



IC Early Bird Tournament

Dear Speech Coaches,

The Illinois College Debate & Speech Team would like to invite you to kick off the 24-25 speech season at our IC Early Bird Tournament, to be held Saturday, **October 26, 2024**, on the Illinois College campus. Our tournament will overlap with IC's homecoming weekend so you're definitely going to feel the energy!

The tournament will offer three preliminary rounds and a final round in each event; except extemporaneous and radio speaking, which will have two prelim rounds and a final. Novice finals (for first year competitors) will be held if at least four novice finalists remain after determining varsity finalists. Awards will be given to all varsity and novice finalists, as well as team sweepstakes.

Each school must provide one judge for every six entries or fraction thereof. The number of judges you must bring and the fees you owe are based on the preliminary entry. If you cannot provide enough judges to cover your entry, we can hire judges for you for a fee of \$80 each. Student & staff judges will be in short supply. Please make every effort to cover your entries.

Entries are due by Monday, October 21st at 5:00pm. Fees will be assessed Wednesday, October 23rd.

Please make checks payable to Illinois College Debate & Speech Team, EIN # 37-0661211.

The tournament will use paper ballots.

We're looking forward to having your teams join us on the Hilltop! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shawna Merrill at shawna.merrill@ic.edu or via text at (417) 773-3541.

Schedule

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| 7:00am | Check In |
| 7:30am | Judges' Meeting |
| 8:15am | Prep: Radio Speaking |
| 8:30am | Prep: Extemporaneous Speaking |
| 9:00am | Round 1: DDA, DI, ES, HDA, HI, IMP, INF, OD, OC, OO, POE, PRO, RS, SOS |
| 10:15am | Round 2: DDA, DI, HDA, HI, IMP, INF, OD, OC, OO, POE, PRO, SOS |
| 11:30am | Prep: Radio Speaking |
| 11:45am | Prep: Extemporaneous Speaking |
| 12:15pm | Round 2: ES, RS Round 3: DDA, DI, HDA, HI, IMP, INF, OD, OC, OO, POE, PRO, SOS |
| 1:45pm | Finals Prep: Radio Speaking |
| 2:00pm | Finals Prep: Extemporaneous Speaking |
| 2:30pm | Finals: DDA, DI, ES, HDA, HI, IMP, INF, OD, OC, OO, POE, PRO, RS, SOS |
| 4:00pm | Awards |

Entry Fees & Judging

Entry fee per event - \$5

1 judge covers 6 entries

Judges hired at \$80 each

Illinois College Campus Notes

1101 W. College Ave.

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Check in and home base will be in the Dunham Auditorium, located in Crispin Hall.

The staircase entry into Crispin Hall from the parking lot leads right into the check-in space. An accessible entrance with an elevator is located on the west side of the building. (You pass it on the way into the parking lot.)

Buses can drop students off in the lot at Crispin, and then we ask that buses are parked in the Campus Services lot, located at 410 Park St.

Competition buildings are all on the quad - Crispin, Sturtevant, Parker, Kirby, and Schewe. Our campus is relatively small, but there will be a bit of walking throughout the day.

Lunch and complimentary coffee & hot chocolate will be provided.