

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to invite you to the 47th Annual Age of Aquarius Tournament on October 15th in sunny Muncie, Indiana. We are delighted to be swinging with Illinois State University again this year. ISU will host on BSU’s campus on Sunday October 16th. We encourage you to join us in October for an exciting and fun invitational tournament.

We will be offering 2 IE tournaments, making a very busy weekend. BSU's IE tournament will take place on Saturday and on Sunday ISU will offer another opportunity for a competitive tournament. We will offer all NFA and AFA events at both tournaments.  For the BSU half of the swing, awards will be presented to the top six speakers in each event, top six speakers in quadrathon, and top five schools in team sweeps. For the ISU tournament, awards will be presented to the top six speakers in each event, top three speakers in quadrathon, and top three schools.

Please register for both tournaments at: speechwire.com.

On-campus registration will be held in the lobby of the David Letterman Communication and Media Building on Saturday & Sunday morning. We look forward to seeing you and if you have any questions regarding the tournament, directions, or hotels please call. See you in October!

Safe travels,

Mary Moore, Ashley Coker & Mike Storr

Ball State University

Megan Koch & Richard Heyne

Illinois State University

**Tournament Schedule**

*Registration Lobby of LB 7:30-8:30*

**IE Rounds on Saturday, October 15th (BSU)**

Extemp Draw 9:00

Rd 1 A 9:30-10:45

Rd 1 B 10:45-12:00

Extemp Draw 12:30

Rd 2 A 1:00-2:15

Rd 2 B 2:15-3:30

Extemp Draw 3:30

Finals of A 4:00-5:30

Finals of B 5:30-7:00

*Awards ASAP*

**Pattern Groupings**:

Pattern A: Ext, Per, Duo, ADS, Pro, POI

Pattern B: Imp, Poe, Info, RC, DI

**IE Rounds Sunday, October 16th (ISU)**

*Registration Lobby of LB 7:30-8:30*

Extemp Draw 8:30

Rd 1 A 9:00-10:15

Rd 1 B 10:15-12:00

Extemp Draw 12:00

Rd 2 A 12:30-1:45

Rd 2 B 1:45-3:00

Extemp Draw 3:00

Finals of B 3:15-4:30

Finals of A\*\* 4:30-6:00

Awards ASAP

**Pattern Groupings**:

Pattern A: Ext, Per, Duo, ADS, Pro, POI

Pattern B: Imp, Poe, Info, RC, DI

*\*\* We will try to collapse finals on Sunday.*

**Entries**

1. For the purpose of this tournament, NOVICE is defined as a student for whom 2016-2017 is their first year of collegiate competition.
2. A novice division will be offered in any IE event that has 1) more than 30 entries AND 2) at least 12 novice students. We will make every effort to offer a novice division and maintain NFA quals.
3. A student may enter **only 3** events per pattern. However, she/he should be made aware that the rounds are one hour and 15 minutes and will not be extended if a student is unable to complete all three events in time allotted.
4. Semi-Finals will be held for events containing over 50 entries.
5. The deadline for receiving entries for both halves of the swing is 6:00 pm (EST) on Tuesday, October 11th. Entries should be submitted via speechwire.

**Fees for Age of Aquarius**

1. Each IE entry is $10.00.
2. One judge is required for every 6 IE entries.
3. There is a $10 fee per uncovered IE entry (plus the entry base fee)
4. Each LD entry is $30 per team.
5. One judge covers 2 LD entries.
6. There is a $40 fee per uncovered LD entry (plus the entry base fee)
7. DROP FEES will be assessed after noon Wed. Oct. 12th. The drop fee for IE is $15.00. The drop fee for an LD team is $30. The drop fee for a judge is $50.
8. Please make checks for BSU portion out to Ball State University.

**Fees for ISU**

1. Each IE entry is $8.00.
2. One judge is required for every 6 IE entries.
3. There is a $10 fee per uncovered IE entry (plus the entry base fee)
4. Each LD entry is $30 per team.
5. One judge covers 2 LD entries.
6. There is a $40 fee per uncovered LD entry (plus the entry base fee)
7. DROP FEES will be assessed after noon Wed. Oct. 7th. The drop fee for IE is $15.00. The drop fee for an LD team is $30. The drop fee for a judge is $50.
8. Please make checks for the ISU portion out to ISU forensics.

**Quadrathon**

For Age of Aquarius, we will give awards to the top 6 students competing in four or more OPEN events. If a student is entered in five or six events, her/his BEST FOUR will count toward quadrathon. Novice final rounds do NOT count toward quadrathon tabulation. For the ISU tournament, awards will be given to the top three speakers in quadrathon.

**Sweepstakes**

Team sweepstakes for Age of Aquarius will be awarded to the top five schools based on open final round points. Team sweepstakes for the ISU half will be awarded to the top three schools based on open final round points.

**Parking**

It is suggested that you park north of the Robert Bell building (RED R2 lot) and gain access to the Letterman building through the Robert Bell building. Be sure to look for signs. Meters and “Reserved” (handicapped, business, and numbered) spaces are enforced 24/7. You will be ticketed! If you are having trouble with parking, finding Muncie, Ball State University, or the Letterman building please contact Ashley Coker’s cell phone at (765) 729-3936.

**Lodging**

Here is a list of contact information for recommended hotels in Muncie. Be sure to ask for the BSU rate as you reserve rooms:

Best Western   (765) 282-0600

Cardinal Inn & Suites                       (765) 216-1675

Comfort Inn & Suites                        (765) 587-0294

Days Inn, Muncie                               (765) 288-2311

Fairfield Inn                                        (765) 282-6666

Hampton Inn                                     (765) 288-8500

Holiday Inn Express                          (765) 289-4678

Pittenger Student Center Hotel       (765) 285-1555

Signature Inn                                      (765) 284-8400

Super 8                                               (765) 286-4333

**Access to www in Extemp**

The university provides wireless Internet access in all buildings and most green spaces on campus. In extemp you should be able to access our guest network. Keep in mind, our guest network is unencrypted; therefore you should take any and all necessary steps to backup and secure your device when connecting to bsuguest and avoid performing any tasks that are considered confidential.