



2021 T-Town Swing Tournament Invitation

Hosted by:

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Director of Forensics: John Mikolajcik

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Northeastern State University

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October 20-23, 2021

Debate Convened Synchronously via Yaarly and IE's Held Asynchronously

Colleagues, Competitors, Judges, and friends;

We hope that you will join us this fall in the Second Annual T-Town swing hosted by Tulsa Community College and Northeastern State University. We are hosting this event Synchronously and Asynchronously through Speechwire.com and Yaatly so that everyone can feel safe and secure in their participation in this event. We look forward to seeing everyone, via screen, as much as we can.

We chose our name because both institutions sit in towns that start with T. Quirky and dad jokey, we know but we intend to put on an amazing tournament for you that recognizes the utmost in forensics and debate excellence. This year, we are forgoing the usual swing style tournament to help accommodate schools across the nation that might not be able to attend swings but still want to support both programs. Just like captain planet, we are going to combine our powers to unite into a one day [non]swing that brings you all the traditional Forensic wholesomeness of two competing schools working together in friendship to give you the best tournament experience possible.

We are going to offer all 11 AFA individual events convened Asynchronously using video performance submission. This will allow us to provide multiple rounds of competition, as your team would receive during a standard tournament thus ensuring that your students get copious amounts of feedback from our judging pool. We will also break to a finals round for each event with more than 8 competitors. Events with less than 8 competitors will have built in finals in one round of the prelims. Your original submission being the one used by our judges to evaluate the finals performance. After Finals on Saturday, we will host a digital awards assembly via zoom in which all contestants and schools will be invited to participate.

We are going to offer two formats of Synchronous debate that will take place Saturday October 23, 2021. We are organizing this tournament so that schools from all over the country can participate because our goal is the more feedback, we can have from judges all over, the better our students will compete in the future. We are planning on offering 4 rounds of preliminary IPDA and LD with requisite finals at the tournament for students to compete. Draw for IPDA will take place in Yaatly as will the standard LD rounds. This will allow us to control the topic release for IPDA and keep draw and prep time like what you are used to without releasing topic early.

We hope that you are excited for the return of Forensics. We know that we are, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall at the Second ever T-Town Forensics and Debate Tournament.

Thank you,

John Mikolajcik

Director of Forensics at Tulsa Community College

And

Katie Thomas

Director of Forensics at Northeastern State University

T-Town Tournament Guidelines

AFA-NIET rules will be followed in the participation and tabbing of all individual events. The patterns are:

Pattern A: DI, EXT, PER, POE, PRO,

Pattern B: ADS, CA, DUO, IMP, INF, POI

Debate will follow NFA and IPDA guidelines, except as specified in this invitation. IPDA and NFA-LD will be offered on Saturday. Junior division is for any competitor in their first 2 years in collegiate debate. we will not collapse divisions if there are at least 8 teams in each.

Registration will take place on [SpeechWire.com](https://www.speechwire.com). Preliminary entry is due by Monday October 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Limited Preparation Topics will be released at 9:00 AM CST Tuesday October 19, 2021

Drops or changes can be made until Wednesday October 20, 2021 at 12:00 PM.

Video submission for individual events due by 12:00 PM Wednesday October 20, 2021.

This will give us time to collate and build the virtual rooms, assign judges, and make sure that competition is completed on time. We will follow the [SpeechWire.com](https://www.speechwire.com) approach to running asynchronous tournaments. Please make sure that you have your competitors videos uploaded to YouTube and the links posted in SpeechWire by the due date.

Debate will run Synchronously Saturday October 23, 2021.

NFA Resolution

The 2021-2022 NFA Lincoln-Douglas debate resolution is: Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its counterterrorism operations in one or more of the following areas: statutory authorization for use of military force, air and/or drone strikes, combat and/or 127e programs.

Fees

Please make all checks payable Northeastern State University for your entries to our tournament.

