

DEAR FORENSICS COMMUNITY,



Prof. Janis Crawford
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We are very pleased to invite you and your team to the Butler University tournament, **The Circle City Classic**, on Sunday, December 3, 2023. After you finish competing at the University of Indianapolis on the south side on Saturday, drive just a few miles north to join us on our beautiful campus for our Sunday tournament featuring competition in individual events and IPDA. Students may compete in both IPDA and IE Flight B. All competition will feature registration, balloting, and tabulation using Speechwire. To get everyone home earlier on the second half of the swing, competition will begin with Extemp/Radio/IPDA prep at 7:30AM Eastern Time.

The IE portion of the tournament offers competition in all 11 AFA events, Broadcasting, and Improvisational Duo. We also offer IPDA competition (with 4 Preliminary rounds and out-rounds as necessary) to run concurrent with the IE tournament.

Please note the entry deadline of 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, November 28, 2023. We anticipate an educational, challenging, and very entertaining tournament and hope that you will join us. Please contact us with questions by calling (317) 940-9847 or sending email to jcrawfor@butler.edu or gmoser@butler.edu.

Warmly,

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Director of Forensics

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TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

To help us plan, we would appreciate if each school planning to attend would mark their team as attending on Speechwire as soon as possible, even if you don't yet know how many entries you will bring. Registration will close at 5:00PM (Eastern) on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, utilizing speechwire.com. No entries may be added after that time, although name changes and drops will not incur a \$20 penalty until after 12:00pm Noon on Thursday, November 30, 2023.

Debate competitors may not compete in flight A individual events. If entered in IE flight B, debaters should eat during IPDA round 4 prep.

In individual events, students may enter up to **three events per flight**. If a student is found to be entered in more than three events in a flight, tournament staff may remove the student from competition as necessary to reduce the student's entries to three in each flight. The dropped events will be at the tournament staff's discretion, entry fees will not be refunded for these entries, and drop fees will be assessed. Students in Extemp and Broadcasting will have concurrent prep time; therefore, **competitors may NOT enter both Extemp and Broadcasting**.

Please let us know if a judge is not willing to judge both Debate and IEs.

Flight A:	Flight B:
Extemp, Prose, Drama, POI, Communication Analysis, Informative, Broadcasting	Impromptu, Poetry, Duo, Informative, Persuasive, After Dinner Speaking, Improv. Duo

F E E S

Make checks out to "Butler University Speech and Debate Team" and address them to Janis Crawford, 4600 Sunset Avenue, Indianapolis, IN, 46208. All drops after 12:00pm noon (Eastern) on Thursday, November 30, 2023, will incur an additional \$20 fee unless otherwise specified. Name changes are free.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Individual events incur a fee of \$10 per entry, plus an additional \$10 if uncovered. One duo team constitutes one entry. Dropped entries after 12:00 PM Noon (Eastern) on Thursday, November 30, 2023, will incur a \$20 penalty. Dropped judges after 12:00 PM Noon (Eastern) on Thursday, November 30, 2023, will incur a \$25 penalty. Dropped judges after 5:00PM (Eastern) on Friday, December 1, 2023, will incur a \$50 penalty.

DEBATE

IPDA entries incur a fee of \$25.00 per entry. One judge covers two debate entries or any fraction thereof (i.e., 3 entries requires 2 judges). Uncovered IPDA entries will incur an additional \$75 fee. A dropped judge may result in the disqualification of entries and no refunds will be issued.

COMPETITION

Competition will take place **live and in person!** Balloting will take place electronically utilizing Speechwire, so judges must create accounts in order to participate. All judges are expected to be available for all rounds including finals.

Novice divisions will be held for any individual event where there are six or more novice competitors **and** six or more varsity competitors. A novice is a student who has not competed in collegiate forensics for two semesters. Novice divisions in debate will not be offered.

Students are expected to make it to every round for which they are scheduled. Students who fail to perform an event during the allotted time will be removed from that event without refund.

No participant or observer may record anyone without prior approval of the student, the student's coach, and the tournament director.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

AFA rules will govern the individual events competition. Event descriptions can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/event-descriptions>.

At the tournament director's discretion, competitors from the same school may compete against each other in prelims so we may utilize that school's judges in other sections.

No final round will be held for an event with only one section of competition. A semifinal round will be held for an individual event with 30 or more entries. In the event of a semifinal round, an updated schedule will be provided.

In Improvisational Duo, students will receive a topic or scene and have up to two minutes to prepare a five minute scene.

Students in Broadcasting will receive a selection of news stories and 30 minutes to prepare a five-minute radio news broadcast. Notes are permissible and the speaker should sit with their back to the judge. Students shall only use material included in the provided media packet except for a weather forecast, original station identification (e.g., "Classic Hits 98.5 WMYK!"), and transitional content. Students are encouraged to time themselves.

DEBATE

IPDA rules will govern the IPDA competition. The rules can be found in the IPDA constitution at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>. We will use the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with thirty (30) minutes of preparation time.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the top six finalists in each individual event, the top novice in each individual event if no novice division, the top five quadrathlon speakers, the top five IPDA speakers, and all participants in debate elimination rounds. Quadrathlon competitors must be entered in any four individual events. Only the student's top four individual events will count.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three schools in IEs, the top three schools in Debate, and the top three schools in combined sweepstakes.

SCHEDULE

Registration/Check-in begins at 7:00AM

Out-rounds subject to change depending on entries

All times Eastern

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

DEBATE

Extemp/Broadcasting Prep	7:30AM	Round 1 topic release
Round 1A	8:00AM	
	8:45AM	Round 2 topic release
Extemp/Broadcasting Prep	9:15AM	
Round 2A	9:45AM	
	10:00AM	Round 3 topic release
Round 1B	11:00AM	
Lunch Break	12:15PM	Round 4 topic release
Round 2B	1:15PM	
Finals Prep	2:30PM	Semifinals topic release
Flight A Finals	3:00PM	
	3:45PM	Final topic release
Flight B Finals	4:15PM	
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