

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association and Texas Tech University, it is my pleasure to invite you to the TIFA State Championship Tournament **to be held in person on the Texas Tech campus November 1-2, 2024**. TIFA will host an **open invitational** offering competition in all AFA-NST individual events, as well as NPDA, IPDA and NFA-LD styles of debate. Tournament staff will use [SpeechWire](#) for registration, tournament tabulation, event postings, ballot distribution, and information sharing.

On **Sunday, November 3**, our friends at **Texas Tech University** will host the second half of the swing offering another opportunity for your students to compete in all AFA-NST individual events. Please find additional information at their tournament page on SpeechWire.

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  
Interim Vice President & Director of Tournaments  
Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association

Justin Blacklock, San Antonio College  
President  
Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association

## LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

### Hotel Options

Comfort Suites University  
4927 Marsha Sharp Freeway  
Lubbock, TX 79410  
806-701-5870

Courtyard Lubbock Downtown/University Area  
308 Avenue V  
Lubbock, TX 79415  
806-368-8403

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lubbock Central - Univ Area  
2115 Marsha Sharp Freeway  
Lubbock, TX 79415  
888-465-4329

Residence Inn Lubbock-University Area  
2415 3rd St.  
Lubbock, TX 79415  
806-503-7999

Staybridge Suites Lubbock - University Area  
2515 19th Street  
Lubbock, TX 79410  
877-238-8889

Hyatt Place Lubbock  
2309 Mac Davis Lane  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
806-741-0200

### Tournament HQ

Check-in, info, and refreshments will be available in the third-floor lobby of the Media and Communications Building (MCOM).

### Food Options

On Campus: [The Student Union Building](#) has Chik Filet, Pizza Hut, Raider Pit BBQ, and Boar's Head Deli. Open 7 AM-9 PM on Friday and Saturday only. [The Market at Stangel/Murdough Hall](#) has a big menu and reasonable prices. Open 7 AM-8 PM on Friday, 11 AM-8 PM on Saturday, and 11 AM-9 PM on Sunday. Both are walkable from the tournament.

Near Campus: Many options along University Avenue between Mac Davis Ln and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Options include [Chili's](#), [Whataburger](#), [Chipotle](#), [Spanky's](#), [Raising Cane's](#), [Tikka Shack](#), [Torchy's Tacos](#), [Potbelly](#), [Velvet Taco](#), and [Domino's](#).

Delivery: Grub Hub and Door Dash know their way around campus. It's best to meet them at the parking lot near the Media and Communication Building (MCOM) in Lot R05.

### Parking

See the map below. Friday parking will be in the Flint Avenue Garage. Cost is \$9 for the day. On Saturday and Sunday, you can use Lot RO 5 next to the Media and Communications Building.

## COMPETITION

### Novice Awards

Participating students in their first two semesters of collegiate competition are eligible for novice awards. Novice Finals will be offered when there are eight or more novices entered in an event. The top four novice competitors in each individual event who do not advance to the open final round, will advance to a novice final round, which will be adjudicated by one critic. If less than eight novices are entered in an event, the Top Novice will be recognized at awards. When there are four or more novice entries in an open division of debate, a novice final round will be held for the top two novice teams not clearing to the elimination rounds. Both members of a debate team must meet the novice classification for the team to be designated as novice.

## Individual Events

Contestants in prepared events may not perform materials used by the student in competition prior to September 1, 2024. 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. In each event, the top four entries from each school count for 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 Point

## NPDA Debate

This event will be governed by the rules of the National Parliamentary Debate Association. Students entered in NPDA debate may not enter NFA-LD. 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. The top four entries from each school count for sweepstakes.

