

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association and Tyler Junior College, it is my pleasure to invite you to the TIFA State Championship Tournament **to be held in person on the Tyler Junior College campus November 7-8, 2025**. TIFA will host an **open invitational** offering competition in all AFA-NST individual events, as well as NPDA, IPDA and NFA-LD styles of debate. Tournament staff will use [SpeechWire](#) for registration, tournament tabulation, event postings, ballot distribution, and information sharing.

On **Sunday, November 9**, our friends at **Tyler Junior College** will host the second half of the swing offering another opportunity for your students to compete in all AFA-NST individual events. Please find additional information at their tournament page on SpeechWire.

We hope that you will join us for what is sure to be a weekend of fun and quality forensics competition.

Best Regards,

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Vice President & Director of Tournaments  
Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association

Justin Blacklock, San Antonio College  
President  
Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association

## LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

### Tournament Headquarters

Registration will take place in the center of the main hallway of Jenkins Hall. It will be right outside the Tab Room, which is the Conference Room. There is a lounge for coaches in Jenkins – the Teachers' Lounge. Coffee and light refreshments will be available. Warm-ups for teams will be on a first come, first served basis – best rooms are upstairs in Jenkins (where the majority of competition will be held.)

### Lodging

Check out your favorite internet booking site for the best deals. There are many hotel options in Tyler to meet the needs of just about every budget.

### Driving Directions and Parking

Best parking will be in lot F-2 on all days. This lot is off of East 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Baxter. Registration and probably all competition rooms will be in Jenkins Hall. Jenkins has white columns in front of its two main doors and sits behind the large lawn with the flag pole. Jenkins is next to the recommended parking lot. <https://tjccdn.b-cdn.net/app/uploads/2024/12/TJC-2D-Map-Central-u20250620-1.pdf>

## COMPETITION

### Novice Awards

Participating students in their first two semesters of collegiate competition are eligible for novice awards. Novice Finals will be offered when there are eight or more novices entered in an event. The top four novice competitors in each individual event who do not advance to the open final round, will advance to a novice final round, which will be adjudicated by one critic. If less than eight novices are entered in an event, the Top Novice will be recognized at awards. When there are four or more novice entries in an open division of debate, a novice final round will be held for the top two novice teams not clearing to the elimination rounds. Both members of a debate team must meet the novice classification for the team to be designated as novice.

### Individual Events

Contestants in prepared events may not perform materials used by the student in competition prior to September 1, 2025. AFA-NST and TIFA rules govern all individual events. The tournament host reserves the right to cancel an event if entries do not warrant holding the event. There is no limit on the number of entries per school per event. In each event, the top four entries from each school count for sweepstakes. A student may enter three events per pattern.

**Pattern A:** CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POI, POE

**Pattern B:** ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO

## NPDA Debate

### Sweepstakes Points

First:	12 Points
Second:	10 Points
Third:	7 Points
Finalist:	5 Points
Semis:	2 Point

This event will be governed by the rules of the National Parliamentary Debate Association. Students entered in NPDA debate may not enter NFA-LD. There will be six preliminary rounds (when possible) plus the appropriate number of elimination rounds. Power matching will occur in the final two preliminary rounds. Teams will debate different resolutions each round. All winning records are not guaranteed to break to elimination rounds. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win. The top four entries from each school count for sweepstakes.

### NPDA Format

First Proposition Constructive Speaker: 7 minutes  
Opposition Flex Time: 2 minutes  
First Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes  
Proposition Flex Time: 2 minutes  
Second Proposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes  
Opposition Flex Time: 1 minute  
Second Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes  
Opposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 4 minutes  
Proposition Flex Time: 1 minute  
Proposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 5 minutes  
**Pre-Round Prep Time: 20 minutes**

Flex time may be used by the controlling team to prepare arguments, drink water, set up stands, ask questions, etc. Flex time may not be used as additional speech time.

## IPDA Debate

There will be four preset flighted preliminary rounds plus an appropriate number of elimination rounds. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win. For each flight, students will meet in the topic draw room. Five topic choices will be provided. Negative will strike first with subsequent strikes alternating between competitors until one topic remains to be debated. Should a debater not be present to draw at the scheduled time, a five-minute grace period will be started. At the end of the five minutes, the topic list will be given to the debater in attendance who will choose the topic to be debated. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win. The top four entries from each school count for sweepstakes.

