



2025 Naveen “Scott” Pejaver Memorial Forensic Tournament

Friday October 31 through Sunday November 02

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Colleagues,

The Blue Raider Debate Team and Department of Communication Studies faculty look forward to offering a well-run, enjoyable tournament.

We are changing a few things to test for IPDA Nationals (MTSU is hosting April 2026) and based out of the ACB (Academic Classroom Building). It is VERY close to our traditional home in BAS.

We will send out updates for all those registered on speechwire.

NEW!!!! WE ARE USING ELECTRONIC BALLOTS FOR ALL EVENTS THROUGH SPEECHWIRE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! NEW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You must have accounts and judges registered. IPDA non-advancing competitors may be used as judges in outrounds. Thus, all IPDA competitors need an active speechwire account.

We are aware the tournament is on Halloween and will have Halloween themed decorations and treats (hopefully not too many tricks) throughout the weekend.

MTSU is hosting IPDA, TIPDA, & TN Parli (TNPDA) debate formats as well as a full IE tournament.

Tab Staff: Dr. Paul Strait & Dr. Abigail Barnes and they will be using speechwire.com

Some Quick Things About Speechwire for those new to it:

1. Judges will access ballots at live.speechwire.com.
2. It is best for coaches to add the email address of judge or competitor first. If judge/comp tries to make an account, it will assume they are a coach and it is a mess.
3. Postings, etc. will be blasted thru email associated with speechwire accounts. We advise turning on cell notifications as well.
4. Not receiving messages - sometimes university emails will block speechwire

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us by phone or e-mail. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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SCHEDULES FOR ALL EVENTS

Tennessee Parli (TNPd) | Friday – Saturday

Teams may enter either TN Parli or TIPDA—not both. Saturday elims will conclude before IPDA/IE portion of tournament begins

Friday (October 31, 2025)

12:30 – 1:30 TIPDA/TNPd registration (*please call before registration if able for any last minute drops*)

2:00-3:30 TNPd Round 1

3:45 - 5:15 TNPd Round 2

5:30- 6:45 TNPd Round 3

7:00-8:30 TNPd Round 4

Saturday (November 1, 2025)

7:30-9:00 TNPd Debate Elimination Round 1

9:15-10:45 TNPd Debate Elimination Round 2

11:00-12:30 TNPd Debate Elimination Round 3 (if needed)

Team IPDA (TIPDA) | Friday – Saturday

Teams may enter either TN Parli or TIPDA—not both. Saturday elims will conclude before IPDA/IE portion of tournament begins

Friday (October 30, 2025)

2:00-3:30 TIPDA Round 1

3:45 - 5:15 TIPDA Round 2

5:30-6:45 TIPDA Round 3

7:00-8:30 TIPDA Round 4

8:30 Coaches Review **this will occur ONLINE and ON YOUR OWN (no room/central location and for TIPDA only)** since we are using e-ballots this tournament. You will receive emails from tab with information to access individual team ballots & cumulatives. Coaches review period will conclude by 10:30 pm.

Saturday (November 1, 2025)

- 7:30-9:00** TIPDA Debate Elimination Round 1
- 9:15-10:45** TIPDA Debate Elimination Round 2
- 11:00-12:30** TIPDA Debate Elimination Round 3 (if needed)

IPDA (Saturday afternoon – Sunday)

Competitors may enter either IPDA or IE's—not both as the schedules conflict

Saturday Afternoon IPDA (November 1, 2025—we *may* unflight pending judging #'s)

- 1:30 – 3:30** IPDA Round 1
- 3:00 – 4:30** IPDA Round 2
- 4:30 – 6:00** IPDA Round 3
- 6:00 – 7:30** IPDA Round 4

Sunday IPDA (beginning in the MORNING November 2, 2025)

