

## DEAR FORENSICS COMMUNITY,



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We are very pleased to invite you and your team to the Butler University tournament, **The William W. Neher Bulldog Battle**, on Saturday, January 15, 2022. The Battle will feature synchronous virtual competition in individual events, IPDA, and Parli. All competition will feature the use of Yaatly tournament software with registration, balloting, and tabulation using Speechwire. Competition will begin at 9:00AM Eastern Time, a reasonable time for multiple time zones!

The IE portion of the tournament offers competition in all 11 AFA events, Public Narrative, Broadcasting, Cold Interp, and Slide Karaoke. We also offer debate competition in IPDA and Parli (with 4 Preliminary rounds and out-rounds as necessary) to run concurrent with the IE tournament.

Please note the entry deadline of 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, January 11, 2021. We anticipate an educational, challenging, and very entertaining tournament and hope that you will join us. Please contact us with questions by calling (317) 940-9847 or sending email to [jcrawfor@butler.edu](mailto:jcrawfor@butler.edu) or [gmoser@butler.edu](mailto:gmoser@butler.edu).

Warmly,

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# TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION

To help us plan, we would appreciate if each school planning to attend would mark their team as attending on Speechwire as soon as possible, even if you don't yet know how many entries you will bring. Registration will close at 5:00PM (Eastern) on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, utilizing speechwire.com. No entries may be added after that time, although name changes and drops will not incur a \$20 penalty until after 12:00pm Noon on Thursday, January 13, 2021.

**Students may not enter both Debate and Individual Events.** Please let us know if a judge is not willing to judge both Debate and IEs.

In individual events, students may enter up to **three events per flight**. If a student is found to be entered in more than three events in a flight, tournament staff may remove the student from competition as necessary to reduce the student's entries to three in each flight. The dropped events will be at the tournament staff's discretion, entry fees will not be refunded for these entries, and drop fees will be assessed. Students in Extemp and Slide Karaoke will have concurrent prep time; therefore, **competitors may NOT enter both Extemp and Slide Karaoke.**

All judges are expected to be available for all rounds including finals.

Flight A:	Flight B:
Extemp, Prose, Drama, POI, Communication Analysis, Informative, Public Narrative, Slide Karaoke	Impromptu, Poetry, Duo, Persuasive, After Dinner, Media Broadcasting, Cold Interp

## F E E S

Make checks out to "Butler University Speech Team" and address them to Janis Crawford, 4600 Sunset Avenue, Indianapolis, IN, 46208. All drops and/or changes after 12:00pm noon (Eastern) on Thursday, January 13, 2022, will incur an additional \$20 fee.

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Individual events incur a fee of \$10 per entry, plus an additional \$10 if uncovered. One duo team constitutes one entry. Dropped judges after 12:00 PM Noon (Eastern) on Thursday, January 13, 2022, will incur a \$25 penalty. Dropped judges after 5:00PM (Eastern) on Friday, January 14, 2022, will incur a \$50 penalty.

## DEBATE

IPDA entries incur a fee of \$25.00 per entry and Parli entries incur a fee of \$50.00 per entry. **Schools may not enter uncovered debate entries.** One judge covers two debate entries or any fraction thereof (i.e., 3 entries requires 2 judges). A dropped judge may result in the disqualification of entries and no refunds will be issued.

## COMPETITION

Competition will take place utilizing the Yaatly platform. Students and judges must create accounts on Yaatly in order to participate. More information on how to set up organizations and accounts, as well as answers to frequently asked questions are available at [info.yaatly.com](http://info.yaatly.com).

Novice divisions will be held for any individual event where there are six or more novice competitors **and** six or more varsity competitors. A novice is a student who has not competed in collegiate forensics for two semesters. Novice divisions in debate will not be offered.

Students are expected to make it to every round for which they are scheduled. Students who fail to perform an event during the allotted time will be removed from that event without refund.

No participant or observer may record anyone without prior approval of the student, the student's coach, and the Director of Forensics of the host school.

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

AFA rules will govern the individual events competition. Event descriptions can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/event-descriptions>. Duo partners may perform from the same physical location.

Public Narrative will follow the rules set for by the Public Communication Speech & Debate League, found in their 2019 national invitation found at <https://s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com/files2.forensicstournament.net/tournamentdocs/MbrTh2yDUpwTshtmlfQ5cME1ckMCBvIA3jUboxOx.docx>.

In Slide Karaoke (Indiana Forensic Association experimental event for 2021/2022), contestants will be given a set of slides and a hypothetical situation where they will have to fill-in for a speaker at the last minute. The scenario (event, audience, guiding topic) will be provided. Contestants may not alter the slides, but they may add language, alter the order, and may skip/delete one slide if desired. Contestants will have 30 minutes to prepare and shall then speak for a maximum of 7 minutes from a seated position in a zoom meeting. No specific knowledge will be required. Outside research is permitted but not expected.

Cold Interp (Indiana Forensic Association experimental event for 2022/2023) draws from both limited prep and interpretation skills. Acting as though they are in an audition, contestants will be provided a script and given five minutes to prepare a four-minute scene including a brief introduction (e.g., "Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_ and today I will be reading for the part of \_\_\_\_."). All contestants in a section will be given the same script, so the event will operate like impromptu with contestants waiting outside of the competition room until it is their turn to perform. One chair may be used as a prop. Additional props or costumes are prohibited.

At the tournament director's discretion, competitors from the same school may compete against each other in prelims so we may utilize that school's judges in other sections.

No final round will be held for an event with only one section of competition. A semifinal round will be held for an individual event with 30 or more entries. In the event of a semifinal round, an updated schedule will be provided.

## DEBATE

IPDA rules will govern the IPDA competition. The rules can be found in the IPDA constitution at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>. We will use the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with thirty (30) minutes of preparation time.

NPDA rules will govern the Parli competition. The rules can be found at <https://www.parlidebate.org/npda-rules>.

## A W A R D S

Our traditional stuffed bulldogs will be mailed to the top six finalists in each individual event, the top novice in each individual event without a novice division, the top five quadrathon speakers, the top five IPDA speakers, the top five Parli speakers, and all participants in debate elimination rounds.



To qualify for quadrathon, a student must be entered in any four events. Only the student's top four events will count.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three schools in open and limited entry team sweepstakes. Individual events awards presented by Butler University will be mailed to the top six finalists in each individual event, the top novice in each individual event without a novice division, to the top three schools in limited entry team sweepstakes, and to the top three schools in open sweepstakes.

## S C H E D U L E

**Registration/Check-in begins at 7:00AM**

*Out-rounds subject to change depending on entries  
All times Eastern*

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS	DEBATE
9:00AM Extemp/Slide Karaoke Prep	9:00AM Round 1 topic release
9:30AM Round 1A	10:30AM Round 2 topic release
10:45AM Extemp/Slide Karaoke Prep	12:30PM Round 3 topic release
11:15AM Round 2A	2:00PM Round 4 topic release
12:15PM Lunch Break	3:30PM Semifinals topic release
1:00PM Broadcasting Prep	5:00PM Finals topic release
1:30PM Round 1B	ASAP Awards
3:00PM Broadcasting Prep	
3:30PM Round 2B	
5:15PM Finals Prep	
5:45PM Finals	
ASAP Awards	