Individual Events: \$10 *per team but each team must cover all of their judging slots. This means you can make as many entries as your team allows for just \$10 but only if you can cover all of your judging requirements (1 judge covers 6 entries for clarification purposes)*

IPDA Entries: \$30 *(one judge covers 2 entries)*

NFA-LD: \$30 *(one judge covers 2 debaters)*

Every team participating will pay the \$10 Team fee. This includes debate programs as this fee helps us hire experienced judges for the tournament providing teams with high quality feedback

Miscellaneous Fees

Uncovered IPDA, LD entries: \$60 per uncovered debater

Uncovered IE entries: \$60 per uncovered entry

IE Drops at tournament: \$50 at tournament registration

IPDA/LD Drops at tournament: \$50 at tournament registration

Payment by cash, check or PO is expected at registration.

All IE judges are expected to be available for final rounds. Debate judges are expected to be available for one round past when their teams are eliminated.

Awards

Awards will be conducted via Zoom and each team will receive an email containing the Zoom invite to watch and cheer at our awards ceremony. Awards are going to be tentatively Scheduled for 7:00 pm CST Saturday.

All IE finalist and debate elimination round contestants will receive awards.

We will also be awarding the TOP NOVICE in every individual event that has eligible novice competitors. By eligible, we mean all novice competitors signed up as Novice in SpeechWire, so make sure you mark those entries. That means your competitors can be the Top Novice and tournament champion for their events.

For each IE tournament, sweepstakes awards will be given to the top 3 schools and top 3 pentathlon performers at the tournament.

Note Covering Pentathlon Eligibility for the T-Town Swing

Pentathlon eligibility requires students to compete in events, which must include at least one interpretation event (DI, DUO, POE, POI, PRO) and one public address event (ADS, CA, INF, PER, EXT, IMP). Students must compete in 5 Total events to be eligible for this award. Debate will count as one entry into pentathlon. Competition in this is open for all categories, novice and open competitors alike.

In debate, the top 5 speakers in each division of IPDA and LD will receive awards. The top 3 schools will also win awards. For team debate sweeps, only the top five entries in each division of debate will count towards the award.

The top 3 overall schools in IE and debate during the tournament will also be recognized, as well as the top community college and top program from Oklahoma. To calculate overall team awards, the percentage of total points in earned in IE's plus the percentage of total points earned in debate will be utilized as the determining factor in ranking these programs.

Sweepstakes

Prelim points	1=3	debate win =4
	2=2	
	3=1	

Final placing for all 1=6. 2=5, 3=4, 4=3, 5=2, 6=1

Rules for all events

*No speech or program used by the contestant in competition shall have been used prior to August 1st preceding the tournament.

*Speeches must be the original work of the student.

*AFA-NIET rules shall be followed for all individual events.

*Debate events shall follow the rules of the appropriate national association. Debaters are expected to be in the virtual competition rooms at the end of prep time, and a late forfeiture rule will be enforced. This will be covered with all judges in their training packets and we expect each team to have their judges also honor this rule. Yes, disqualifying a contestant sucks. Yes, no one wants to be the bully at an event strictly enforcing the rules. We understand that some judges might err on the side of the competitor, but we hope that everyone maintains a feeling of equality and unity in the rules at our event.

T-Town Debate Schedule

Rounds	
Coaches Check In	8:30
Round 1 LD IPDA	9:00
Round 2 LD IPDA	10:30
Round 3 LD IPDA	12:00
Lunch Break	1:30
Round 4 LD IPDA	2:30
Quarters/semis	4:00
Semis/Finals	6:00
Awards	7:00
Finals	ASAP

For the T-Town Swing we are using the following schedule for our event.

Registration Opens: August 1, 2021 by 5:00 PM

Registration Deadline: Monday October 18, 2021 by 5:00 PM CST

Limited Preparation Topics Released to Coaches: Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM CST

Video Submission Deadline: Wednesday October 20, 2021 by 12:00 PM CST

Round 1 and 2 Individual Events emailed to judges by 5:00 PM October 20, 2021

Preliminary Judging due by Friday October 22, 2021 at 12:00 PM CST

Finals Announcement, Pairings, and Ballots released on October 22:2021 at 3:00 PM CST

October 23, 2021 Debate Tournament Coaches Check in at 8:30 am CST

First Round IPDA, LD 9:00 AM CST (See schedule above for complete round schedule of debate)

Finals Ballots for ALL IE FINALS due by 12:00 PM CST

Awards: 7:00 PM CST - If debate goes to quarters, finals for IPDA/LD will run after awards

Final Tournament Log-off for everyone and to everyone a good night: 9:30 PM CST