



January 2025

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the FIFA Executive Board, we would like to cordially invite you and your team to attend the 2025 Florida Intercollegiate Forensics Association State Championship. This tournament will be a **two-part** hybrid tournament, combining virtual and in person components to maximize participation.

Please remember that the top two competitors in Persuasion will be invited to represent the state of Florida at the oldest speech competition in the United States, the National Championship of the Interstate Oratorical Association.

Note that there are two coaches' meetings scheduled. The first is during the lunch break on Saturday, where elections and planned business can be held. The second will be finalizing elections, and any special discussions that may arise. We can zoom in member schools that won't be attending the in-person component.

February 15th will be a virtual IPDA debate portion. This was identified as the event requiring the most judges and space, and thus was selected to be the debate format conducted online in 2025. The remainder of the debate formats, as well as individual events, will take place on the main campus of UCF February 21st through the 23rd. Pay attention to flighting, as the increase of in person debate has required certain restrictions on cross entry.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.
We look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

Sincerely,

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TOURNAMENT ENTRY

The FIFA Constitution limits schools to five entries per event, and **no student may enter more than three events in any one flight**. Students must be making satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate degree at the institution. A student shall have no more than eight semesters of eligibility and shall compete at no more than four FIFA state tournaments.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

A preliminary entry is due **6 PM Eastern, Thursday, February 6th** (A week before the tournament). This is to help facilitate tournament logistics (Rooms, judges etc).

Add deadline Virtual: 6pm Eastern, Tuesday February 11th
Drop Deadline Virtual: 12pm Eastern, Thursday February 13th
Add Deadline in-person: 6pm Eastern, Wednesday February 18th
Drop Deadline in-person: 12pm Eastern, Thursday February 20th

Registration will be through Speechwire.com for both halves. There will be separate “tournaments” listed for each date. FIFA 1 (Virtual) & FIFA 2 (In person)

Don’t hesitate to ask questions if you run into difficulties or have concerns. Jonathan can be reached by email or cell phone.

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Please remember to indicate novices (those in their first year of *college* forensic competition). This may be done through an email to the tournament director.

Fee Structure:

Membership Fee: \$75
Individual Events (excluding Persuasion): \$10/slot
Lincoln-Douglas Debate Entries: \$20/entry
IPDA Debate Entry \$20/Entry
Parliamentary Debate Entries: \$25/team
British Parliamentary Debate Entries \$25/Team
Persuasion Entries: \$20/slot
Uncovered IE slots: \$12/slot
Uncovered Debate entries: \$25/entry

*If attending both parts a single invoice can be provide.

Judge Types:

Individual Events: 1 judge Covers 6 individual events slots

NPDA: 1 judge Covers 2 NPDA slots

BP: 1 judge Covers 1.5 BP entry

LD: 1 judge Covers 2 LD Entries

IPDA: 1 judge Covers 2 IPDA Entries

***Judges are permitted to enter themselves multiple times to be in multiple pools, however, they cannot cover both NPDA/LD and IE entries.

***Judges associated with teams submitting larger entries may be asked to judge debate/speech even if they have no students entered in that category. This will be kept to a minimum, but sometimes it is necessary.

Drop Fees:

Late add: \$10/slot

Late Drop: \$10/slot

Late judge drop: \$50/judge

Drop at registration: \$25/slot

Dropped judge at registration: \$100/judge

RULES & EXPECTATIONS

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Standard NFA rules apply, which can be found at

<https://sites.google.com/site/nationalforensicsassociation/about-nfa/governing-documents> .

Internet access is allowed during prep time of Extemporaneous Speaking, IPDA and NPDA debate. Though the host institution makes no guarantees of wireless access. BP Debate does NOT permit internet access.

NPDA and LD both permit the use of computers and electronic devices during round. NPDA prohibits the use of material prepared before prep time to be used during the debate.

Impromptu will be quotations through all rounds of competition.

Remember that the top two speakers in Persuasion qualify for the Interstate Oratory Competition.

We will be using virtual ballots but can have paper ballots available. If you prefer paper ballots, please inform the tournament several days in advance.

