



8 September 2024

Dear Colleagues:

The Marshall University and Ohio University speech and debate teams invite you to back-to-back tournaments on the beautiful campus of Marshall University in Huntington, WV from Friday, 18 October 2024, through Sunday, 20 October 2024.

The tournaments strive to be comprehensive in recognition of the important roles both speech and debate play in the forensics community. As such, we will be offering the following:

- A speech tournament consisting of 2 preliminary rounds and 1 final round of all 11 NFA speech events + Broadcast Journalism on Saturday, 19 October 2024, as part of the Marshall University tournament;
- A speech tournament consisting of 2 preliminary rounds and 1 final round of all 11 NFA speech events + Broadcast Journalism on Sunday, 20 October 2024, as part of the Ohio University tournament;
- Four (4) preliminary rounds and elimination rounds of IPDA Debate on Friday, 18 October 2024, and Saturday morning, 19 October 2024, as part of the Marshall University tournament; and
- Six (6) preliminary rounds and elimination rounds for NFA Lincoln-Douglas Debate on Saturday, 19 October 2024 (beginning at 11:00 PM ET), and Sunday 20 October 2024 (beginning at 10:30 AM ET), as part of the Marshall University tournament.

Competition in speech events and IPDA Debate will be in-person. Competition in LD Debate will be hybrid.

Importantly, the tournament schedule is designed to maximize speech and debate event cross-entry:

- A student may enter both IPDA Debate and LD Debate.
- A student may enter IPDA Debate and all speech events at Marshall University tournament if they do not advance to elimination rounds and Pattern B events if they do. (Go ahead and enter a student in Pattern A events, and we will drop them at no cost if they cannot compete.) They also may enter all speech events during the Ohio University tournament.
- A student may enter LD Debate and Pattern A events at the Marshall University tournament. A student may enter LD Debate and Pattern B events at the Ohio University tournament.
- A student may enter up to three speech events per Pattern at both tournaments.

The invitation in the attachment (Files to Download) provides additional information about both tournaments. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dennis Taylor at taylor41@marshall.edu or +1 304.541.0332 or Jennifer Talbert at jtalbert@ohio.edu or +1 216.410.0041.

Sincerely,

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EVENTS AND ENTRIES

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Speech events will be divided into two patterns as follows:

- Pattern A: Broadcast Journalism, Dramatic Interp, Extemp, Persuasion, Poetry, Rhetorical Criticism
- Pattern B: After Dinner, Duo, Impromptu, Informative, Program Oral Interp, Prose

RULES

NFA rules will govern speech events and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

PKD rules will govern Broadcast Journalism. (They changed in 2023-24.)

IPDA rules generally will govern IPDA Debate, except as follows:

- We will experiment with the topic draw process. The two competitors will strike the topics down to one – and, only after that is complete, will a coin flip determine which side they will be debating. (The idea here is to produce the consensus most debatable topic from the list before side determination occurs.)
- We do not restrict computer use by judges during rounds. Judges will complete online ballots, not paper ballots.
- Competitors may use electronic devices as timers but may not research using an electronic device or receive any one-on-one help during the actual round.
- We will not use student judges in elimination rounds.

NOVICE/JUNIOR VARSITY

For **speech events**, the tournament defines novice, consistent with the NFA rules, “as a student who is in their very first year of forensic competition. This includes high school and collegiate experience.”

For **IPDA Debate**, the tournament follows IPDA rules:

- They may compete in the Novice Division if they have not competed “in eight debate tournaments in any capacity at any level in any combination (e.g., high school or college; novice, junior or open, CX, Policy, Value, NDT, CEDA, Parliamentary, NFA, L-D, etc.)”.
- They may compete in the Junior Varsity Division if they have not competed “in eight tournaments beyond their novice eligibility OR ... in sixteen debate tournaments in any capacity at the collegiate level in any combination (e.g. novice, junior or open, IPDA, CX, Policy, Value, NDT, CEDA, Parliamentary, NFA, L-D, etc.)”.
- Otherwise, they must compete in the Open Division. (We will not run a Professional Division, nor will we accept Professional Division entries.