- 7:30 – 9:00** IPDA Round 5
- 9:00 – 10:30** IPDA Round 6
- 10:30** IPDA Coaches Review. This will be fast and we will try to uphold our end of this courtesy by releasing ballots/records through round 5 so coaches can get a head start. This review will occur **ONLINE and ON YOUR OWN (no room/central location and for IPDA only)** since we are using e-ballots this tournament. You will receive emails from tab with information to access individual team ballots & cumulatives.
- 11:00 – noon** IPDA Elim 1—*judges PLEASE submit ballots with your decisions ASAP. You can edit feedback after—this helps us get to awards and rest of IPDA elims on time!*
- Noon/ASAP** Awards (ASAP after conclusion of IPDA Elim 1) IPDA Elim 2 will commence draw AS SOON AS AWARDS ARE DONE
- 1:00 – 2:15** IPDA Elim 2
- 2:30 – 3:45** IPDA Elim 3
- 4:00 – 5:15** IPDA Elim 4 (if needed)

IE's (Saturday afternoon – Sunday)

Competitors may enter either IPDA or IE's—not both as the schedules conflict

Saturday Afternoon IE (November 1, 2025—*extempers should go to draw before their other Flight A events & immediately after completing Flight B events/by the scheduled draw time))*

12:45 Extemp Draw for Rd. 1--*all extempers should go to extemp FIRST to keep the tournament on time!*

1:00 – 2:30 IE Flight A Rd. 1

2:30 – 4:00 IE Flight B Rd. 1

4:00 Extemp Draw for Rd. 2--*all extempers should go to extemp FIRST/ report to immediately after finishing 1B events or by scheduled draw time.*

4:15 – 5:45 IE Flight A Rd. 2

6:00 – 8:00 IE Flight B Rd. 2

Sunday IE (beginning in the MORNING November 2, 2025)

We may unflight pending event #'s, competitor cross entries, and/or judging burdens. If we unflight, we will send adjusted schedule to coaches with IE entries.

7:30 Ext Draw (Finals) *all extempers should go to extemp FIRST/before completing any other Flight A Final events*

8:00 – 10:00 Flight A Finals

10:00 – noon Flight B Finals

Noon/ASAP Awards

HOTELS:

Holiday Inn Express: 2230 Medical Center Parkway, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129

Hampton Inn: 325 N Thompson Ln, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Ramada: 1855 South Church Street Murfreesboro, TN 37130 (615) 900-4830

Days Inn: 182 Chaffin Place, Murfreesboro, TN (615) 692-1488

Econo Lodge: 110 North Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro, TN (615) 890-2811

FOOD:

Campus Dinning: Just Love Coffee, Subway, Demoes Restaurant, Chick-Fil-A, Panda Express,

Off Campus: Texas Roadhouse, Toots, Chiles, McAlister's, Panera Bread, Most Fast Food Chains

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

IPDA/TIPDA & Laptops (Judges & Competitors In-Round): While we will be using e-ballots this tournament, **only THE JUDGE should be using laptops in round to complete ballot/competitor feedback.** This is to stay compliant with IPDA rules while we use e-ballots. Additionally:

- **Judges, competitors, and potential spectators** should **FLOW round on PAPER UNLESS ADA APPROVED.**
- Judges should not look up/fact check competitors on the internet during round/before submitting the ballot for that round.
- No changes to ballot decision will be accepted by tab from judges who look up information AFTER their decision. JUDGES SHOULD MAKE THEIR DECISION BASED OFF OF THE ARGUMENTS PRESENTED BY THE DEBATERS IN THE ROUND ITSELF and logic applied to those in-round arguments.

Spectators/Audience in Round (DEBATE ONLY!!!): Due to issues of civility (as well as ADA concerns) both debaters (or teams) and the judge must be ok with an audience. If anyone objects, it will be a closed round!! The round may also limit the number of audience member present.

AI (Artificial Intelligence) Policy: This tournament is taking a neutral position on using AI. HOWEVER, we ask that you disclose if you are using it to your competitors and judges.

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.

