



9 September 2023

Dear Colleagues:

The Marshall University and Ohio University speech and debate teams invite you to our Swing tournaments on the beautiful campus of Marshall University in Huntington, WV from Friday, 20 October 2023, through Sunday, 22 October 2023.

We hold these tournaments in honor of those who made substantial contributions to our forensics community and have passed on. This year we especially recognize the loss of Clara Adkins, Thundering Word head coach, whose sudden passing several months ago was far too soon and whose nurturing and supporting spirit is sorely missed. We also recognize longtime head coaches Kristine Greenwood, who passed away this summer, and Danny Ray, who passed away several years ago and was one of Clara's best friends.

The tournaments strive to be comprehensive in recognition of the important roles both speech and debate play in the forensics community. As such, we will be offering the following:

- A speech tournament consisting of 2 preliminary rounds and 1 final round of all 11 NFA speech events on Saturday, 21 October 2023, as part of the Marshall University portion of the Swing;
- A speech tournament consisting of 2 preliminary rounds and 1 final round of all 11 NFA speech events on Sunday, 22 October 2023, as part of the Ohio University portion of the Swing;
- Four (4) preliminary rounds and elimination rounds of IPDA Debate on Friday, 20 October 2023, and Saturday, 21 October 2023, as part of the Marshall University portion of the Swing; and
- Six (6) preliminary rounds and elimination rounds for NFA Lincoln-Douglas Debate on Saturday, 21 October 2023, and Sunday 22 October 2023, as part of the Marshall University portion of the Swing

**Competition in speech events and IPDA Debate will be in person. Competition in LD Debate will be hybrid.**

Importantly, the tournament schedule is designed to maximize speech and debate event cross-entry:

- A student may enter both IPDA Debate and LD Debate;
- A student may enter IPDA Debate and all speech events at Marshall University portion of the Swing if they do not advance to elimination rounds and Pattern B events if they do. (Go ahead and enter a student in Pattern A events, and we will drop them at no cost if they cannot compete.) They also may enter all speech events during the Ohio University portion of the Swing.
- A student may enter LD Debate and Pattern B events at the Ohio University portion of the Swing.
- A student may enter up to three speech events per Pattern at both tournaments.

This invitation in the attachment (Files to Download) provides additional information about both tournaments. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dennis Taylor at [taylor41@marshall.edu](mailto:taylor41@marshall.edu) or 304.541.0332 or Jennifer Talbert at [jtalbert@ohio.edu](mailto:jtalbert@ohio.edu) or 216.410.0041.

Sincerely,

Marshall University and Ohio University Coaches

## EVENTS AND ENTRIES

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Speech events will be divided into two patterns as follows:

- Pattern A: Communication Analysis, Dramatic Interp, Extemp, Persuasion, Poetry
- Pattern B: After Dinner, Duo, Impromptu, Informative, Program Oral Interp, Prose

### RULES

NFA rules will govern speech events and Lincoln-Douglas Debate. IPDA rules will govern IPDA Debate.

### STUDENT ENTRIES

A school may have unlimited student entries in each event. If entries permit, we may divide events into novice and varsity divisions in speech events and novice, junior varsity, and/or varsity divisions in debate events.

The tournament schedule is designed to maximize speech and debate event cross entry:

- A student may enter both IPDA Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate;
- A student may enter IPDA Debate and all speech events at Marshall University portion of the Swing if they do not advance to elimination rounds and Pattern B events if they do. (Go ahead and enter a student in Pattern A events, and we will drop them at no cost if they cannot compete.) They also may enter all speech events during the Ohio University portion of the Swing.
- A student may enter Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Pattern B events at the Ohio University portion of the Swing.
- A student may enter up three speech events per Pattern.

### JUDGING ENTRIES

One judge is owed for each six (6) speech entries per tournament. One judge is owed for each two (2) debate entries per tournament.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

\* All times Eastern Time.

### Friday, 20 October 2023 (Marshall University)

11:30 AM	Registration (IPDA)
12:00 PM	IPDA Draw
12:30 PM	IPDA Debate Round 1
1:30 PM	IPDA Draw
2:00 PM	IPDA Debate Round 2
3:15 PM	IPDA Draw

3:45 PM IPDA Debate Round 3  
5:00 PM IPDA Draw  
5:30 PM IPDA Debate Round 4

**Saturday, 21 October 2023 (Marshall University)**

8:00 AM IPDA Draw  
8:30 AM IPDA Debate Elim Round 1  
8:30 AM Registration (Speech/LD Debate)  
9:00 AM Speech Round 1B  
9:30 AM IPDA Draw  
10:00 AM IPDA Debate Elim Round 2  
10:15 AM Speech Round 2B  
11:00 AM LD Debate Round 1  
11:00 AM Extemp Draw  
11:30 AM Speech Round 1A  
12:30 PM LD Debate Round 2  
1:00 PM Extemp Draw  
1:30 PM Speech Round 2A  
2:00 PM LD Debate Round 3  
3:00 PM Speech Finals B  
3:00 PM IPDA Draw  
3:30 PM IPDA Debate Elim Round 3  
4:00 PM Extemp Draw  
4:30 PM Speech Finals A  
4:30 PM LD Debate Round 4  
6:00 PM LD Debate Round 5  
6:00 PM MU Awards

