Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association and Texas State University, it is my pleasure to invite you to the TIFA State Championship Tournament **to be held in person on the Texas State University campus February 2-4, 2024**. The tournament is open to TIFA members only and will offer competition in all AFA-NST individual events, as well as NPDA, IPDA and NFA-LD styles of debate. Tournament staff will use [**SpeechWire**](http://www.speechwire.com/index.php) for registration, tournament tabulation, event postings, ballot distribution, and information sharing.

We hope that you will join us for what is sure to be a weekend of fun and quality forensics competition.

Best Regards,

Jeremy Hutchins, Texas State University

President, TIFA

# Texas All-State Forensic Squad

Every year, TIFA names an All-State Squad to recognize students who have excelled in forensics (in individual events, debate, or both) at either the 2-year or 4-year level while maintaining high levels of academic achievement and who are recognized as exhibiting strong character and leadership skills. To be considered for the All-State Squad, coaches must fill out the [**All-State Squad Form**](http://tifaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/TIFA-Fillable-All-State-Application.pdf) on the student’s behalf and submit it by the end of Saturday registration for the Spring TIFA tournament. Hard copies may be submitted at registration. Electronic copies may be sent to [jh200@txstate.edu](mailto:jh200@txstate.edu).

# Novice Awards

At the Spring Championship, TIFA recognizes the Top Novice and Top Community College student in each event category, whether or not they advance to the event final. The same student may win both recognitions in addition to placing in the event itself. A separate novice final round will not be held. **Please identify novice competitors when you register.** For the purposes of awards, a “novice” is defined as a student in their first two semesters of collegiate competition. In team debate and Dramatic Duo, both members of the team must meet TIFA novice requirements to be eligible for novice awards.

# Interstate Oratorical Association

The first and second place competitors in Persuasive Speaking at the TIFA Spring Championship will represent Texas at the Interstate Oratorical Association National Tournament.

# Individual Events

Contestants in prepared events may not perform materials used by the student in competition prior to September 1, 2023. AFA-NST and TIFA rules govern all individual events. The tournament host reserves the right to cancel an event if entries do not warrant holding the event. There is no limit on the number of entries per school per event. The top four per event count for school sweepstakes. A student may enter three events per pattern.

**Pattern A:** CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POI, POE

**Pattern B:** ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO

**Sweepstakes Points**

First: 12 Points

Second: 10 Points

Third: 7 Points

Finalist: 5 Points

Semis: 2 Points

# NPDA Debate

This event will be governed by the rules of the National Parliamentary Debate Association. There will be six preliminary rounds (when possible) plus the appropriate number of elimination rounds. Power matching will occur in the final two preliminary rounds. Teams will debate different resolutions each round. All winning records are not guaranteed to break to elimination rounds. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win.

**Format**

First Proposition Constructive Speaker: 7 min

Opposition Flex Time: 2 minutes

First Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 min

Proposition Flex Time: 2 minutes

Second Proposition Constructive Speaker: 8 min

Opposition Flex Time: 1 min

Second Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 min

Opposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 4 min

Proposition Flex Time: 1 min

Proposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 5 min

**Pre-Round Prep Time: 20 minutes**

Flex time may be used by the controlling team to prepare arguments, drink water, set up stands, ask questions, etc. Flex time may not be used as additional speech time.

# IPDA Debate

This event is governed by Phi Rho Pi guidelines. Debaters are not allowed to consult any other person during prep time. Students entered in IPDA may not enter Individual Events/NFA-LD. There will be four preset flighted preliminary rounds plus an appropriate number of elimination rounds. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win. For each flight, students will meet in the topic draw room. Five topic choices will be provided. Negative will strike first with subsequent strikes alternating between competitors until one topic remains to be debated. Should a debater not be present to draw at the scheduled time, a five-minute grace period will be started. At the end of the five minutes, the topic list will be given to the debater in attendance who will choose the topic to be debated.

**Format**

Affirmative Constructive: 5 minutes

Cross Examination: 2 minutes

Negative Constructive: 6 minutes

Cross Examination: 2 minutes

First Affirmative Rebuttal: 3 minutes

First Negative Rebuttal: 5 minutes

Second Affirmative Rebuttal: 3 minutes

**Pre-Round Prep Time: 30 minutes**

# NFA-LD Debate

This event is governed by the rules of the National Forensics Association. Students entered in NFA-LD may not enter Individual Events/IPDA. There will be four preset preliminary rounds plus an appropriate number of elimination rounds. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win.

**Format**

Affirmative Constructive: 6 minutes

Negative Cross-Examination: 3 minutes

Negative Constructive: 7 minutes

Affirmative Cross-Examination: 3 minutes

First Affirmative Rebuttal: 6 minutes

Negative Rebuttal: 6 minutes

Second Affirmative Rebuttal: 3 minutes

In-Round Prep Time: 4 minutes

**The tournament will use the 23-24 NFA-LD topic.** Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce the number and/or role of its nuclear weapons.