For **LD Debate**,

- Any student may enter an Open Division.
- The Junior Varsity Division is open to students in their first four semesters of collegiate debate (of any kind).
- The Novice Division is open to students with less than two semesters of any debate at any level (high school or college).

STUDENT ENTRIES

A school may have unlimited student entries in each event. If entries permit, we may divide events into novice and varsity divisions in speech events and novice, junior varsity, and/or open divisions in debate events.

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JUDGING ENTRIES

One judge is owed for each six (6) speech entries per tournament. One judge is owed for each two (2) debate entries per tournament.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

* All times Eastern Time.

Friday, 18 October 2024 (Marshall University IPDA)

12:30 PM	MU-MEM Registration (IPDA)
1:00 PM	IPDA Draw
1:30 PM	IPDA Debate Round 1
2:30 PM	IPDA Draw
3:00 PM	IPDA Debate Round 2
4:00 PM	IPDA Draw
4:30 PM	IPDA Debate Round 3
5:30 PM	IPDA Draw
6:00 PM	IPDA Debate Round 4

Saturday, 19 October 2024 (Marshall University IPDA)

8:00 AM	IPDA Draw
8:30 AM	IPDA Debate Quarterfinals
9:20 AM	IPDA Draw
9:50 AM	IPDA Debate Semifinals

10:40 AM IPDA Draw
11:10 AM IPDA Debate Finals

Saturday, 19 October 2024 (Marshall University Speech)

8:00 AM MU-MEM Registration (Speech)
8:30 AM Extemp Draw/Broadcast Journalism Prep
9:00 AM Speech Round 1A
9:45 AM Extemp Draw/Broadcast Journalism Prep
10:15 AM Speech Round 2A
11:30 AM Lunch Break
12:00 PM Speech Round 1B
1:15 PM Speech Round 2B
2:00 PM Extemp Draw/Broadcast Journalism Prep
2:30 PM Speech Finals A
4:00 PM Speech Finals B
5:45 PM MU-MEM Speech/IPDA Debate Awards

Saturday, 19 October 2024 (Marshall University LD Debate)

10:30 AM MU-MEM Registration (LD Debate)
11:00 AM LD Debate Pairings Announcement
11:30 PM LD Debate Round 1
12:45 PM LD Debate Pairings Announcement
1:15 PM LD Debate Round 2
2:15 PM Break (if needed, for MU-MEM Speech Finals A)
3:15 PM LD Debate Pairings Announcement
3:45 PM LD Debate Round 3
5:15 PM LD Debate Pairings Announcement
5:45 PM LD Debate Round 4
7:15 PM LD Debate Pairings Announcement
7:45 PM LD Debate Round 5

Sunday, 20 October 2024 (Marshall University LD Debate)

10:30 AM LD Debate Pairings Announcement
11:00 AM LD Debate Round 6
12:15 PM LD Debate Pairings Announcement

12:45 PM	LD Debate Quarterfinals
2:00 PM	LD Debate Pairings Announcement
2:30 PM	LD Debate Semifinals
3:15 PM	Break (if needed, for OU-BTG Speech Finals)
4:00 PM	LD Debate Pairings Announcement
4:30 PM	LD Debate Finals
6:00 PM	MU-MEM LD Debate Awards

Sunday, 20 October 2024 (Ohio University Speech)

8:00 AM	OU-BTG Registration
8:30 AM	Speech Round 1B
9:45 AM	Speech Round 2B
10:45 AM	Extemp Draw/Broadcast Journalism Prep
11:15 AM	Speech Round 1A
12:15 PM	Extemp Draw/Broadcast Journalism Prep
1:15 PM	Speech Round 2A
2:45 PM	Extemp Draw/Broadcast Journalism Prep
3:15 PM	Speech Finals (All)
4:45 PM	OU-BTG Speech Awards

REGISTRATION

Registration for all events, except Lincoln-Douglas Debate, for the Marshall University tournament may be completed on SpeechWire.

