

January 2024

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the FIFA Executive Board, we would like to cordially invite you and your team to attend the 2024 Florida Intercollegiate Forensics Association State Championship. This tournament will be a **two-part** hybrid tournament, combining virtual and in person components to maximize participation.

Please remember that the top two competitors in Persuasion will be invited to represent the state of Florida at the oldest speech competition in the United States, the National Championship of the Interstate Oratorical Association.

**Note that the coaches meeting is scheduled for February 25th**. Be sure to note which coach will be attending the meeting so we can block them during that time slot. We can zoom in member schools that won’t be attending the in-person component.

The weekend of February 16th through 18th will contain “individual debate” formats (LD and IPDA). This will be hosted on zoom. On the weekend of February 23rd through 25th we will host team debate formats (NPDA/BP) and Individual Events **in person** at Lynn University in Boca Raton. Competitors can compete in all debate formats. However, NPDA participants will be limited to one IE entry in flight C.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to seeing you in Boca Raton!

Sincerely,

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Tournament entry

The FIFA Constitution limits schools to five entries per event, and **no student may enter more than three events in any one flight**. Students must be making satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate degree at the institution. A student shall have no more than eight semesters of eligibility and shall compete at no more than four FIFA state tournaments.

Registration Deadline

A preliminary entry is due **6 PM Eastern, Thursday, February 8th** (A week before the tournament). This is to help facilitate tournament logistics (Rooms, judges etc).

Add deadline Virtual: 6pm Eastern, Tuesday February 13th

Drop Deadline Virtual: 12pm Eastern, Thursday February 15th

Add Deadline in-person: 6pm Eastern, Wednesday February 21st

Drop Deadline in-person: 12pm Eastern, Thursday February 22nd

Registration will be through Speechwire.com for both halves. There will be separate “tournaments” listed for each date. FIFA 1 (Virtual) & FIFA 2 (In person)

Don’t hesitate to ask questions if you run into difficulties or have concerns. Jonathan can be reached by email or cell phone.

*Email: jonathan.conway@ucf.edu*

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Please remember to indicate novices (those in their first year of *college* forensic competition).

**Fee Structure:**

Membership Fee: $75

Individual Events (excluding Persuasion): $10/slot

Lincoln-Douglas Debate Entries: $20/entry

IPDA Debate Entry $20/Entry

Parliamentary Debate Entries: $25/team

British Parliamentary Debate Entries $25/Team

Persuasion Entries: $20/slot

Uncovered IE slots: $12/slot

Uncovered Debate entries: $25/entry

\*If attending both components a single invoice can be provide.

**Judge Types:**

Individual Events: 1 judge Covers 6 individual events slots

Parli: 1 judge Covers 2 NPDA slots

BP: 1 judge Covers 1.5 BP entries

LD: 1 judge Covers 2 LD Entries

IPDA: 1 judge Covers 2 IPDA Entries

\*\*\*Judges are permitted to enter themselves multiple times to be in multiple pools, however, cannot cover both BP and IE entries.

\*\*\*Judges associated teams with larger entries may be asked to judge debate/speech even if they have no students entered in that category.

**Drop Fees:**

Late add: $10/slot

Late Drop: $10/slot

Late judge drop: $50/judge

Drop at registration: $25/slot

Dropped judge at registration: $100/judge

RULES & EXPECTATIONS

Individual Events

Standard NFA rules apply, which can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/nationalforensicsassociation/about-nfa/governing-documents> .

Internet access is allowed during prep time of Extemporaneous Speaking, IPDA and NPDA debate. Though the host institution makes no guarantees of wireless access. BP Debate does NOT permit internet access.

Impromptu will be quotations through all rounds of competition. Remember that the top two speakers in Persuasion qualify for the Interstate Oratory Competition.

We will be using virtual ballots but can have paper ballots available. If you prefer paper ballots please inform the tournament days in advance.