# Judging Information

One judge covers two (2) NPDA teams, two (2) LD or IPDA entries or eight (8) IE entries. A judge cannot be counted for both IPDA/LD and Individual Events. For the Saturday portion, designate your judges as either an Individual Events judge or an IPDA/LD judge. The tournament reserves the right to place judges in events they have not been designated to judge. NPDA judges are obligated for one round beyond their team’s elimination. For all other events, judges are obligated through the end of the tournament.

The tournament will use electronic balloting.

# Tournament Fees

**Organizational Dues**

Schools that did not attend the Fall TIFA Championship must pay dues of $80.00.

**Covered Entries**

Individual Events: $10.00 / slot

NPDA: $60 / team

NFA-LD: $30 / entry

IPDA: $30 / entry

**Uncovered Judging Fees**

Individual Events: $15.00 / slot

NPDA: $100.00 / team

IPDA: $75.00 / entry

NFA-LD: $75.00 / entry

**Nuisance Fees**

**Entries are due Monday,** **January 29th, 2024, at 5pm (CST)**. For each judge dropped after Wednesday January 31st at noon, there will be an additional $50.00 fee. Schools that drop a judge at registration/check-in will be charged $100.00. Entry changes after Wednesday, January 31st at noon will be charged $10 in addition to the original entry fee. Changes at registration/check-in will be charged $20 in addition to the original entry fee.

Judges who do not pick up their assigned ballots on time (within 10 minutes after the round is scheduled to begin) will be penalized $25. If their fine is not paid, the judge’s students will be deemed ineligible for elimination rounds and the school’s ballots will be held until the fees are paid.

**Payment**

**Checks or cash are preferred. Checks should be made payable to Wayne Kraemer–TIFA, P.O. Box 1425, San Marcos, Texas 78667**. If alternative means of payment are needed, please contact Wayne Kraemer ([wk02@txstate.edu](mailto:wk02@txstate.edu)).

# 2024 TIFA Spring Championship Schedule

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| Friday, February 2 | |
| **1:00** | **NPDA Round 1** |
| **2:15** | **NPDA Round 2** |
| **3:30** | **NPDA Round 3** |
| **5:00** | **Dinner** |
| **5:30** | **NPDA Round 4** |
| **6:45** | **NPDA Round 5** |

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| Saturday, February 3 | | | |
| **9:00** | **NPDA Elim 1** |  |  | |
| **10:30** | **NPDA Elim 2** |  |  | |
| **11:00** | **Registration** |  |  | |
| **11:30** | **Lunch**  **Business Meeting** |  |  | |
| **12:30** | **EXT Draw** | **IPDA Flight A: Draw** | **LD Round 1** | |
| **1:00** | **IE Pattern A: Round 1**  **(CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)** | **IPDA Flight A: Round 1**  **IPDA Flight B: Draw** |  | |
| **1:30** |  | **IPDA Flight B: Round 1** | **LD Round 2** | |
| **2:15** | **EXT Draw** | **IPDA Flight A: Draw** |  | |
| **2:45** | **IE Pattern A: Round 2**  **(CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)** | **IPDA Flight A: Round 2**  **IPDA Flight B: Draw** | **LD Round 3** | |
| **3:15** |  | **IPDA Flight B: Round 2** |  | |
| **4:00** | **IE Pattern B: Round 1**  **(ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)** | **IPDA Flight A: Draw** | **LD Round 4** | |
| **4:30** |  | **IPDA Flight A: Round 3**  **IPDA Flight B: Draw** |  | |
| **5:00** |  | **IPDA Flight B: Round 3** | **LD Elim 1** | |
| **5:15** | **IE Pattern B: Round 2**  **(ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)** |  |  | |
| **5:45** |  | **IPDA Flight A: Draw** |  | |
| **6:15** |  | **IPDA Flight A: Round 4**  **IPDA Flight B: Draw** | **LD Elim 2** | |
| **6:45** |  | **IPDA Flight B: Round 4** |  | |

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| Sunday, February 4 | | | |
| **9:00** | **EXT Draw** | **IPDA Draw** |  |
| **9:30** | **IE Pattern A: Round 3**  **(CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)** | **IPDA Elim 1** |  |
| **10:15** |  | **IPDA Draw** |  |
| **10:45** | **IE Pattern B: Round 3**  **(ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)** | **IPDA Elim 2** |  |
| **12:00** | **Lunch** |  |  |
| **12:30** | **EXT Draw** | **IPDA Draw** |  |
| **1:00** | **IE Pattern A: Finals** | **IPDA Elim 3** |  |
| **2:00** |  | **IPDA Draw** |  |
| **2:15** | **IE Pattern B: Finals** |  |  |
| **2:30** |  | **IPDA Elim 4** |  |
| **3:30** | **Awards** |  |  |