



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Murray State University Speech & Debate Union is thrilled to invite you to our annual Jackson-Purchase Swing to be hosted February 6 - 8, 2026. We plan to offer IPDA debate, all 11 AFA speech events, radio broadcasting, and editorial impromptu. Debate will recognize the top six speakers in each division (IPDA: novice & varsity); IEs will have awards for the top six competitors in each category, as well as the top novice.

For the second year Murray State will also be the host of the Kentucky Forensics Association (KFA) State Championship. Our tournament will proceed as it has every year with one unique characteristic: in addition to the regular tournament awards, we will also recognize the top performing KFA students in each IE and Debate category. KFA schools will compete for KY state championship titles in debate on Friday and IEs during Saturday's tournament. No additional entries or information is required. If you are NOT a Kentucky school, we are thrilled to have you join us, and your students will just be competing for our regular tournament awards =)

Friday: IPDA (novice & varsity divisions)
Saturday: IPDA Elimination Rounds & IE
Sunday: IE only

All entries should be submitted through SpeechWire.com no later than **Monday, February 2nd by 5 pm CST**. Changes will be accepted at no charge until Wednesday, February 4th at 12:00 p.m. CST. For any changes after the deadline, please send changes to Ryan Goke (RGoke@murraystate.edu), Abbey Barnes (abarnes82@utk.edu), AND Pat Richey (Patrick.Richey@mtsu.edu).

Lunch will be provided to judges all 3 days!

Lunch will be provided to competitors all 3 days! (\$10 base fee per student – won't be just pizza)

We look forward to hosting you this spring!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Goke".

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Tentative Schedule

Friday, February 7 (IPDA Schedule)

7:30-8:30	Registration (3 rd floor Wilson Hall)
8:30-10:00	IPDA R1
10:00-11:30	IPDA R2
11:30-12:30	LUNCH (We provide lunch – covered by fees)
12:30-2:00	IPDA R3
2:00-3:30	IPDA R4
3:30-5:00	IPDA R5
5:00-6:30	IPDA R6
5:30-6:45	Coaches Review
7:00-8:30	Elim 1

Saturday, February 8 (IPDA Schedule)

7:30-8:30	Elim 2 (IPDA cannot enter radio)
2:00-3:00	Elim 3 (Can be moved earlier if pairs do not have events in a flight)
7:00	AWARDS

Saturday, February 8 (IE Schedule)

7:00-8:00	Registration (3 rd floor Wilson Hall)
7:30-8:00	Radio Prep
8:00-9:00	Round 1 Flight A
9:15-9:45	Radio Prep
9:30-10:30	Round 2 Flight A
10:45-11:15	Extemp Draw
11:00-12:00	Round 1 Flight B (Extempers should be performing by 11:15)
11:30-1:00	LUNCH (We provide food – covered by fees)
12:45-1:15	Extemp Draw
1:00-2:00	Round 2 Flight B
2:00-2:30	Radio Draw Finals
2:45-3:45	Flight A Finals
4:00-4:30	Extemp Draw Finals
4:15-5:15	Flight B Finals
7:00	AWARDS

Sunday, February 9 (IE Schedule)

7:00-8:00	Registration (3 rd floor Wilson Hall)
7:30-8:00	Radio Prep
8:00-9:00	Round 1 Flight A
9:15-9:45	Radio Prep
9:30-10:30	Round 2 Flight A
10:45-11:15	Extemp Draw
11:00-12:00	Round 1 Flight B (Extempers should be performing by 11:15)
11:30-12:30	LUNCH (We provide food – covered by fees)
12:30-1:00	Extemp Draw
12:45-1:45	Round 2 Flight B
2:00-2:30	Radio Draw Finals (tentative time)
3:00-3:30	Extemp Draw Finals (tentative time)
ASAP	Collapsed Finals to get out early if at all possible!
	AWARDS

IPDA Debaters CANNOT enter RADIO on Saturday

Flight A

Radio Broadcasting
CA
Impromptu
Informative
Poetry
DI

Flight B

Editorial Impromptu
Extemp
ADS
Persuasion
Prose
POI
Duo

Event Information

1. We will be using digital ballots. Please be sure your judges and IPDA competitors bring laptops.
2. We will offer all eleven AFA events, radio broadcasting, editorial impromptu; novice & varsity IPDA.
3. **IPDA non-advancing competitors may be used as judges for elim rounds not in their division.**
4. All IPDA rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the International Public Debate Association. Students will have thirty minutes of preparation time (which includes walking time to rounds). We will offer novice, JV, and varsity divisions. If there are not enough entries in JV we will collapse with varsity. We will offer six preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds. IPDA elims will take place during Flight A IEs on Saturday. **(IPDA debaters may not enter Radio on Saturday).**
 - a. Your judges are obligated to judge one round beyond your school's last round of competition. (e.g., all judges must be available for the first elim round).
 - b. Your non-advancing competitors may (if needed) also be used to judge one round beyond your school's last round of competition.
 - c. Please check with the IPDA constitution for eligibility requirements for each division.
 - d. All individual IPDA rounds shall follow the times limit and rules established by the International Public Debate Association. **This includes the prohibition against the use of electronic devices as timers, in-round flowing devices, or any other electronic device used in rounds (including using your phone as a timer).**
 - e. Please note – we will be emphasizing to all judges that everything other than ensuring everyone is “ready” shall be considered “on the clock” (this includes thank you’s, roadmaps, arguments, etc.) and judges will be empowered to penalize competitors at their discretion (via speaker points and/or the assigning of the win) for violations of the time limits that are specified in the IPDA bylaws.
5. All IEs (except editorial impromptu and radio broadcasting; see below) shall follow the rules established and followed by the American Forensics Association.
6. The top novice in each IE category shall be recognized
 - a. **A novice for IEs is a competitor who has competed in fewer than six tournaments and has not yet competed at a national tournament.**
7. Access to the internet will be allowed during extemporaneous speaking and radio broadcasting preparation time. Students may not communicate with coaches, teammates, etc., but may use the internet for research.