Awards

Points are based on both preliminary and elimination rounds (prelim points are halved in IE). The formula for awarding points is as follows:

IE Prelims: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point

Debate events: Prelim win = 2pts

IE and Debate Out-rounds: 1st = 12 points, 2nd = 10 points, 3rd = 8points 4th = 7 points 5th = 5 points. 6th = 3 points. Debate Sems = 7.5 pts, Debate Quarters = 4pts

**Pentathlon:** For a student to be eligible for a pentathlon award, they must compete in at least five individual events. A student’s top five events will count towards their pentathlon calculation. Debate events are not considered for pentathlon.

**Citrus Award:** For a student to be eligible for the citrus (overall debate sweepstakes) award they must be entered in at least two debate formats. Their total scores will be tallied and top six awarded.

The following awards will be offered at the tournament:

* Individual Events: 1st through 6th
* Individual Debate Speakers: 1st through 6th in each format
* Pentathlon: 1st through 6th
* Citrus Debater Award: 1st through 6th
* Debate Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 3rd
* IE Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 3rd
* Overall Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 6th
* Limited Entry Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 3rd
* Limited Entry Individual Events 1st and 2nd
* Limited Entry Debate 1st and 2nd
* Top Non-advance novice competitors in all events

*Limited entry division includes all teams with entries making up less than 10% of the total tournament entry. They are still eligible for open sweepstakes awards.*

Debate Information (including time standards)

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| Lincoln-Douglas (LD) | International Public Debate (NPDA) | British PArlimentary(BP | Parlimentary(NPDA) |
| 6 minutes*3 minutes (CX)*7 Minutes*3 Minutes (CX)*6 Minutes6 Minutes3 Minutes\*\*4 minutes prep time during round | 5 Minutes*2 Minutes (CX)*6 Minutes*2 Minutes (CX)*3 Minutes5 Minutes3 Minutes\*\*30 Minutes Prep before round | 7 Minutes7 Minutes7 Minutes7 Minutes7 Minutes7 Minutes7 Minutes7 Minutes\*\* 15 minutes PRep before Round | 7 minutes*2 Min: Op Flex*8 Minutes*2 Min: Gov Flex*8 Minutes*1 Min: Op Flex*8 Minutes4 Minutes*1 Min: Gov Flex*5 Minutes\*\* 15 Minute prep time before round |

**All debate-related matters (judge training, sectioning, tabbing, etc.) for the 2024 FIFA Championship will be administrated by our Tournament Staff.**

* We will have four preliminary rounds of debate in all formats.
* A minimum of three schools must provide contestants in these events for the tournament to facilitate competition in them.
* Students participating in BP will not be permitted to enter any Individual Events
* LD resolution will be: **Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially reduce the number and/or role of its nuclear weapons.**
* All competitors shall debate both sides of the resolution an equal number of times in prelims.
* Debate speaker awards will not count toward team sweeps.
* Coaching is allowed during prep time in NPDA, IPDA only.
* NPDA resolutions shall be publicly announced in the “draw room”. Roll call will be taken by school, not individual debaters.
* NPDA resolutions will be policy-based for Rounds 1 and 2, value-based for Round 3, and metaphorical for Round 4.
* IPDA/LD/NPDA Disclosure is at judge discretion. Please keep post round comments to a minimum.

Judges

All judges must meet the following criteria:

1. Option 1: Judges in all FIFA forensics events shall be educators and/or have previous judging experience, and/or have experience as a competitor in the event(s) they judge.
2. Option 2: Judges in all FIFA forensics events shall possess a BA or BS degree or shall possess an AA degree and have been out of forensics competition for a minimum of one (1) year.
3. Judges who do not meet the criteria outlined in the previous two points may be deemed competent by the Tournament Director or FIFA President.
4. There are no judge “strikes” but specific appeals to remove a judge(s) can be made to any member to the FIFA board.

**All team’s IE judges will be assumed eligible for BP unless specifically indicated otherwise on the entry.**

**LOGISTICAL MATTERS**

Coaches’ Meeting

Please remember to note which individual will be your representative on your entry so we can block the appropriate time slot. All agenda items should be submitted to Jonathan Conway (jonathan.conway@ucf.edu) by 6pm on Wednesday February 22nd. This will allow for a draft of the agenda to be shared prior to the meeting allowing for a more fluid discussion. Items not on the agenda are not guaranteed to be discussed.

**SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY**

FIFA works to maintain a competitive atmosphere where each competitor's physical and psychological well-being is respected. FIFA takes very seriously any incidents of sexual harassment, and such incidents should be reported to the Executive Committee as soon as possible, who will take appropriate action as necessary.

***FIFA State Championship 2024***

Friday February 16th

**All Times Eastern**

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| 8:30am | Check in (Virutal) |
| 9:00am | IPDA Draw Rd 1 |
| 10:15am | IPDA Draw Rd 2 |
| 11:30am | Break |
| 12:30pm | IPDA Draw Rd 3 |
| 2:00pm | IPDA Draw Rd 4 |
| 4:00pm | IPDA Draw Elim 1 |
| 5:00pm | IPDA Draw Elim 2 (If needed) |

Saturday February 17th

**All Times Eastern**

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| 9:00am | IPDA Semifinal |
| 10:30am | IPDA Finals |
| Break |
| 2:00pm | LD Rd 1 |
| 3:00pm | LD Rd 2 |
| 4:30pm | LD Rd 3 |
| 6:00pm | LD Rd 4 |

Elim 1 breaks and Judges to be announced Saturday night via email to Coaches

Sunday February 18th

**All Times Eastern**

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| 9:00am | LD Elim 1 |
| 10:30am | LD Elim 2 |
| 12:00pm | LD Elim 3 |
| 1:00pm | Debate Awards |

February 23rd-25th

In person at Lynn University

**All Times** **Central**

**Flight A Events: Flight B Events: Flight C Events:**

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Friday February 23rd

**All Times Eastern**

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| Time | Individual Events | Debate |
| 8:30am |  | BP Early Registration |
| 9:00am |  | BP Topic Announce 1 |
| 9:20am |  | BP Round 1 |
| 11:00am |  | BP Topic Announce 2 |
| 11:20am |  | BP Round 2 |
| 1:00 |  | Break |
| 1:45 |  | BP Topic Announce 3 |
| 2:05 |  | BP Round 3 |
| 4:05 |  | Topic Announce 4 |
| 4:25 |  | BP Round 4 |
| 6:30pm |  | BP Topic Announce Sems |
| 6:50pm |  | BP Semis (If Necessary) |
| 7:30pm |  | BP Topic Announce Finals |
| 7:50pm |  | BP Finals |

Saturday February 24th

**All Times Eastern**

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| Time | Individual Events | Debate |
| 8:00am |  | Registration |
| 8:30am |  | NPDA Draw 1(Speak 8:50) |
| 10:00am |  | NPDA Draw 2 (Speak 10:20) |
| 10:30am | Round 1C |  |
| 11:45 | Extemp Draw |  |
| 12:15 | Round 1B |  |
| 1:30 |  | NPDA Draw 3 |
| 2:00 | Round 2C | NPDA Draw 3 (Speak 2:20 |
| 3:15 | Extemp Draw |  |
| 3:45 | Round 2B |  |
| 5:00 | Extemp Draw  |  |
| 5:30 | Round 3B |  |
| 6:15 |  | NPDA Draw 4 (Speak 6:25) |

Sunday February 25th

**All Times Eastern**

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| 8:00 |  | NPDA Elim 1 (Speak 8:20) |
| 8:30am | Round 3C |  |
| 9:45am | Round 1A |  |
| 11:00 | Round 2A |  |
| 12:15 | Round 3A |  |
| 12:45 |  | NPDA Elim 2 |
| 1:45 | Extemp Draw Finals |  |
| 2:15 | Finals A/C |  |
| 3:00 |  | NPDA Elim 3 (If needed) |
| 3:45 | Finals A/B | Coaches/Business Meeting @ 4:15pm |
| 5:00 | Group Interp |  |
| 6:30pm | Awards |  |