

DEAR FORENSICS COMMUNITY,



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We are very pleased to invite you and your team to the Butler University tournament, **The William H. Neher Bulldog Battle**, on Friday and Saturday, January 17-18, 2025. The Battle will feature synchronous virtual competition in Individual Events, IPDA, NPDA, and Public Forum. Registration, balloting, and tabulation will utilize Speechwire.

On Friday, January 17, the tournament will feature four preliminary rounds and appropriate out-rounds of synchronous competition in NPDA and Public Forum using Zoom. On Saturday, January 18, the tournament will utilize Yaately to offer synchronous competition in all 11 AFA events and Broadcasting in addition to four preliminary rounds and appropriate out-rounds of IPDA. IPDA competition will begin at 8:00AM Eastern Time and extemp/broadcasting prep will begin at 8:30AM, a reasonable time for multiple time zones!

On Saturday, competitors may compete in both IPDA and flight B IEs. Competitors may not compete in both extemp and broadcasting. **This means your students could compete in IPDA, IE Flight B, and either NPDA or Public forum!**

Please note the entry deadline of 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, January 14, 2025. 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

Jazlyn Khan
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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, January 14, 2025, 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, January 16, 2025.

Flight A: Extemp, Broadcasting, Prose, Drama, POI Communication Analysis, Informative	Flight B: Impromptu, Poetry, Duo, Persuasive, After Dinner Speaking
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Students may enter both Debate and Flight B Individual Events. Students may NOT enter both extemporaneous and radio broadcasting. 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 (or IPDA and any event in Flight A), tournament staff may remove the student from competition as necessary. 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.

ALL debate entries must be covered. All judges should be prepared to judge IEs and any form of debate. Please let us know if a judge is not willing to judge both Debate and IEs. When registering your judges, please utilize them only as follows:

1. Friday Coverage (covers two NPDA or Public Forum entries)
2. Saturday IE Coverage (covers up to six individual events entries)
3. Saturday Debate Coverage (covers up to two IPDA Entries)
4. Friday and Saturday Debate Coverage (covers up to two NPDA or Public Forum entries and up to two IPDA entries)
5. Friday Debate and Saturday IE Coverage (covers up to two NPDA/Public Forum entries and up to six IE entries)
6. Friday Debate and Saturday Combined Coverage (covers up to two NPDA/Public forum entries, one IPDA entry, and three IE entries)

DO NOT enter a person as more than one type of judge. This results in the same judge being assigned multiple rounds at the same time and a very unhappy tab staff. All judges are expected to be available for all rounds including finals. Regarding coverage, if you need six judges (for example) to cover your entry, you will need six judges available for each round. If you need to use multiple people to create one full-time judge, that's fine! Just let us know that's what you're doing and we'll make sure to schedule them appropriately. Email Greg (gmoser@butler.edu) the details of the concerned judges' schedules.

F E E S

Make checks out to "Butler University Speech Team" and address them to Janis Crawford, 4600 Sunset Avenue, Indianapolis, IN, 46208. All entry drops and/or changes after 12:00pm noon (Eastern) on Thursday, January 16, 2025, will incur an additional \$20 fee. All judge drops will incur a \$25 fee after 12:00pm noon (Eastern) on Thursday, January 16, 2025, and a \$100 fee after 8:00am (Eastern) on Friday, January 17, 2025. A dropped judge may result in the disqualification of entries and no refunds will be issued.



INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Individual events incur a fee of \$10 per entry, plus an additional \$10 if uncovered. One duo team constitutes one entry. One judge covers six IE entries or any fraction thereof.

DEBATE

IPDA, NPDA, and Public Forum entries incur a fee of \$25.00 per entry. **Schools may not enter uncovered debate entries.** One judge covers two debate entries or any fraction thereof (i.e., 3 entries require 2 judges).

COMPETITION

Friday competition will use Zoom. Saturday competition will take place utilizing the Yaatly platform. Students and judges must create accounts on Yaatly in order to participate. More information on how to set up organizations and accounts, as well as answers to frequently asked questions are available at info.yaatly.com.

