

Friends and Colleagues:

The **University of Illinois at Chicago, Northwestern University** and **Governors State University** are pleased to invite you to the Chicago Swing the week of on October 23rd thru October 28th a hybrid swing; October 23-October 27 will be held asynchronously. On October 28 join us in Chicago for the in-person half “Chicago Swing 2023: Carnival Mayhem”.

We are pleased to offer all 11 AFA Events. A novice division will be offered for any events with sufficient entries. **Novice is defined for this tournament as a competitor in their first year of college competition/first 2 semester of competition.** Semi-finals will be held in events with 40 or more entries. Awards will be presented to the top six speakers in each event, top five speakers in individual sweepstakes, and the top five schools in team sweepstakes. We will also offer a combined swing sweepstakes awards for the top school and individual speaker.

Please enter the tournament by using **speechwire.com**:

Asynchronous-	Entries-Before 8pm -Monday, October 23, 2023
	Videos-Before Midnight (11:59pm) -Tuesday, October 24, 2023
In-Person	Entries-Before 5pm on Tuesday, October 24, 2023

One judge will be required for every six entries. Schools should cover 50% of their entry. Fees are \$10 per IE entry. Uncovered entries are each \$15.

Drop fees will be assessed after 5pm on Wednesday, October 25th.
Add/drops on Thursday, October 26: \$10 per change plus entry fee
Drops on/after Friday, October 27 incur a \$15 per drop plus entry
Dropped judges are \$50

If you have questions, feel free to contact Vance by email (vpierce4@uic.edu) or by phone (309.648.7605).

These fees will apply each day as each day is a separate tournament. A final invoice including dropped fees will be shared for each tournament.

Honoring our roots, student run teams will not be charged for entries COVERED BY JUDGES. Any teams in need of entry fee discounts will be given support if asked.

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago soon!

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Tournament Schedule

Asynchronous Tournament Schedule

Standards for videos:

- Students are only allowed use of one microphone and one speaker.
- Duo partners ARE allowed to perform in the same room for filming.
- Physically present audiences (aside from the camera operator) are not allowed.
- Masks are not required to be shown in videos.
- Prep time in impromptu is not required to be shown in videos.
- The same video will be used for all rounds: 2 preliminary rounds and finals.
- Limited Prep Prompts will be released on Friday, October 20, 12pm.

Judging for this tournament will begin Wednesday, October 25, at 10:30am and end on Friday at 5pm.

The tournament will use eballots.

We will also provide these links to other competitors in the round if they would like to observe.

In-Person Tournament Schedule

October 28th, 2023

8:00am - Registration

8:30am – Extemp Draw

9:00am– Round 1A (EXT, PERS, DUO, PRO, POI, CA)

10:30am – Extemp Draw

11:00am – Round 2A (EXT, PERS, DUO, PRO, POI, CA)

– Break for Lunch (**Lunch Provided**)

1:00pm – Round 1B (IMP, ADS, INF, DI, POE)

2:30pm – Round 2B (IMP, ADS, INF, DI, POE)

4:00pm – Extemp Draw for Finals

4:30pm – Finals A (EXT, PERS, DUO, PRO, POI, CA)

5:45pm – Finals B (IMP, ADS, INF, DI, POE)

(we will collapse finals if possible) Immediately Following – AWARDS

Sweepstakes Points

Individual Sweepstakes

All students will be entered in individual sweepstakes. Students will earn points toward individual sweepstakes for any entry reaching open or novice finals

Team Sweepstakes

Team sweepstakes will be awarded to the top five teams at the tournament each day based on final round points.

Individual and team sweepstakes points will be awarded as follows:

12 Points – 1st Place in final

10 Points – 2nd Place in final

8 Points – 3rd Place in final

6 Points – 4th Place in final

4 Points – 5th Place in final

2 Points – 6th Place in open final

1 Point – 7th Place in open final (or Non-advancing Semifinalist)

*Events advancing straight to finals will also score 2pts for each 1st place in prelims and 1 pt. for each 2nd place in prelims

The scores from both Saturday and Sunday will be totaled to determine overall swing sweepstakes.

Awards:

The top six finalists in each event will be recognized.

The top five schools in team sweepstakes (each half) will be recognized with an award.

We will also offer a combined swing sweepstakes (top team and individual speaker).

Designate each competitor as novice or varsity when registering. We will recognize TOP NOVICE in each event.

Hotels:

There are a variety of hotel options in the city and surrounding suburbs. Book early. Reach out to our UIC hosts for additional details on potential discounts.

Consider:

The Hampton Inn Chicago McCormick Place

123 E Cermak Rd Suite 100 Chicago IL 60616 (312) 791-1121

Home 2 Suites Inn Chicago McCormick Place

123 E Cermak Rd Suite 200 Chicago IL 60616 (312) 791-1121

Hilton Garden Inn Chicago McCormick Place

123 E Cermak Rd Suite 300 Chicago IL 60616 (312) 791-1121