

Dear Colleagues,

Illini Global Forensics cordially invites you and your team to attend the Illini Forensics' Hot Cocoa Classic taking place asynchronously January 27th-February 3rd and in person on February 4th. We are eager to be hosting both an online and in-person tournament this year! We ask that you bring enough judges to cover your slots. Asynchronous videos and registration are due to speechwire Monday January 30th at 8pm CST. All in-person entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. CST, Tuesday, January 31th. Further details will be attached below.

All 11 AFA events will be offered both asynchronously and in person at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. Awards will be handed out to all finalists in all events. Sweepstakes Awards will be awarded to the top three Open Entry Schools. Individual Sweepstakes awards will also be presented to the top competitors entered in four or more events.

Please find attached the information regarding the schedule, entries, judges, and other logistics. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us via email at [illini.forensics@gmail.com](mailto:illini.forensics@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you all there!

Best Wishes,

Steven Frankowski, Tess O'Connell, Griffin Descant, Daniel Dravet, and Camille Dolce  
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### **In Person Schedule (Saturday, February 4th)**

8:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	Extemp Prep
9:30 AM	Round 1 of Flight A (ADS, DUO, EXT, PER, POI, PRO)
10:45 AM	Round 1 of Flight B (RC, DI, IMP, INF, POE)
12:30 PM	Extemp Prep
1:00 PM	Round 2 of Flight A
2:15 PM	Round 2 of Flight B
3:30 PM	Extemp Prep for Finals
4:00 PM	Final Round of Flight A **
5:30 PM	Final Round of Flight B
7:00 PM	AWARDS CEREMONY

\*\*We will attempt to collapse finals if possible

### **Fully Asynchronous Tournament Week Schedule**

Friday January 27th at 12pm CST: LP Prompts released on Speechwire

Monday January 30th at 8pm CST: Entries and videos due to Speechwire

Monday January 30th at 10pm CST: Judge dance cards go live on Speechwire

Thursday February 2nd at 4pm CST: Preliminary Round judging feedback/scores due

Thursday February 2nd at 6pm CST: Final Rounds are Posted on Speechwire

Friday February 3rd 6pm CST: Final Round judging feedback/scores due

#### **Entries:**

All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. CST, Tuesday, January 31st

#### **Events:**

NFA event rules apply for all individual events. We do not limit a school's number of entries per event, however, individuals may enter no more than three events in each pattern. Students who are entered in more than one event in any pattern are responsible for signing into the round prior to the start of each round. Judges will not wait for contestants longer than the scheduled times.

#### **Judges:**

One judge is obligated to cover six I.E. slots. We are a student run team so we'd really appreciate everyone trying to cover their slots.

**Fees:**

*Fees will be paid through PayPal (@illini.forensics), or in person via check or cash*

\$20.00 for each team

\$10.00 for each I.E. slot

\$20.00 for each uncovered I.E. slot

\$20.00 per dropped slot after registration

\$100.00 per dropped judge after registration

**Extemporaneous Speaking:**

Free WIFI will be available through the university's guest login system. It will issue a temporary access. It does take a few minutes to set up an account so please factor this in when preparing for the event.

**Parking:**

Parking information will be provided upon registration.

**Registration:**

Registration and ballot drop will be in the lobby of Gregory Hall. 810 S Wright St, Urbana, IL 61801

**Awards:**

Trophies will be awarded to all finalists in all events. Sweepstakes Awards will be awarded to the top three Open Entry Schools. Individual Sweepstakes awards will also be presented to the top competitors entered in four or more events.

**Hospitality:**

Hot Chocolate will be provided throughout the day to all tournament participants at the registration table. A judges lounge will also be provided.

**COVID Policy:**

To ensure the health and wellness of everyone attending during the winter season, we ask for everyone to take a rapid test or PCR prior to traveling. If a student tests positive and/or is displaying symptoms, we will be more than happy to drop them without penalty. If you are at high risk for severe illness, consider wearing a mask indoors in public. We will be updating these policies closer to the actual tournament date.

**Open Door Policy:**

Illini Global Forensics is committed to providing a safe space for all competitors, judges, and attendees. We will be honoring the NFA's open door practice during rounds. An "open door policy" means competitors and other audience members may choose to leave or stay in a room when a performance negatively impacts their wellbeing. Competitors may discreetly leave the room (e.g., before, during, or after someone's performance) even when not double-entered, without question or penalty. Competitors may disengage from a performance (e.g., actively dissociate, put their head down on a desk, cover their ears). If competitors need to leave a round due to physical (e.g., uncontrollable coughing, vomiting) or spiritual (e.g., Salat times) needs, they may also excuse themselves without question or penalty. Judges may also take steps to protect their well-being and will be asked to read the open door policy at the beginning of every round to reinforce the norm-change emphasizing mental and physical well-being over community norms.

**Judge Strikes:**

We ask that if you have any conflicts with judges for reasons outside of the competition to contact us as soon as you can to prevent the judge from judging said student. Students can inform us through their coach or inform the tournament director through our email ([illini.forensics@gmail.com](mailto:illini.forensics@gmail.com)). The tournament director will not ask for details and does not expect any. We will provide a full list of judges to all coaches the week of the tournament.

**Ethical Treatment of Others:**

Illini Global Forensics and the University of Illinois are fully committed to a safe and healthy educational, work and competition environment that is free from unlawful discrimination and harassment. As such, we prohibit discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, race, disability, religion and other lawfully protected categories. This prohibition includes sexual assault and misconduct, and stalking. Should you experience a Title IX violation while attending our Tournament, please report the violation to your coach or someone you trust, and the tournament host. The tournament host will ensure that the Title IX officers from the host institution, your home university/college, and from the institution of the perpetrator are notified so that investigative procedures can begin. Please report behavior that is not in line with our stated anti-harassment policy. If, at any point in time, behavior is reported that is antithetical to a positive learning environment for any tournament participants, it will be handled accordingly. Directors, please remember, you are responsible for the people that you bring to our campus.