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2024 Border Wars Speech and Debate Tournament

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October 25-27, 2024

Hosted by Tulsa Community College in Tulsa, OK at the TCC Southeast Campus

Colleagues, Competitors, Judges, and friends;

We invite you to the return of one of the most anticipated tournaments in the Midwest, Border Wars. Originally created by Gary Harmon at Kansas Wesleyan University, the tournament had a tradition of providing amazing competition, outstanding community, good food, and long-lasting memories. This tournament is making a comeback in all its glory at Tulsa Community College on the beautiful Southeast Campus. John Mikolajcik, former KWU debater, is proud to carry on the legacy of Border Wars with Co-host Sterling College and their Director Ken Troyer who was influential in running tab for many years at the Original Border Wars tournaments. This tournament will be convened October 25-27, 2024

In the tradition of great competition and community, we are going to offer 3 debate tournaments and two individual events tournaments that your team can come and compete in. We will offer a Friday IPDA tournament, a Saturday Team IPDA tournament, and a Sunday IPDA tournament. We will also offer two Individual event tournaments one on Saturday and one on Sunday. We hope that you are ready for a lot of competition, a lot of awards to be given out, and a lot of great company.

One lasting memory that Gary Harmon instilled as a coach and mentor is that people should be treated well at a tournament. To ensure that you have the best experience that you can at Border Wars, there will be an immense amount of hospitality for you and your teams. As part of attendance, there will be constant grab and go snacks, lunch, and dinner provided for competitors, coaches, judges, and spectators. As part of your registration, we just ask that you note any dietary restrictions so we can make sure that we have food for everyone at the event. We will also have pumpkins for each team to carve as we will be competing near Halloween.

We hope that you are excited for the return of Border Wars as an annual mark on your Forensics and Debate Calendar.

Thank you,

John Mikolajcik

Director of Forensics at Tulsa Community College

And

Ken Troyer

Director of Forensics at Sterling College

**Tournament Guidelines**

**Tulsa Community College Portion**

AFA-NIET rules will be followed in the participation and tabbing of all individual events.

The patterns are:

Pattern A: DI, EXT, PER, POE, PRO,

Pattern B: ADS, CA, DUO, IMP, INF, POI

Pattern C: T-IPDA – Competitors cannot enter IE events

Debate will follow IPDA guidelines, except as specified in this invitation. IPDA will be offered on Friday and team IPDA will be offered Saturday. Novice Division is for any first-year competitors with no previous High School experience. Junior division is for any competitor in their first 2 years in collegiate debate. We will do our best to avoid collapsing divisions pending registration.

Registration will take place on speechwire.com. Preliminary entry is due by Tuesday October 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

This will give us time to collate and build the rooms, assign judges, and make sure that competition is completed on time. We will follow the speechwire.com approach to running asynchronous tournaments.

Debate will run Synchronously Saturday October 23, 2021.

**Sterling College Swing**

Pattern A: DI, EXT, PER, POE, PRO, Public Narrative

Pattern B: ADS, CA, DUO, IMP, INF, POI

Rules for Public Narrative:Pattern C: IPDA Debate – This will be a separate tournament running Sunday alongside an IE tournament.

**Fees**

**Please make all checks payable Tulsa Community College for October 25-26**

**and Sterling College for the Swing on October 27.**

Individual Events: $10 Per event – (1 judge covers 6 entries)

IPDA Teams: $40 (*one judge covers 2 entries*)

T-IPDA: $40 (one judge covers 2 entries)

**Miscellaneous Fees**

Uncovered IPDA entries: $60 per uncovered debater

Uncovered T-IPDA: $60 per uncovered team

IE Drops at tournament: $30 at tournament registration

IPDA Drops at tournament: $50 at tournament registration

Payment by cash, check or PO is expected at registration.

All IE judges are expected to be available for final rounds. Debate judges are expected to be available for one round past when their teams are eliminated. Non-Advancing students in IPDA and T-IPDA will be added to the judging pool for the divisions they did not-compete in.

**Judges:**

Tulsa is a place that has a rich debate history, but we do not have that many people we can reach out to hire for judges. As part of our hosting responsibility, we will work as the host schools to find judges. We will also create a list of Judges who schools can hire as well if you need to hire a judge.

**Awards**

All IE finalist and debate elimination round contestants will receive awards.

For each IE tournament, sweepstakes awards will be given to the top 3 schools and top 3 Pentathlon speakers.

Pentathlon eligibility requires students to compete in events, which must include at least one interpretation event (DI, DUO, POE, POI, PRO) and one public address event (ADS, CA, INF, PER, EXT, IMP). Students must compete in 5 Total events to be eligible for this award. Debate will count as one entry into pentathlon.

In debate, the top 6 speakers in each division of IPDA and T-IPDA will receive awards. The top 3 schools will also win awards. For team debate sweeps, only the top five entries in each division of debate will count towards the award.

The top 3 overall schools in IE and debate during the swing will also be recognized, as well as the top community college and top program from Oklahoma. To calculate overall team awards, the percentage of total points in earned in IE’s plus the percentage of total points earned in debate will be utilized as the determining factor in ranking these programs.

Sweepstakes

Prelim points 1=3 debate win =4

2=2

3=1

Final placing for all 1=6. 2=5, 3=4, 4=3, 5=2, 6=1

**Rules for all events**

\*No speech or program used by the contestant in competition shall have been used prior to August 1st preceding the tournament.

\*Speeches must be the original work of the student.

\*AFA-NIET rules shall be followed for all individual events.