Event Rules & Time-Limits

Debate Times: All of the rules guiding the International Public Debate Association & TNPDA apply to the Pejaver Tournament. Time limits will be:

- **TN Parliamentary Debate:** 7-8-8-8-4-5
- **Individual IPDA:** 5-2-6-2-3-5-3.
- **TIPDA (Team IPDA):** 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3

TN Parli: There will be one division of TNPDA Debate and give awards to top novices. Please note: Tennessee Parli does not use flex time, has traditional 15-minute prep, courtesy, no judge disclosure, and very limited oral critique (please use the ballot).

IPDA: There will be four divisions of IPDA debate: Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional. Please check with the IPDA constitution for eligibility requirements.

<http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

TIPDA: There will be one division of TIPDA. See IPDA Constitution (above) for rules, etc.

Individual Events: Events will follow AFA-NST guidelines.

- **Number of Events/Cross-Entered Events:** In order to keep a timely schedule, **competitors can enter up to four events per flight of competition.**
- A student is allowed to enter two separate duo's as long as the person has two different pieces of literature with two separate duo partners. IF YOU HAVE A COMPETITOR WITH TWO DUOS, PLEASE EMAIL TOURNAMENT STAFF TO ENSURE THAT ENTRY IS COMPLETE
- Awards will also be given to the **top novice competitor in each event.** We will allow for AFA's rules regarding duo, but please be aware that even if this tournament qualifies the event for a national tournament, participants must follow the national organization's specific rules for duo at that national tournament.

<u>Flight A Events</u>	<u>Flight B Events</u>
Extemporaneous Speaking	Impromptu Speaking
Persuasive Speaking	<u>Informative Speaking</u>
Poetry Interpretation	Communication Analysis
Prose Interpretation	<u>Dramatic Interpretation</u>
Programmed Oral Interpretation	Duo Interpretation
After Dinner Speaking	

***Event flights are subject to change based off of judging need—will be updated in tournament email.*

SWEEPSTAKES, OUT- ROUNDS AND AWARDS

DEBATE:

We WILL NOT break to partials for time concerns. We will do everything in our power to try to get to the next bracket if it is close (1-2 competitors) by adding MTSU debaters. Example: if there are 30 novices, the break is to quarterfinals (8 advance). MTSU would add one person to get to 31 which would mean an octofinals break (16 advance). We cannot add as many folks as last year. It really digs into the judging and staff pool.

Debate Awards: There will be speaker awards for the top 5 competitors in each division, awards for all elimination rounds in each division.

SWEEPSTAKES: There will be sweepstakes trophies awarded to the the top 3 programs in TIPDA, IPDA, TNPd, and IEs as well as overall sweepstakes. Awards are trophies and plaques.

There will be top three sweepstakes for TIPDA, IPDA, TNPd, and IEs as well as top three overall sweeps. In order to receive an overall sweepstakes your team must be entered in IEs and 1 debate format.

Sweepstakes will follow the season-long sweepstakes formula for IPDA: All wins and byes will be awarded 1 point. Each person breaking to out-round will receive 1 point. Out-round victories will receive 2 points. Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity and Professional will count toward the tournament sweepstakes. There is no limit on entries, but only the top three competitors in each division will count toward the sweepstakes.

Sweepstakes for TIPDA: All wins and byes will be awarded 1.5 points. Each team breaking to out-round will receive 1.5 points. Out-round victories will receive 3 points.

Sweepstakes for TNPd: All wins and byes will be awarded 1.5 points. Each team breaking to out-round will receive 1.5 points. Out-round victories will receive 3 points. Novice and Varsity will count toward the tournament sweepstakes. There is no limit on entries, but only the top three teams in each division will count toward the sweepstakes.

IEs

Finalists in individual events will be awarded sweepstakes points

6th place – 2 points	5th place – 4 points	4th place – 6 points
3rd place – 8 points	2nd place – 10 points	1st place – 12 points

Community College: There will also be a top 2 Community College Sweepstake Awards

(CHANGES) There will be a **Bennett Strange Power Award** for the team with the greatest **prelim** winning % in both halves (must be in IPDA and a Team Format – Team win is weighted 150% of IPDA since two people and only 4 rounds) of the debate tournament. All debaters count towards %

- Power Award Eligibility: You must have 5 entries minimum to be eligible. Example - 1 TPDA Team & 4 IPDA debaters or 2 TN Parli teams and 3 IPDA debaters.

