



Dear Speech Coaches,

The Jacksonville High School Crimsons and Illinois College Blue Boys are combining forces to invite you to our First Annual Purple Invitational Tournament, to be held Saturday, December 16, 2023, on the Illinois College campus.

The tournament will offer three preliminary rounds and a final round in each event; however extemporaneous and radio speaking will have two preliminary rounds and a final round. Novice finals (for first year competitors) will be held if at least four novice finalists remain after determining varsity finalists.

Awards will be given to all varsity finalists and novice finalists. Additionally, team sweepstakes awards will be given in two divisions: Open and President's. Divisions will be determined by the median entry size for the tournament as determined at the close of registration. All schools entered at the tournament will be eligible for the Open division. Schools with entries at or below the median number of entries will be entered in the President's division.

Each school must provide one judge for every six entries or fraction thereof. The number of judges you must bring and the fees you owe are based on the preliminary entry. If you cannot provide enough judges to cover your entry, we can hire judges for you for a fee of \$80 each. Students will have already left IC campus for the semester, so our local judging pool is limited. Please make every effort to cover your entries.

Entries are due by Monday, December 11th at 5:00pm. Fees will be assessed Wednesday, December 13.

Please make checks payable to Illinois College Debate & Speech Team, EIN # 37-0661211.

The tournament will use e-ballots, so please ensure your judges bring laptops or tablets. Paper ballots will be available as a last resort option on a case-by-case basis.

We're looking forward to having your teams join us on the Hilltop! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Shawna Merrill (IC) or Buford Stowers (JHS) at shawna.merrill@ic.edu or bstowers@jsd117.org.

Schedule

7:00am	Check In
7:30am	Judges' Meeting
8:15am	Prep: Radio Speaking
8:30am	Prep: Extemporaneous Speaking
9:00am	Round 1: DDA, DI, ES, HDA, HI, IMP, INF, OD, OC, OO, POE, PRO, RS, SOS
10:15am	Round 2: DDA, DI, HDA, HI, IMP, INF, OD, OC, OO, POE, PRO, SOS
11:30am	Prep: Radio Speaking
11:45am	Prep: Extemporaneous Speaking
12:15pm	Round 2: ES, RS Round 3: DDA, DI, HDA, HI, IMP, INF, OD, OC, OO, POE, PRO, SOS
1:45pm	Finals Prep: Radio Speaking
2:00pm	Finals Prep: Extemporaneous Speaking
2:30pm	Finals: DDA, DI, ES, HDA, HI, IMP, INF, OD, OC, OO, POE, PRO, RS, SOS
4:00pm	Awards

Entry Fees & Judging

Entry fee per event - \$5

1 judge covers 6 entries

Judges hired at \$80 each

Illinois College Campus Notes

1101 W. College Ave.

Jacksonville, IL 62650

Check in and home base will be in the Dunham Auditorium, located in Crispin Hall.

The staircase entry into Crispin Hall from the parking lot leads right into the check-in space. An accessible entrance with an elevator is located on the west side of the building.

Buses can drop students off in the lot at Crispin, and then we ask that buses are parked in the Campus Services lot, located at 410 Park St.

Competition buildings are all on the quad – Crispin, Sturtevant, Parker, Baxter, Kirby, and Schewe. Our campus is relatively small, but there will be a bit of walking throughout the day.

Our dining services on campus will be closed, but tables with grab-and-go snacks will be located in each building, available to anyone at the tournament. There are a number of fast food restaurants located nearby, several of which offer delivery.