

Missouri Valley Viking

General

On behalf of the Missouri Valley University Debate and Forensics Team we are extremely excited to invite you to the 1st Annual Valley Viking hosted in Marshall, Missouri. The tournament will take place October 23-26 and will be hosted on Forensicstournament.net.

What will we host?

- 5 Round Hybrid NPDA tournament with appropriate elims Friday-Saturday
- 4 Round in-person IPDA tournament with appropriate elims Friday-Saturday
- 5 Round Hybrid LD tournament with appropriate elims Saturday-Sunday
- 2 Round in-person IE tournament with finals Saturday

LD and NPDA cannot enter into Individual Events.

Comfort Inn Marshall Station
1356 W College St. Marshall, MO 65340

Super 8
1355 W College St. Marshall, MO 65340

We are committed to bringing you and your teams a quality tournament with a humane schedule.

If you have questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the tournament director.

We look forward to hosting you,

David Bowers

Director of Forensics, MVU

Tournament Director

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Statement of Support for the Ethical Treatment of Others:

The MVU Speech and Debate team is committed to assuring equal opportunity to all persons, regardless of race, color, religious creed, national origin, physical ability status, age, economic status, gender, sex or sexual orientation. As such, our tournament is opposed to all forms of discrimination and seeks to establish a tolerant atmosphere in which every individual is accorded respect. While we respect the importance of First Amendment freedoms, we respectfully remind tournament participants that with rights come responsibilities. Please refrain from disrespectful or derogatory speech. Our tournament practices a policy of zero tolerance for violations of Title IX. If you wish to register a complaint, please begin with the Tournament Director David Bowers at bowersd@moval.edu or 620-474-3003. All complaints will maintain the confidentiality of all persons involved to the maximum extent possible. However, please remember that the Tournament Director and your coach are identified as mandatory reporters by Federal law. Our Universities Title IX compliance office may become involved. (Adapted from Pi Kappa Delta's website.)

“Open Door” Policy

The tournament will also be supporting the NFA's working “Open Door” Policy

Our tournament director is committed to providing safe performance spaces for all competitors. We acknowledge the art of performance may be a healing process and/or opportunity to speak on important issues. As a performer, it is impossible to know all the ways in which content or a performance may unintentionally harm our peers. To better serve our competitors, we will be honoring the NFA's open door practice during rounds this weekend. Meaning, competitors may choose when they feel comfortable being present in the room, which includes choosing only to be present in the room when performing. Competitors may also discreetly leave the room, even when not double-entered without question or penalty. If one of your competitors needs to be coded to avoid competing against or being judged by a competitor or judge due to a previous or current difficulty outlined in the aforementioned policies, PLEASE contact the tournament director with your request prior to Wednesday, November 9. We will do everything in our power to ensure a safe and supportive competitive experience for all.

Medical rooms and quiet rooms

We want to make sure that all competitors, coaches, and judges feel supported. To that end, we will be providing a medical/ quiet room for anyone who may need a quiet space. The room numbers will be posted at the information table and included in your welcome packet at registration.

Tech Procedure

Because there will inevitably be technology issues, the procedure for the hybrid tournament format should be as follows: If a debater disconnects from the Zoom the round should stop as soon as possible, the debaters will restart the debate on the last argument the judge has flown prior to disconnect. If the judge disconnects, students should immediately stop the round and contact the tournament administrators immediately.

Individual Events notes

Patterns

Flights will be structured as follows: Pattern A will consist of Extemp, Informative, Persuasive, Dramatic Interp, and Poetry, while Pattern B will consist of POI, Duo, ADS, Prose, Impromptu and CA.

AFA rules will be followed for all events.

Extemp draw will be in Thompson Conference B.

We will follow the current NFA practice of allowing internet access during extemp prep; however we can neither guarantee equal access to all or constant, quality connectivity.

A student may enter up to three events in both conflict patterns. It is the student's responsibility to make their rounds on time. No student will be allowed to enter more than three events per conflict pattern or two Duos. Any event that has 50 or more entries will be advanced to a semi-finals round.

Quadrathon: Any student who enters a minimum of four events in two genres - unprepared platform event (EXT or IMP), prepared platform event (ADS, PER, INF, CA) and/or interpretive event (DUO, POE, POI, DI, PRO) will be eligible for Quadrathon.

Impromptu Topic Areas

Saturday

Round 1 - Quotations

Round 2 - Lyrics

Finals - Proverbs

Extemp Topic Areas

Saturday

Round 1 East Asia

Round 2 Healthcare Reform

Finals Elections

Debate Notes

Elimination Debates

The debate schedule is subject to change based on the size of the entry. We will do literally everything possible to maintain separate divisions in all forms of debate.