ENTRY DEADLINES, FEES AND JUDGES

Please note that TIPDA or TNPDA debaters may participate in IEs or IPDA on Saturday. However they cannot mix TNPDA/TIPDA or IPDA/IEs. Coaches, please double (triple?) check your entries beforehand to avoid fees.

Speechwire: All registration should occur on the Pejaver tournament Speechwire page. You can locate the Pejaver tournament's registration page by going to speechwire.com and selecting the "calendar & registration button" (or follow that hyper-link to go directly to the calendar page). Scroll through the October dates until you see Pejaver Memorial Tournament, click on it, and you found the tournament Speechwire website! Here are some ways that you can also use Speechwire for your team beyond registration:

- **For competitors:** Competitors can use the tournament page to locate postings ONLINE!
- **For judges:** **We will be using e-ballots for this tournament.** Judges will get email notifications of their ballots but can also log into live.speechwire.com to access their ballot, edit or add FEEDBACK (not decisions/ranks/points) from previous rounds, and to get information on where they should be and when!

Entry Deadline: The entry deadline will be **4:30 p.m. Monday, October 27**. Changes will be accepted at no charge until 10:00am on Wednesday, October 29. **Any drops or changes after that date will be charged a processing/nuisance fee of \$20.00 per change.**

NEW!!! PLEASE READ!!! ALL NON-ADVANCING IPDA COMPETITORS CAN AND (VERY LIKELY) WILL BE USED AS JUDGES IN ELIMINATION ROUNDS. To make this process easier, PLEASE ENTER your competitors for this tournament as "judges" in the **IPDA COMPETITOR JUDGING CATEGORY ON SPEECHWIRE.** This will give you a chance to input your competitors email so they can receive their e-ballots and keep the tournament ON TIME (and keep your email clear from

tournament staff bugging you for the email addresses ☺) It is IMPARATIVE that you enter your **IPDA competitors for this tournament** in the “**IPDA Competitor Judges**” **ONLY** (**NOT** the standard IPDA judge category as this is the category used for ALL rounds, including pre-lims). **Tournament staff will activate the non-advancing competitors ONLY in that category for elimination rounds & ensure that they are blocked against the event that they are competing in at this tournament.**

NON-ADVANCING IPDA COMPETITOR JUDGES do not count towards covered entries/uncovered fees. Please enter ALL competitor names & email addresses that where receive their e-ballots if they do not advance. Tournament staff will begin contacting programs on Monday, October 27th.

Judges/Covered Entries: Each IPDA judge covers four slots. Each TIPDA/TNPD judge covers two slots. Each IE judge will cover 6 IE slots. **Judges will not be mixed unless asked prior. All schools will be required to judge one round past their highest finisher. Competitors who do not advance in IPDA may be used as judges in the out-rounds.**

Judging Obligations (all events/formats): ALL SCHOOLS ARE OBLIGATED TO JUDGE 1 ROUND PAST THEIR LAST DROPPED ROUND.

E-Ballots: Please make sure you provide an email address with your judge entry and that they have confirmed their Speechwire account if this is their first time using Speechwire.

WiFi/Internet: We plan on having wi-fi available in the draw rooms but be prepared to debate without if there are technical difficulties. **Judges should contact tournament staff ASAP if they are having technical difficulties with internet or accessing their ballots.**

Speechwire Guides: Speechwire gives a lot of information as you complete certain actions (like adding competitors, etc) but also has some great resources if you want to read more OR distribute to your team/judges! [You can find all guides here](https://www.speechwire.com/p-video-resources.php) or by copy & pasting this link: <https://www.speechwire.com/p-video-resources.php>

GUIDE TO ENTER JUDGES (AND ENTRIES) ON SPEECHWIRE:

1. **COACHES** log into your account on Speechwire.com. You should click “Your Account: in the top blue bar. From there, it will prompt you to log in to your team’s account. ***Note: Some teams have settings where only head coaches can register for tournaments—this must be resolved by whoever is listed as the “head coach” for your team***
2. Either go to “Tournament Registration” or “Calendar” and select the Pejaver Memorial Tournament (if Pejaver does not come up as a tournament listed

through the “Tournament Registration Option,” you should select “Calendar” in the top blue heading bar of the web page.