8. In Editorial Impromptu, students will be given a 1-page op-ed article, and will have 9 minutes to read the article, prepare a response, and deliver it. Students must speak for at least 5 minutes. The speech should involve the development of an argument in response to the thesis developed or the opinion shared in the article. In agreeing or disagreeing with the position or thesis of the article, students should introduce new information and reasoning.
9. For Radio Broadcasting, contestants will be given a packet of source materials and will have 30 minutes to select, organize, and present a simulated radio broadcast. The source material packets will include international, national, state, and local news. All informational material used in the broadcast must be provided by the tournament with the exception of any hypothetical station call letters, time, and current weather conditions or forecast (but students can choose what information they want to present and be creative with advertisements, presentational style, etc.). Students will present their broadcasts seated at a table with the judge facing away from the contestants during the speech. Students may time themselves as no time signals will be given by the judge. Students may organize their material and notes however they choose (and may use scissors, highlighters, tape, or whatever other tools may help them stay organized). Maximum time limit for the speech is 5 minutes. Posting of source materials will be staggered.

Important Notes

1. Schools are not limited on the number of entries, but **students who advance to elim rounds in IPDA will not be able to compete in Radio on Saturday**. If a student is entered in Radio on Saturday and they must drop because they advanced to IPDA elims, a drop fee will be assessed.
2. We will collapse finals if at all possible on Sunday, but that will be determined by the number of judges we receive and the number of competitors in each event.
3. **Entry Fee Payment** – We accept cash, check, and credit card (3% fee added for cc charges)
4. Speaker awards will be awarded to the top six novice and varsity competitors in IPDA.
 - a. Speaker awards will be given for each division
5. Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 quadrathlon competitors BOTH days of the IE swing (Saturday & Sunday).
6. IPDA Debate Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the top 3 **debate schools** on Saturday.

7. IE Sweepstakes trophies awarded to the top 3 ***large entry*** schools, top 3 ***small entry*** schools, and top 3 **community college** entries at both halves of the Swing (Saturday and Sunday)
 - a. “Large Entry” and “Small Entry” schools will be determined based on the total number of entries each school submits.
8. Overall Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the top 3 schools (must compete all three days to be eligible)
9. There will be a Josh Sanders Power Award for the team with the greatest prelim winning % in the debate tournament (IPDA). All debaters count towards %. **Must have at least 3 total debate entries (IPDA) to qualify.**

10. IPDA will NOT be flighted if we have enough judges --- **please bring judges!!!!**

11. For the purposes of elimination round seeding and speaker points in debate events, adjusted speaker points (total points minus high/low) will be considered. Total points will be used to break a tie. If another tie still exist, then it will be broken on double adjusted speaker points, then strength of play, then coin flip.

12. We will NOT break brackets.

13. We will NOT do partial elimination rounds.

14. LOCKOUTS

- a. **A lockout in IPDA will result in a walkover.** Advancement will be determined by coaches’ preference, higher seeding, or mortal combat.
- b. If there is a lockout in IPDA and you *insist* on debating, we will not provide judges. You must provide your own (and they cannot be ones already obligated to judge one of the other rounds of IPDA or IEs).

15. CLOSED TAB ROOM

- a. We will be operating a closed tab room. Tab staff: Abbey Barnes & Pat Richey

16. ADA

- a. If you require an ADA compliant room or any other accommodations, please email the tournament director ASAP (rgoke@murraystate.edu).

17. Dietary Restrictions

- a. If you have any coaches, judges, or competitors with any dietary restrictions or food allergies, please let me know with the entries when you register and email to the tournament director (rgoke@murraystate.edu)

18. Prep Rooms for Debate

- a. We plan to have debate prep rooms for each team, so long as we can secure enough rooms. We will confirm or modify this via SpeechWire announcements as we get closer to the tournament.

KFA Info

- The top KFA novice and varsity in each IE category on Sat will be recognized
- The top KFA novice and varsity speakers in IPDA will be recognized
- The top 2 KFA IPDA debaters (in both Varsity & Novice) will be recognized (determined by prelim seeding)

Judging and Entry Fees

We need and want your judges. We prefer judges over money. One judge covers 2 IPDA debaters or six IE entries.