Registration for all events for the Ohio University tournament may be completed on SpeechWire.

Registration for Lincoln-Douglas Debate for the Marshall University tournament may be completed on Tabroom.

The registration deadline is Tuesday, 15 October 2024, at 5:00 PM, but you are encouraged to register earlier so we may better prepare. You may make changes through Thursday, 17 October 2024, at 12:00 PM without any nuisance fees applying.

DEADLINES

Student entries: Tuesday, 15 October 2024, at 5:00 PM

Judge entries: Tuesday, 15 October 2024, at 5:00 PM

Fees & obligations freeze: Thursday, 17 October 2024, at 12:00 PM

Online drops & name changes: Thursday, 17 October 2024, at 12:00 PM

Nuisance fees apply after Thursday, 17 October 2024, at 12:00 PM

FEES

ENTRY FEES

Speech individual events:	\$10.00 per entry
Duo Interpretation:	\$15.00 per entry
IPDA Debate:	\$20.00 per entry
Lincoln-Douglas Debate:	\$30.00 per entry

JUDGING FEES

Uncovered speech entries:	\$12.00 per uncovered entry per tournament
Uncovered IPDA Debate entries:	\$24.00 per uncovered entry
Uncovered LD Debate entries:	\$24.00 per uncovered round

STUDENT ADD/DROP FEES

Thursday, 17 October 2024, after 12:00 PM	\$15.00 + entry fee
On day of tournament	\$30.00 + entry fee

JUDGE DROP FEES

Thursday, 17 October 2024, after 12:00 PM	\$25.00 + uncovered judge fee
On day of tournament	\$50.00 + uncovered judge fee

Checks for both tournaments may be made out to Marshall University Speech and Debate. If a school wishes to pay by credit card, arrangements can be made.

AWARDS

For all speech events with more than 11 competitors, awards will be provided to all finalists and the top novice. For any speech events with fewer than 11 competitors, awards will be provided to students who finish in the top half.

For IPDA Debate and LD Debate, awards will be provided to students who reach elimination rounds.

Additional awards will be provided to the top IPDA Debate speaker, the top LD Debate speaker, and top quadrathlon champion.

The top 3 teams in speech and debate and overall team sweepstakes champion awards will be provided.

The Marshall University Traveling Sweepstakes trophy will make a reappearance with the award going to the school with the most sweepstakes points earned last year and this year. (We do not have the old records.)

If you want information about the sweepstakes scoring system, please contact the tournament director.

LODGING

Below are some lodging options reasonably close to campus (within three miles). If you are arriving Thursday night, you might want to consider hotel options in Barboursville, WV or Chesapeake/South Point, OH or Ashland, KY because we have a home football game on Thursday evening. (Feel free to request recommendations from Dennis Taylor (taylor41@marshall.edu).

DoubleTree Hotel (Hilton) – 1001 Third Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701
+1 877-214-6725

- 0.7 miles west of campus

Delta Hotel (Marriott) – 800 Third Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701
+1 888-890-3222

- 0.9 miles from campus

Hampton Inn – 77 Kinetic Drive, Huntington, West Virginia, 25701
+1 304-523-8001

- 2.6 miles from campus
- Complimentary continental breakfast

Ramada – 33094 16th Street Road, Huntington, WV 25701
+1 304-523-8308

- 2.6 miles southeast of campus
- Complimentary continental breakfast

Fairfield Inn & Suites – 536 Kinetic Drive, Huntington, WV 25701
+1 304-696-8777

- 2.6 miles from campus
- Complimentary continental breakfast

Super 8 – 3090 16th Street Road, Huntington, WV 25701
+1 304-525-1410

- 2.6 miles southeast of campus
- Complimentary continental breakfast