### NPDA Format

First Proposition Constructive Speaker: 7 minutes

Opposition Flex Time: 2 minutes

First Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes

Proposition Flex Time: 2 minutes

Second Proposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes

Opposition Flex Time: 1 minute

Second Opposition Constructive Speaker: 8 minutes

Opposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 4 minutes

Proposition Flex Time: 1 minute

Proposition Rebuttal by First Speaker: 5 minutes

**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. 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. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win. The top four entries from each school count for sweepstakes.

### IPDA 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

NFA-LD will be offered as a hybrid format. Students and judges must be able to participate online. This event is governed by the rules of the National Forensics Association. There will be five preset preliminary rounds plus an appropriate number of elimination rounds. Schools earn 5 sweepstakes points for each prelim round win. The top four entries from each school count for sweepstakes.

### NFA-LD 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 24-25 NFA-LD topic. Resolved:

The United States federal government should substantially increase prohibitions on the development and/or use of artificial intelligence in one or more of the following areas: law enforcement, automation, and/or privacy.

## JUDGING

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 and Individual Events. For the Saturday portion, designate your judges as either an Individual Events judge or an IPDA. The tournament reserves the right to place judges in events they have not been designated to judge. NPDA and NFA-LD 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.

## FEES

### Organizational Dues

\$50.00

### Covered Entries

Individual Events: \$10 / slot  
NPDA: \$60 / team  
NFA-LD: \$30 / entry  
IPDA: \$30 / entry

### Uncovered Judging Fees

Individual Events: \$20 / slot  
NPDA: \$100 / team  
IPDA: \$75 / entry  
NFA-LD: \$75 / entry

### Nuisance Fees

**Entries are due Monday, October 28, 2024 at 5pm (CST).** For each judge dropped after Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM, 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, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM will be charged \$10 in addition to the original entry fee. Drops at registration/check-in will be charged \$20 in addition to the original entry fee. No adds at registration are guaranteed.

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).

# SCHEDULE

## NPDA/NFA-LD Schedule 11/1/24

8:30 CST	School Registration
9:00	Round 1
10:30	Round 2
12:00	Round 3
1:15	Lunch
2:00	Round 4
3:45	Round 5
5:30	Elim One
7:15	Elim Two
8:00	TIFA Business Meeting
ASAP	Remaining Elims

## Individual Events Schedule 11/2 AND 11/3

8:00	Registration		8:00	Registration	
8:30	Extemp Draw		8:30	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
9:00	Pattern A: Round 1 (CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)		9:00	IPDA Flight A: Round 1 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
10:15	Pattern B: Round 1 (ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)		9:30	IPDA Flight B: Round 1	
11:30	Extemp Draw		10:30	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
12:00	Pattern A: Round 2 (CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)		11:00	IPDA Flight A: Round 2 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
1:00	Lunch		11:30	IPDA Flight B: Round 2	
1:45	Pattern B: Round 2 (ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)		12:15	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
3:00	Extemp Draw (Semifinals)		12:45	IPDA Flight A: Round 3 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
3:30	Semifinals (All IEs)		1:00	Lunch	
5:00	Extemp Draw (Finals)		1:15	IPDA Flight B: Round 3	
5:30	Pattern A: Finals (CA, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)		2:00	IPDA Flight A: Draw	
7:00	Pattern B: Finals (ADS, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)		2:30	IPDA Flight A: Round 4 IPDA Flight B: Draw	
			3:00	IPDA Flight B: Round 4	
			4:00	IPDA Quarterfinalists: Draw	
			4:30	IPDA Quarterfinals	
			5:30	IPDA Semifinalists: Draw	
			6:00	IPDA Semifinals	
			7:00	IPDA Finalists: Draw	
			7:30	IPDA Finals	

# CAMPUS MAP



1. Friday Parking. Use the Flint Avenue Garage. \$9 all day.
2. Saturday/Sunday Parking. Use lot R05 next to the College of Media and Communication.
3. College of Media and Communication (MCOM)
4. Humanities (HUM)
5. Education (EDU)
6. Student Union. Food available 7 AM-9 PM on Friday and Saturday.