round 6 Topic 1:00 – Lunch (provided) 1:30 – Elim 1 Topic 3:30 – Elim 2 Topic (if needed)	<u>Sunday, Jan. 19</u> 8:00 – registration for debate only schools 8:30 – Light Breakfast 9:00 – Round 1 11:30 – Round 2 1:30 – Lunch (provided) 2:00 – Round 3 4:30 – Round 4 <u>Monday, Jan. 20</u> 8:30 – Light Breakfast 9:00 – Round 5 11:30 – Round 6 1:30 – Lunch (provided) 2:00 – Elim 1 4:30 – Elim 2

PART XIII: ACCESSIBILITY & NON-DISCRIMINATION

The University of Utah does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (which includes prohibiting acts of sexual harassment or acts of sexual misconduct), age, status as a disabled individual, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, genetic information or protected veteran's status, in employment, treatment, admission, access to educational programs and activities, or other University benefits or services. In addition, University policy and state and federal law, prohibit retaliation against a person who participates in the discrimination complaint process. Employees, students, and persons who participate in University programs are required to comply with the University non-discrimination policies.

Disability Accommodations

The University endeavors to provide reasonable accommodations and to ensure equal access to qualified persons with disabilities. Reasonable notice is required.

For inquiries concerning discrimination, sexual harassment, the University's complaint process or to request a disability accommodation, please contact the University of Utah's Director of Forensics. If required, or if you wish, you may also contact the University's Title IX/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator:

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Gender Inclusive Bathrooms: Gender-inclusive bathrooms are available throughout campus. Additional details can be found here: <https://maps.utah.edu/> You must select the accessibility & safety drop down and then turn on the gender inclusive bathrooms option. It will then show all of the locations. There are several in Gardner Commons, where most of the tournament will run.

Tournament Quiet Space: At registration, the tournament will identify one or more "quiet spaces" for use by competitors and judges during the tournaments. Attendees should refrain from using these rooms for socializing or other activity that would disturb other participants utilizing these rooms for their intended purpose.