- One IPDA judge covers two IPDA slots.
- One IE judge covers six slots.
- Judges will NOT be mixed (debate and IEs) unless permission is given by tourn. director
- All judges are expected to be available for final rounds (to help us get out early!).
- IPDA competitors who do not advance may be asked to judge IPDA elimination rounds.

NOTE: IE judges must have a college degree; IPDA judges do not need a degree

Fees: We had to slightly increase fees to try to keep up with rising costs.

Food:

- A base entry fee of \$10 per student will be charged to cover lunch.

Debate Fees:

- \$35 for each **covered** IPDA debate student
- \$35 (additional) for each **uncovered** IPDA debate student
 - Entry + uncovered fees = \$70 total for an uncovered IPDA competitor

Debate Drop Fees:

- Changes will be accepted at no charge until 12pm Wednesday, February 4th.
- \$20 for each IPDA entry that drops after 12pm Wednesday, February 4th.
- \$60 for each IPDA entry that drops after 5pm Thursday, February 5th.

IE Fees:

- \$15.00 for each slot (**Covered**)
- \$10.00 added for each **uncovered** slot
 - $\$15 + \$10 = \$25$ for each uncovered IE entry
 - Duo counts as two slots for fees but just one slot for judging.

IE Drop Fees:

- Changes will be accepted at no charge until 12pm Wednesday, February 4th.
- \$20 for each IE slot that drops after 12pm Wednesday, February 4th.
- \$60 for each IE slot that drops after 5pm Thursday, February 5th.

Note: Any team that is concerned about fees may contact the tournament director directly rgoke@murraystate.edu. Teams that are student-run are especially encouraged to reach out if fees are a concern.

Sweepstakes Formula

I.E.s

Individual events will be scored as follows: 6 points for 1st place, 5 points for 2nd place, 4 points for 3rd place, 3 points for 4th place, 2 points for 5th place, and 1 point for 6th place

Debate

Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, unless the school makes up more than half the pool of competitors in any division.

5 points for each preliminary round win/bye, 6 points for breaking to elimination rounds (These are halved for individual debate).

Quadrathlon

To be eligible for Quadrathlon, students must compete in a minimum of four individual events, including events from at least two of the three categories of individual events: limited preparation (extemp, impromptu, editorial impromptu, radio broadcasting), public address (ADS, persuasive, informative, CA), and interpretation (DI, POI, prose, poetry, duo).

Points to determine Quadrathlon placing will be according to the individual events sweepstakes formula outlined above.

Recording

NO ONE is allowed to record a round without the explicit consent of every person in the room. Any recording that involves a minor must have the written consent of a legal guardian. This will be strictly enforced.

Tournament Headquarters

1. The tournament will be headquartered in Wilson Hall (WH), across the street from the Willow Bistro, Burrito Shack, and TAP 216. There is guest parking in the lot between Wilson Hall and Sparks Hall (**make sure you register for a digital parking pass online**).

Important Locations

1. Registration (for each day!) will be in Wilson Hall (WH) 3rd floor
2. We plan for all rounds to be hosted in Wilson Hall (WH) and the Business Building (North and South wings) (BBN + BBS)
 - a. BBN & BBS are connected by a breezeway on the second floor.
3. IPDA draw will be in the breezeway between BBN & BBS (2nd floor)
 - a. We will try to have all IPDA rounds in BBN & BBS to save on time!
4. Awards will be held in Wrather Auditorium on Saturday and in the Black Box Theatre (3rd Floor Wilson) on Sunday

Lounges

1. STUDENTS' LOUNGE: 310A Wilson Hall
2. JUDGES' & COACHES' LOUNGE: 308 Wilson Hall
 - a) We will have refreshments for all judges!
 - b) Lunch for judges will be served here all 3 days
3. RADIO AND EXTEMP PREP: 310B Wilson Hall

Food

We provide lunch for competitors every day!

We provide lunch for our judges every day!

Campus has a few options:

- a. Chic Fil A (in the Curris Center, first floor)
- b. Starbucks (Curris Center, main floor)

Local Restaurants:

- a. Sweet Dots
- b. Gofor Pizza
- c. Burrito Shack
- d. Willow Bistro
- e. Jasmine's
- f. Chi Town Dogs
- d. Los Portales

Fast Food

- a. McDonald's
- b. Cook Out
- c. Dunkin

Tournament Hotel

Holiday Inn Express (270) 759-0292
1504 N. 12th Street
Murray, KY 42071

- a. **They WILL honor tax exemption status if you bring your form (even out of state)**

Other Hotels

Quality Inn (270) 759-5910
1210 N. 12th Street
Murray, KY 42071

Best Western (270) 753-5353
1503 N. 16th Street
Murray, KY 42071

Days Inn (270) 753-6706
517 S. 12th Street
Murray, KY 42071

Murray Plaza Lodge (270) 753-2682
507 S. 12th Street
Murray, KY 42071

Hampton Inn (270) 767-2226
1415 Lowes Drive
Murray, KY 42071

SpringHill Suites (270) 917-8000
1512 N. 12th Street