- Team Prep is allowed
- Speaker Points will be out of 40
- Eliminated contestants will not be used as judges (teams must provide qualified judges)

### IPDA Format

Affirmative Constructive: 5 minutes  
Cross Examination: 2 minutes  
Negative Constructive: 6 minutes  
Cross Examination: 2 minutes  
First Affirmative Rebuttal: 3 minutes  
First Negative Rebuttal: 5 minutes  
Second Affirmative Rebuttal: 3 minutes  
**Pre-Round Prep Time: 30 minutes**

## NFA-LD Debate

NFA-LD will be offered as a hybrid format. Students and judges must be able to participate online. This event is governed by the rules of the National Forensics Association. There will be four preset preliminary rounds plus an appropriate number of elimination rounds. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win. The top four entries from each school count for sweepstakes.

### NFA-LD Format

Affirmative Constructive: 6 minutes  
Negative Cross-Examination: 3 minutes  
Negative Constructive: 7 minutes  
Affirmative Cross-Examination: 3 minutes  
First Affirmative Rebuttal: 6 minutes  
Negative Rebuttal: 6 minutes  
Second Affirmative Rebuttal: 3 minutes  
In-Round Prep Time: 4 minutes

### The tournament will use the 25-26 NFA-LD topic. Resolved:

The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its military presence and/or scientific exploration in the Arctic or Antarctic.

## JUDGING

One judge covers two (2) NPDA teams, two (2) LD or IPDA entries or eight (8) IE entries. A judge cannot be counted for both IPDA and Individual Events. For the Saturday portion, designate your judges as either an Individual Events judge or an IPDA. The tournament reserves the right to place judges in events they have not been designated to judge. NPDA and NFA-LD judges are obligated for one round beyond their team's elimination. For all other events, judges are obligated through the end of the tournament. The tournament will use electronic balloting.

## FEES

### Organizational Dues

\$50.00

### Covered Entries

Individual Events:	\$10 / slot
NPDA:	\$60 / team
NFA-LD:	\$30 / entry
IPDA:	\$30 / entry

### Uncovered Judging Fees

Individual Events:	\$20 / slot
NPDA:	\$100 / team
IPDA:	\$75 / entry
NFA-LD:	\$75 / entry

### Nuisance Fees

**Entries are due Monday, November 3, 2024 at 5pm (CST).** For each judge dropped after Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM, there will be an additional \$50.00 fee. Schools that drop a judge at registration/check-in will be charged \$100.00. Entry changes after Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM will be charged \$10 in addition to the original entry fee. Drops at registration/check-in will be charged \$20 in addition to the original entry fee. No adds at registration are guaranteed.

Judges who do not pick up their assigned ballots on time (within 10 minutes after the round is scheduled to begin) will be penalized \$25. If their fine is not paid, the judge's students will be deemed ineligible for elimination rounds and the school's ballots will be held until the fees are paid.

### Payment

**Checks or cash are preferred. Checks should be made payable to Wayne Kraemer-TIFA, P.O. Box 1425, San Marcos, Texas 78667.** If alternative means of payment are needed, please contact Wayne Kraemer (wk02@txstate.edu).

# SCHEDULE

## NPDA/NFA-LD Schedule 11/7/25

8:30 CST	School Registration
9:00	Round 1
10:30	Round 2
12:00	Round 3
1:15	Lunch
2:00	Round 4
3:45	Round 5
5:30	Elim One
7:15	Elim Two
8:00	TIFA Business Meeting
ASAP	Remaining Elims

## Individual Events Schedule 11/8 & 11/9

## IPDA Schedule 11/8

8:00	Registration		8:00	Registration	
8:30	Extemp Draw		8:30	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
9:00	Pattern A: Round 1 (CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)		9:00	IPDA Flight A: Round 1 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
10:15	Pattern B: Round 1 (ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)		9:30	IPDA Flight B: Round 1	
11:30	Extemp Draw		10:30	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
12:00	Pattern A: Round 2 (CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)		11:00	IPDA Flight A: Round 2 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
1:00	Lunch		11:30	IPDA Flight B: Round 2	
1:45	Pattern B: Round 2 (ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)		12:15	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
3:00	Extemp Draw (Semifinals)		12:45	IPDA Flight A: Round 3 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
3:30	Semifinals (All IEs)		1:00	Lunch	
5:00	Extemp Draw (Finals)		1:15	IPDA Flight B: Round 3	
5:30	Pattern A: Finals (CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)		2:00	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
7:00	Pattern B: Finals (ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)		2:30	IPDA Flight A: Round 4 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
			3:00	IPDA Flight B: Round 4	
			4:00	IPDA Quarterfinalists: Draw	
			4:30	IPDA Quarterfinals	
			5:30	IPDA Semifinalists: Draw	
			6:00	IPDA Semifinals	
			7:00	IPDA Finalists: Draw	
			7:30	IPDA Finals	