AWARDS

Points are based on both preliminary and elimination rounds (prelim points are halved in IE). The formula for awarding points is as follows:

IE Prelims: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point

Debate events: Prelim win = 2pts

IE and BP Finals: 1st = 12 pts, 2nd = 10 pts, 3rd = 8pts, 4th = 7 pts, 5th = 5 pts, 6th = 3 pts

BP Non advancing semifinals = 4pts

IPDA/NPDA/LD: Semifinals = 7.5 pts, Quarterfinals = 4pts

*** In debate events that don't go to quarterfinals, non-advancing teams will be awarded points for 5th and 6th in accordance to IE elim procedures.

Pentathlon: For a student to be eligible for a pentathlon award, they must compete in at least five individual events. A student's top five events will count towards their pentathlon calculation. Debate events are not considered for pentathlon.

Citrus Award: For a student to be eligible for the citrus (overall debate sweepstakes) award they must be entered in **at least two debate formats**. Their **top 3 event scores will be tallied**. Tie breaking scenarios are as follows (After total points).

1. Number of championships
2. Number of finals
3. Number of elimination rounds
4. Inclusion of 4th debate points
5. Speaker awards (we did use this once... lol)

The following awards will be offered at the tournament:

- Individual Events: 1st through 6th
- Individual Debate Speakers: 1st through 6th in each format
- Pentathlon: 1st through 6th
- Citrus Debater Award: 1st through 6th
- Debate Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 3rd
- IE Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 3rd
- Overall Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 6th
- Limited Entry Team Sweepstakes: 1st through 3rd
- Limited Entry Individual Events 1st and 2nd
- Limited Entry Debate 1st and 2nd
- Top non-advancing novice competitors in all events

Limited entry division includes all teams with entries making up less than 10% of the total tournament entry. They are still eligible for open sweepstakes awards.

DEBATE INFORMATION (INCLUDING TIME STANDARDS)

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS (LD)	INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE (NPDA)	BRITISH PARLIMENTARY (BP)	PARLIMENTARY (NPDA)
6 MINUTES 3 MINUTES (CX) 7 MINUTES 3 MINUTES (CX) 6 MINUTES 6 MINUTES 3 MINUTES	5 MINUTES 2 MINUTES (CX) 6 MINUTES 2 MINUTES (CX) 3 MINUTES 5 MINUTES 3 MINUTES	7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES 7 MINUTES	7 MINUTES 2 MIN: OP FLEX 8 MINUTES 2 MIN: GOV FLEX 8 MINUTES 1 MIN: OP FLEX 8 MINUTES 4 MINUTES 1 MIN: GOV FLEX 5 MINUTES
**4 MINUTES PREP TIME DURING ROUND	**30 MINUTES PREP BEFORE ROUND	** 15 MINUTES PREP BEFORE ROUND	** 20 MINUTE PREP TIME BEFORE ROUND

All debate-related matters (judge training, sectioning, tabbing, etc.) for the 2025 FIFA Championship will be administered by our Tournament Staff.

- We will have four preliminary rounds of debate in all formats.
- A minimum of three schools must provide contestants in these events for the tournament to facilitate competition in them.
- Students participating in NPDA will not be permitted to participate in individual events occurring in flights B&C (Saturday) but can participate in flight A (Sunday)
- Students participating in LD will only be permitted a single-entry during flight A (Sunday) but can enter all flight B&C events (Saturday)
- Students can enter all debate events, but within the bounds of the above cross entry restrictions.
- LD resolution will be: **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.***
- All competitors shall debate both sides of the resolution an equal number of times in prelims.
- Debate speaker awards will not count toward team sweeps.
- Coaching is allowed during prep time in NPDA & IPDA only.
- NPDA resolutions shall be publicly announced in the “draw room”. Roll calls will be taken by school, not individual debaters.

- NPDA resolutions will be policy-based for Rounds 1 and 2, value-based for Round 3, and metaphorical for Round 4.
- IPDA/LD/NPDA Disclosure is at judge discretion but is strongly encouraged.