**Sunday, 22 October 2023 (Ohio University)**

8:00 AM OU Registration  
8:30 AM Extemp Draw  
9:00 AM Speech Round 1A  
10:15 AM Speech Round 1B

10:15 AM	LD Debate Round 6
11:15 AM	Extemp Draw
11:45 AM	Speech Round 2A
1:15 PM	LD Debate Elim Round 1
1:15 PM	Speech Round 2B
2:15 PM	Extemp Draw
2:45 PM	Speech Finals A
3:45 PM	LD Debate Elim Round 2
4:15 PM	Speech Finals B
5:15 PM	LD Debate Elim Round 3
6:15 PM	OU Awards/ LD Awards

## REGISTRATION

Registration for all events, except Lincoln-Douglas Debate, for the Marshall University portion of the Swing may be completed on SpeechWire: <https://www.speechwire.com/c-info.php?tournid=14660>

Registration for all events for the Ohio University portion of the Swing may be completed on SpeechWire:

Registration for Lincoln-Douglas Debate for the Marshall University portion of the Swing may be completed on Tabroom: [https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn\\_id=28574](https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=28574)

The registration deadline is Tuesday, 17 October 2023, at 5:00 PM, but you are encouraged to register earlier so we can better prepare. You may make changes through Thursday, 19 October 2023, at 12:00 PM without any nuisance fees applying.

## DEADLINES

Student entries: Tuesday, 17 October 2023, at 5:00 PM

Judge entries: Tuesday, 17 October 2023, at 5:00 PM

Fees & obligations freeze: Thursday, 17 October 2023, at 12:00 PM

Online drops & name changes: Thursday, 17 October 2023, at 12:00 PM

Nuisance fees apply after Thursday, 17 October 2023, at 12:00 PM

## FEES

### ENTRY FEES

Speech individual events:	\$10.00 per entry
IPDA Debate:	\$35.00 per entry
Lincoln-Douglas Debate:	\$40.00 per entry

### JUDGING FEES

Uncovered speech entries:	\$12.00 per uncovered entry per tournament
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Uncovered debate entries: \$25.00 per uncovered round

**STUDENT ADD/DROP FEES**

Thursday, 17 October 2023, after 12:00 PM \$25.00 + entry fee  
On day of tournament \$50.00 + entry fee

**JUDGE DROP FEES**

Thursday, 17 October 2023, after 12:00 PM \$25.00 + entry fee  
On day of tournament \$50.00 + entry fee

Checks for both Swings can be made out to Marshall University Speech and Debate.

**AWARDS**

For all speech events with more than 11 competitors, awards will be provided to all finalists and the top novice. For any speech events with fewer than 11 competitors, awards will be provided to students who finish in the top half.

For IPDA Debate and LD Debate, awards will be provided to students who reach elimination rounds.

Additional awards will be given to the top IPDA Debate speaker, the top LD Debate speaker, and top quadrathlon champion.

The top 3 teams in speech and debate and overall team sweepstakes champion awards will be provided.

If you want information about the sweepstakes scoring system, please contact the tournament director.

**LODGING**

Below are some lodging options reasonably close to campus (within three miles).

**DoubleTree Hotel (Hilton)** – 1001 Third Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701  
+1 877-214-6725

- Recently renovated
- 0.7 miles west of campus

**Delta Hotel (Marriott)** – 800 Third Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701  
+1 888-890-3222

- Recently renovated
- 0.9 miles from campus
- Indoor swimming pool

**Hampton Inn** – 77 Kinetic Drive, Huntington, West Virginia, 25701  
+1 304-523-8001

- 2.6 miles from campus
- Complimentary continental breakfast

**Ramada** – 33094 16th Street Road, Huntington, WV 25701  
+1 304-523-8308

- 2.6 miles southeast of campus
- Complimentary continental breakfast
- Indoor swimming pool

**Fairfield Inn & Suites** – 536 Kinetic Drive, Huntington, WV 25701

+1 304-696-8777

- 2.6 miles from campus
- Complimentary continental breakfast
- Indoor swimming pool

**Super 8** – 3090 16th Street Road, Huntington, WV 25701

+1 304-525-1410

- 2.6 miles southeast of campus
- Complimentary continental breakfast
- Indoor swimming pool