



2026 Naveen “Scott” Pejaver Memorial Forensic Tournament

Friday October 23 through Sunday October 25

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Colleagues,

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

We will once again be 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 BALLETS 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 near 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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Tournament Schedule

Debate Tournament Schedule

Tennessee Parli (TNPd)

Friday (October 23, 2026)

1:00-2:30 TNPd Round 1
3:00 -4:30 TNPd Round 2
5:00-6:30 TNPd Round 3
7:00-8:30 TNPd Round 4

Saturday (October 24, 2026)

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 (October 23, 2026)

1:00-2:30 TIPDA Round 1
3:00 -4:30 TIPDA Round 2
5:00-6:30 TIPDA Round 3
7:00-8:30 TIPDA Round 4
8:30 Coaches Review

Saturday (October 24, 2026)

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 Saturday (October 24, 2026) (We may unflight if there are enough judges).

01:30-03:00 IPDA Round 1
03:00-04:30 IPDA Round 2
04:30-06:00 IPDA Round 3
06:00-07:30 IPDA Round 4

Sunday (October 25, 2026)

07:30-09:00 IPDA Round 5
09:00-10:30 IPDA Round 6
10:30 Coaches Review (FAST)
11:00 -12:00 IPDA Debate Elimination Round 1
12:00 (ish) Awards
01:00-2:15 IPDA Debate Elimination Round 2
02:30-03:45 IPDA Debate Elimination Round 3
04:00-05:15 IPDA Debate Elimination Round 4 (if Needed)

IEs Tournament Schedule

Saturday Afternoon Saturday (October 24, 2026)

12:30-1:00 Extemp and Radio Draw

01:00-02:30 Round 1, Flight A

02:30-04:00 Round 1, Flight B

04:00-04:30 Extemp and Radio Draw

04:30-06:00 Round 2, Flight A

06:00-07:30 Round 2, Flight B

Sunday (October 25, 2026)

08:00-08:30 Extemp and Radio Draw

08:30-10:00 Finals, Flight A

10:00-11:30 Finals, Flight B

12:00(ish) 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 Dining: 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

**NO Laptops in rounds. No flowing or judging on laptops!!!!!! UNLESS
ADA APPROVED!!!!!!**

**DEBATE ONLY!!! Audience in rounds. 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 members.**

All of the rules guiding the International Public Debate Association & TNPd 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: 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3

There will be one division of TNPDA Debate and give awards to top novices. 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).

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>

There will be one division of TIPDA.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

Events will follow AFA-NST guidelines. 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. 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.

Students CANNOT enter Extemporaneous AND Radio Broadcasting. They must choose one.

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

Flight A Events

Extemporaneous Speaking
Radio Broadcasting
Persuasive Speaking
Poetry Interpretation
Prose Interpretation
Programmed Oral Interpretation
After Dinner Speaking

Flight B Events

Impromptu Speaking
Informative Speaking
Communication Analysis
Dramatic Interpretation
Duo Interpretation

SWEEPSTAKES 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.

We **WILL NOT** break brackets.

There will be speaker awards for the top 5 competitors in each division, awards for all elimination rounds in each division, and sweepstakes trophies for the top 3 programs in TIPDA, IPDA, TNPD, and IEs as well as overall sweepstakes. Awards are trophies and plaques.

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

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.**

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 %.

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

AI- Artificial Intelligence: 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.

ENTRY DEADLINES, FEES AND JUDGES VIA TABROOM.COM

The entry deadline will be **4:30 p.m. Monday, October 19** Changes will be accepted at no charge until 10:00am on Wednesday, October 21. Any drops or changes after that date will be charged a processing/nuisance fee of \$20.00 per change.

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.**

We plan on having wi-fi available in the draw rooms but be prepared to debate without if there are technical difficulties.

Please note that TIPDA or TNPD debaters may participate in IEs or IPDA on Saturday. However they cannot mix TNPD/TIPDA or IPDA/IEs.

FEES:

Fees: COVERED!!!

IE Slot - \$8.00 per person (except duo) per event.

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. **This will be added to the normal fee.** Example IPDA \$35.00 + \$45.00 uncovered = \$80.00 for that competitor. **We don't need your money, we NEED your judges!!!!!!!!!!**

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. IE – 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.

Cash or make checks payable to: MTSU Speech & Debate Club (Account **080879**).

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