JUDGES

All judges must meet the following criteria:

1. Option 1: Judges in all FIFA forensics events shall be educators and/or have previous judging experience, and/or have experience as a competitor in the event(s) they judge.
2. Option 2: Judges in all FIFA forensics events shall possess a BA or BS degree or shall possess an AA degree and have been out of forensics competition for a minimum of one (1) year.
3. Judges who do not meet the criteria outlined in the previous two points may be deemed competent by the Tournament Director or FIFA President.
4. There are no judge “strikes” but specific appeals to remove a judge(s) can be made to any member to the FIFA board.
5. BP and IPDA debate formats permit “student judges”. Judges of this variety will be used at the discretion of the tournament director and only in those specific events.

All team’s IE judges will be assumed available for all speech and debate events Saturday/Sunday unless specifically indicated on the entry... cross over will remain as limited as possible.

LOGISTICAL MATTERS

COACHES’ MEETING

Please remember to note which individual will be your representative in your entry so we can block the appropriate time slot. All agenda items should be submitted to Jonathan Conway (jonathan.conway@ucf.edu) by 6pm on Wednesday February 19th. This will allow for a draft of the agenda to be shared prior to the meeting, allowing for a more fluid discussion. Items not on the agenda are not guaranteed to be discussed.

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY

FIFA works to maintain a competitive atmosphere where each competitor's physical and psychological well-being is respected. FIFA takes very seriously any incidents of sexual harassment, and such incidents should be reported to the Executive Committee as soon as possible, who will take appropriate action as necessary.

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Saturday February 15th

All Times Eastern

8:30am	Check in (Virtual)
9:00am	IPDA Draw Rd 1
10:15am	IPDA Draw Rd 2
11:30am	Break
12:30pm	IPDA Draw Rd 3
2:00pm	IPDA Draw Rd 4
4:00pm	IPDA Draw Quarters
5:15pm	IPDA Draw Semis
6:30pm	IPDA Draw Finals

February 21st – 23rd

In person the University of Central Florida

All Times Eastern

Flight A Events:

Prose
Info
Impromptu

Flight B Events:

Extemp
POI
Persuasion
Duo

Flight C Events:

DI
Poetry
CA
ADS

Friday February 23rd

All Times Eastern

Time	Individual Events	Debate
8:30am		BP Check In
9:00am		BP Topic Announce 1 New Judge Training
9:15am		BP Round 1
10:45am		BP Topic Announce 2
11:00am		BP Round 2
12:30		Lunch Break
1:30		BP Topic Announce 3
1:45		BP Round 3
3:15		Topic Announce 4
3:30		BP Round 4
5:15pm		BP Topic Announce Sems
5:30pm		BP Semis (If Necessary)
7:00pm		BP Topic Announce Finals
7:15pm		BP Finals

*If there are 3 or less sections we will go straight to finals at 5:15pm

Saturday February 22nd
All Times Eastern

Time	Individual Events	Debate
8:00am	Registration	Registration
8:30am	Extemp Draw	
9:00am	Flight B Rd. 1	NPDA Draw 1
10:15am	Extemp Draw	
10:45am	Flight B Rd. 2	NPDA Draw 2
12:00pm	Extemp Draw	
12:30	Flight B Rd. 3	NPDA Draw 3
1:45 Coaches/Business meeting part 1	Lunch	Lunch
3:00	Flight C Rd. 1	NPDA Draw 4
4:15	Flight C Rd. 2	
4:30		NPDA Semis
5:30	Flight C Rd. 3	
6:00pm		NPDA Finals

*Students entered in NPDA debate are not allowed to enter individual events in flights B/C

Sunday February 23rd
All Times Eastern

8:00		LD Round 1
9:15am	Flight A Round 1	LD Round 2 (Starts 9:30)
11:00am	Flight A Round 2	LD Round 3 (Starts 11:15)
12:30pm	Flight A Round 3	LD Round 4 (Starts 12:45)
1:30	Lunch	Lunch
2:15	Extemp Draw Finals	
2:45	Finals B/C	LD Semis
4:00	Finals A/C	LD Finals (Start 4:30)
5:15 Coaches/Business Meeting part 2	Group Interp	
6:15pm	Awards	

*LD debaters entering an IE event during flight A (max 1) should go to their IE event first. They should also be given priority over all double and or triple entered students.