Eligibility

For the purposes of this tournament, a “Novice” will be defined as a student who has had less than 2 semesters of high school debate (PF, LD, Policy) experience and no college debate experience. Junior Varsity will be defined as a person who has had less than 4 semesters of college debate experience. Open will be defined as everyone else.

If one of the team members does not fit the definition of novice/junior, then the team must move up to match the highest level of experience. If you have questions about a debater's or team's eligibility, please contact the tournament director.

Awards

We will be giving out awards for:

- All finalists in each individual event
- Top 5 quadrathon
- Top 5 speakers in each division of debate
- All debate teams and/or individuals who reach the elimination rounds
- Top 3 community colleges/ 2-year programs
- Top 3 debate sweeps
- Top 3 individual events sweeps
- Top 3 Overall sweeps

Judges

Please bring judges to cover your entry. In the event that you cannot bring enough judges to cover your entry, a few judges are available for hire. One judge covers 2 NPDA teams. One judge covers 2 IPDA entries. One judge covers 8 entries in I.E.'s. A judge cannot cover both IPDA and IE entries. All debate judges are obligated to Full Outround #1 regardless of whether your team(s) broke to elimination rounds and 1 round past their elimination. All IE judges are obligated to the Finals of both A & B.

Entries which are not covered will be subject to "Uncovered" entry fee, as defined below.

Judging constraints: Please we'd rather have your judges than your money! Programs must cover the majority of their entry. Some exceptions may be granted by the tournament director if judges are available. Hired judges are available on a first come, first serve basis. We reserve the right to limit entries based upon your ability to bring judges to adequately cover them. We also reserve the right to stack IE competitors into panels so that we may use your judge but will only do so as a last resort.

Fees

Individual Events Entry Covered -- \$10

Individual Events Entry Uncovered -- \$20

IPDA Covered -- \$25

IPDA Uncovered -- \$125

LD Covered - Free

LD Uncovered - \$100

NPDA Covered -- \$25

NPDA Uncovered -- \$150

Entry

ALL entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (CST), Monday, October 19th. Fees will be assessed upon your entry as it stands at 5:00 p.m. (CST), Wednesday, October 21st. All changes after that deadline will be assessed a nuisance fee plus original fees. To enter the tournament. Log In and enter your tournament information on Forensicstournament.net Please double check your entry if you have not received an email confirming your entry by Wednesday the 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Nuisance Fees:

- IE Changes Adds or Drops after deadline @ \$10.00 each
- Dropped debate entry @ \$25.00 each
- Dropped Judges @ Registration @ \$200

Payment

We prefer cash or check to be made out to Missouri Valley University, but can accept online payment at the request of the school.

Schedule (All times are Central)

Friday Schedule (IPDA, NPDA)

1:00 PM - Debate/IE Registration
1:30 PM - IPDA Draw Round 1
1:40 PM - NPDA Draw Round 1
2:00 PM - NPDA/IPDA Round 1 Start
3:00 PM - IPDA Draw Round 2
3:10 PM - NPDA Draw Round 2
3:30 PM - NPDA/IPDA Round 2 Start
4:30 PM - IPDA Draw Round 3
4:40 PM - NPDA Draw Round 3
6:30 PM - IPDA Draw Round 4
6:40 PM NPDA Draw Round 4

Saturday Schedule (IE, IPDA)

7:00 - AM - IE Only Registration
7:30 AM - Extemp Draw Round 1
8:00 AM (Extemp draw 7:45 AM) – Flight A Round 1
9:30 AM – Flight B Round 1
11:00 AM – (Extemp Draw at 10:45) Flight A Round 2
11:30 AM - IPDA QF Draw
12:00 PM Lunch Break, IPDA QF
1:00 PM – Flight B round 2, IPDA Semis Draw
1:30 PM -IPDA Semifinals
2:45 PM – (Extemp Draw at 2:30) Flight A Finals,
4:00 PM – Flight B Finals,
4:30 PM - IPDA Finals Draw
5:00 PM - IPDA Finals
6:30 PM - Awards

Saturday Schedule (NPDA, LD)

9:00 AM - Round 1 LD, Round 5 NPDA

10:30 AM - Round 2 LD

11:00 AM - Elim 1 NPDA

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Round 3 LD, NPDA Elim 2

2:30 PM - Round 4 LD, NPDA Elim 3

4:00 PM - Round 5 LD

5:00 PM - Dinner

Sunday Schedule (LD)

9:00 AM - Elim 1 LD

10:30 AM - Elim 2 LD

12:00 PM Elim 3 LD