Please help us start the first round on time by ensuring your judges are familiar with Yaatly BEFORE the tournament begins.

Competition is open to any undergraduate student who has not completed eight semesters of collegiate forensics competition. Novice divisions will be held at the tournament director's discretion. A novice has not competed in collegiate forensics for two semesters. A novice debater is a student who has not debated prior to August 2024, including high school debate.

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, the Tournament Director, and the Director of Forensics of the host school.

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>. Duo partners may perform from the same physical location.

Radio Broadcasting will follow **the new format** contained in the Pi Kappa Delta invitation for the 2024 Biennial Tournament & Convention: <https://pkd.clubexpress.com/docs.ashx?id=1256038>

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.

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.

NPDA rules will govern the NPDA competition. The rules can be found in the NPDA By-Laws at <https://npdadebate.com/governance/>. There will be twenty (20) minutes of preparation time.

For IPDA and NPDA, topics will be released for everyone at the link on Speechwire. Students should strike in their "room" on Zoom/Yaatly. Students must be in their competition room on time. Failure to strike on time will result in reduced prep time so the tournament is not delayed.

CPFL rules will govern the Public Forum competition, which will utilize the topic adopted for Spring 2025. CPFL rules may be found at <https://www.collegepublicforum.org/procedures>.

Mavericks and hybrid teams will not be utilized. Pairings will be posted ten minutes before each topic release or PF round. Any debate format will be canceled if there are fewer than five entries. If a debate format has fewer than seven entries, the competition will be held "round-robin" style and competitors from the same school will at some point debate each other. Semifinals will be held if there are more than eight (8) entries. Quarterfinals will be held if there are more than sixteen (16) entries and an updated schedule will be provided.

AWARDS

Our traditional stuffed bulldogs will eventually be mailed to the top six finalists in each individual event, the top novice in each individual event without a novice division, the top five quadrathon speakers, the top five speakers in each debate category, and all participants in debate elimination rounds.

To qualify for quadrathon, a student must be entered in any four IE events. Only the student's top four events will count.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three schools in Individual Events, Debate, and combined sweepstakes. **Awards will be mailed to each school upon receipt of their payment.**

SCHEDULE

Friday Registration/Check-in begins at 11:00AM

Saturday Registration/Check-in begins at 7:30AM

Schedule subject to change depending on entries

All times Eastern

Friday, January 17, 2025 (Zoom)

12:00 PM NPDA Topic Release & PF Round 1
12:20 PM NPDA Round 1
1:15 PM NPDA Topic Release & PF Round 2
1:35 PM NPDA Round 2
2:30 PM NPDA Topic Release & PF Round 3
2:50 PM NPDA Round 3
3:45 PM NPDA Topic Release & PF Round 4
4:05 PM NPDA Round 4
5:00 PM Outround #1 Pairings Announced
5:05 PM NPDA Topic Release & PF Outround #1
5:25 PM NPDA Outround #1
6:20 PM Outround #2 Pairings Announced
6:25 PM NPDA Topic Release & PF Outround #2
6:45 PM NPDA Outround #2

Saturday, January 18, 2025 (Yaately)

7:50 AM Opening Meeting
8:00 AM IPDA Topic Release
8:30 AM EXT/BRD Prep & IPDA Round 1
9:00 AM IE Round 1A
9:30 AM IPDA Topic Release
10:00 AM IPDA Round 2
10:15 AM EXT/BRD Prep
10:45 AM IE Round 2A
11:15 AM IPDA Topic Release
11:45 AM IPDA Round 3
12:15 PM IE Round 1B
1:30 PM IPDA Topic Release
2:00 PM IPDA Round 4
2:30 PM IE Round 2B
3:45 PM EXT/BRD Prep & IPDA Topic Release
4:15 PM IE Flight A Finals & IPDA Semifinals
5:15 PM IPDA Topic Release
5:45 PM IE Flight B Finals & IPDA Final