3. If you have not marked if you will attend the tournament, click on the cute little school bus and mark “attending” ☺ Once you have done so, you can click “update your entries” on the Pejaver Speechwire page.
4. On the Pejaver Speechwire page, click the cute little suit and tie icon titled “Entries” OR the cute little gavel icon marked “Judges”
 - a. You can update your entries on the entry page and your judges on the judging page. For entries, **PLEASE USE THE DROP DOWN MENU NEXT TO THE ENTRY NAME to select the appropriate DIVISION for that competitor.** While IE’s will not be split into novice/varsity rounds, we will only know that a competitor is eligible for a top novice award if they are marked NOVICE on the entry. For TNPDA, the same idea applies to knowing who top novice competitors/speakers are for this tournament.
 - b. The DEFAULT division for ALL ENTRIES is VARSITY—you must go to the drop down menu to select novice designation for IE/TNPDA & Novice, JV, & Varsity divisions for IPDA.
5. **WHEN YOU ENTER YOUR JUDGES:** You will be presented with a table with all judging categories (TNPDA, TIPDA, IPDA, IE, and IPDA COMPETITORS (ELIMS). You can see fees, current judges, etc. on this table. To enter your judges, click the “add a judge to your entry” below the table”
6. **JUDGE TYPE:** After clicking, “add a judge to your entry,” first drop down menu (top of page) will allow you to select the type of judge you wish to enter. If you have used Speechwire in the past & have saved judges, please make sure that they have a LINKED email and, if so, still have ACCESS to that associated email.
 - a. **Please remember:** Similar to how a competitor cannot compete in events with conflicting schedules, **judges cannot cover BOTH a TNPDA/TIPDA entry or an IPDA/IE.** Example: a single judge can cover TN Parli & IE entries but cannot cover an IE & IPDA entry since IE’s & IPDA occur at the same time and a judge cannot be in two rounds at once.
 - b. **FOR THE IPDA COMPETITOR CATEGORY: Again, please enter ALL your competitors you have entered for this tournament into the the “IPDA COMPETITOR” category. ALL NONADVANCING COMPETITORS CAN JUDGE IPDA ELIMINATION ROUNDS. This will allow you to GO AHEAD AND INPUT THEIR EMAIL FOR THEIR E-BALLOTS and keep rounds on time! DO NOT enter your competitors who are actively competing in this tournament into the regular “IPDA” judging category!!!** Please go ahead and tell your IPDA competitors to look for some form of a confirmation email from speechwire if they have not already been entered as a judge
7. Next, Speechwire will ask you to start by entering the EMAIL address of a judge. If they DO NOT have an email associated with Speechwire, that is when you will input their names, email, etc. **ALL FORMATS OF DEBATE AND INDIVIDUAL EVENTS WILL USE E-BALLOTS AT THIS TOURNAMENT. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR JUDGE HAS AN EMAIL LISTED & CONFIRMED.**

Tips for Speechwire Online Registration / Linking Students + Judges:

- **Make sure you are using CONSISTENT AND CORRECT SPELLING of a competitor's name.** If they are already on your team roster, check to make sure it is the same spelling & name listed there. If they are a new competitor on your team/this is your first time using Speechwire, still make sure you are using a consistent spelling if they are entered in multiple events! Speechwire associates a competitor based off of name entered—this ensures that the email associated with their competitor account carries over so they can access their e-ballots, receive postings/round notifications, etc. Further, for individual events, this is how individual sweepstakes are tracked per competitor (If a name has a misspelling, it will register as a DIFFERENT COMPETITOR and not count that event towards their individual points--*This is a lesson that has been learned the hard way by tab staff and their respective team entries*)
- **The “team roster” is a useful tool!** After you enter your competitor into their first Speechwire tournament, your team member will auto-populate in your team roster (also a good way to check if you have any misspellings!) Or, you can use your team roster to add competitors to your squad in general!
 - o **Accessing Your Roster:** To access your roster, log into Speechwire through the “Your Account” link in the top blue bar. You can either click on the cure little suit & tie titled “Team Roster” on your account page OR click the “My Team Roster” link towards the bottom of the left-hand side bar (under “Account” bold heading). On your roster page, you will see a table of your team members & whether or not they have a “student account”—this is how you know if they have an email associated with their speechwire account and any tournaments that they are registered for that week!
- **Student/Judge Speechwire Accounts:** If students and judges try to set up an account before a coach enters an email for them on their roster/entry, it will prompt them to set up a school. To avoid this, you should enter an email for your competitor/judge FIRST. This will send them an email to CONFIRM and LINK to your school/roster!
 - o **STUDENT ACCOUNTS AND JUDGING ACCOUNTS ARE DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS!** While they may use the same email, the two accounts are used for different purposes and, thus, require two confirmations. Judges will either follow the link from an email notification for their ballot OR log into live.speechwire.com to access their ballot. Competitors will most likely use their student account to access their individual round feedback. Example: *If a competitor is judging TIPDA and then competing in IE's, they will go to live.speechwire.com when they have a judging assignment to complete their ballot. They WILL NOT use live.speechwire.com when they are competing in IE's—they can get postings, etc. from the “schematics” section of the Pejaver Tournament Page and access their IE feedback/ballots by logging into their student account.*

- **Judges:** To make sure judges have linked accounts, see #5 - #7 in the above guide
- **Competitors:** To link competitors, select the team member from your roster. You will be able to see if they have an activated student account on that main table. Click on their name—this will take you to their student page where you can edit their name, add their email, add a name pronunciation for awards, manually set a password up for them, and more! Once you enter their email, THE COMPETITOR must confirm the account. You will be able to see on the main page if their account is linked—only linked student accounts will be able to receive their e-ballots after the tournament concludes. *Note: like all e-ballot platforms, sometimes school emails hate Speechwire—if they do not receive a confirmation, direct them to their junk/spam OR have them use another email.*

FEES:

Fees: If they are COVERED by your entered judges!!!

- IE Slot - \$8.00 per person (except duo) per event (aka per event entry).
- IPDA: \$35.00 per debater
- TIPDA/TNPDA: \$60.00 per team

Uncovered Fees

- IEs - \$17 per uncovered slot.
- Debate - \$45.00 per uncovered IPDA debater or \$60.00 team (TNPDA/Parli).
- Example IPDA \$35.00 + \$45.00 uncovered = \$80.00 for that competitor.

REMINDER: ALL NON-ADVANCING IPDA DEBATERS CAN AND WILL BE ENTERED IN THE JUDGING POOL. Please see judging section re: entering IPDA competitor emails in designated section on Speechwire page.

ALL SCHOOLS ARE OBLIGATED TO JUDGE 1 ROUND PAST THEIR LAST DROPPED ROUND.

UPDATED Costume Contest: Entry is free!!! (Now top 3 are awarded!!!) The best dressed competitors (1st -3rd) and best dressed judge (1st -3rd) will win an award for their spirit. **NEW AND best dressed group/theme (1st -3rd).** This is a FUN award based upon turned in votes. Ballots will be available throughout the weekend at the ballot table. One vote per person please. **Rules: No full head masks, tiki torches, weapons (real or fake), offensive costumes, or nudity. In short – use common sense!!!!!!!!!!**

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.

Payment: We accept cash & check. Please make checks payable to: MTSU Speech & Debate Club (Account 080879).

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PLEASE BRING JUDGES!!!! Judging will be tight!!!!