**IPDA National Championships and Convention, March 24-27, 2018**

**Please note the Saturday-Tuesday schedule for our National Tournament and Convention.**

The International Public Debate Association is pleased to announce our annual National Championships and Convention to be held March 24-27, 2018. Our host will be Whitworth University in Spokane, WA. Dr. Mike Ingram and the fine Whitworth squad are hard at work to make this a great weekend. The National Championship tournament will start off with IPDA Team debate on Saturday. Then we will feature 8 preliminary rounds of debate in 4 IPDA Individual divisions: Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional beginning on Sunday.

In addition, the IPDA will also be hosting its National Convention prior to the beginning of individual, competitive rounds on Sunday, March 25 This is an excellent opportunity for students and directors alike to feature debate-specific academic work in an educational and professional environment. If you are interested in presenting at our convention, or know someone who is, please contact IPDA Managing Director, Mary G. Jarzabek, via email at [mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu](mailto:mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu). Paper presentations are scheduled right after Friday’s registration again this year. We hope this will enable everyone to attend these enlightening convention events.

We know that the good people at Whitworth will make this a very special experience. Please join us for this memorable tournament and a fun weekend in the Pacific Northwest!

Sincerely,

Mary G. Jarzabek -318-797-5318

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IPDA Managing Director

Louisiana State University in Shreveport

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**ENTRY PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE:** Entry deadline is 5:00 PM, Friday, March 16. Entries will be confirmed and finalized by Monday, March 19. We prefer emailed entries to the Managing Director, but will accept fax or mailed entries. Each entry change (including adds or drops) made after 5:00 PM, Tuesday, March 20 will be assessed a $20 add/drop fee per individual change. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Executive Committee of IPDA reserves the right to review and make changes to the name used to identify individuals or independent programs during the National Championship.

**RULES AND ENTRIES :** Four individual divisions will be offered: NOVICE, JUNIOR VARSITY, VARSITY, and PROFESSIONAL. One division of TEAM IPDA is offered with a “varsity” designation. If you have any questions about division eligibility, you can find your answers in the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws located on the web at [ipdadebate.info](http://www.ipdadebate.info). The tournament will follow IPDA guidelines and regulations as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws.

**JUDGES :** You will notice on the entry form there is no price for uncovered entries. **This is not an option!** We require that each program cover its entries to ensure a diverse and equitable judging pool. One judge will cover up to four debaters and/or two teams. Programs are mandated to meet this requirement (so for every four debaters or two teams you enter, you MUST bring a judge!). **All** judges are obligated to **ALL** rounds including **ALL** outrounds. We will, of course, try to release schools as soon as possible during the outrounds for their journey home. However, outrounds require extra judges and we need a diverse pool for balanced panels.

## Judging for the National Championship Tournament

To maintain consistency and fairness for the National Championships Tournament, participating programs will be expected to provide the same judges throughout the duration of the tournament.  The name of each judge should be submitted at the time of the team's entry. Judges unable to continue their duties for ANY reason during the tournament must be immediately replaced: even if this means removing a competitor from the tournament and placing them in the judging pool for the remainder of the tournament.  Rounds **must** be judged by the person named at the top of the ballot – NO “BALLOT” SWAPPING IS ALLOWED.

**Procedures for judging assignments and ballot distribution:**

Judges’ ballots for each program are going to be placed into a folder or packet designated for that program (e.g. Union will get a folder with all the ballots assigned to UU judges for that round).

1. EACH program will be asked to submit the name of the person who will be responsible for picking up these ballot folders.
   1. So choose wisely…a lot will be riding on this.
   2. Each judge will then return their ballots independently to the ballot table.
2. EACH program must pick up their ballot packets no later than fifteen minutes into prep time to allow their judges enough time to make it to their assigned rooms and start each round on time.
3. A “Three-Strike” penalty system will be used for failure to comply with these procedures.
   1. A strike will be:
      1. Failure of a program’s judge to start their assigned round within five minutes after that round’s prep time **has expired**.
      2. Failure of a program to notify the tab room of a name change on the designated ballot (judge swap out) before the round begins.  IF a program encounters a problem, the tab room MUST approve any change in judging assignments.
   2. Any delay stemming from tab room procedures will NOT be considered a strike.
4. PENALTIES:
   1. 1st strike-a warning will be issued to the program director.  It is assumed that this will correct any problems with a program’s judges.
   2. 2nd strike – a $50 fine or “extra fee” will be imposed on the program.
   3. 3rd strike – the program may be disqualified from the tournament.
5. Coaches and teams are encouraged to stay on top of their team's judging requirements and to take proactive steps to help ensure that their judges pick up all ballots promptly.

**HOTELS: a note about lodging from our host:**

All rates listed below are pre-tax and you should mention the “Whitworth National Debate Tournament” for these rates. The first hotels listed have a special rate inside the block. After the respective cutoff dates, you will pay the going market rate.

There is a giant volleyball tournament and first round NCAA women’s basketball games in town that weekend. These events have already soaked up many rooms from some downtown hotels not on this list. **I strongly encourage you** to reserve rooms **sooner rather than later**. There are other hotels downtown, and ones further east in Spokane Valley.

***Hotels holding a block of rooms – in order of proximity to Whitworth***

**Quality Inn Oakwood** $139 Jacquie is holding rooms until Feb 23

509.467-4900 7919 N. Division (5 mins from Whitworth)

**Ramada North** $129 Melissa is holding rooms until March 8

509.467.711 7111 N. Division (10 mins from Whitworth)

**Holiday Inn Express Downtown** $179 McKensey is holding rooms until Feb 23

509.328.8505 801 N. Division

**Days Inn** $59 Gee is holding rooms until Feb 23

509.747.2011 120 West 3rd Avenue

**Quality Inn Downtown** $128 Travis is holding rooms until Feb 23

509.467-4900 7919 N. Division

**See more options and airport directions at the end of this invitation.**

**2018 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

# **Saturday, March 24**

9:30 am **Team Debate Registration**, Tabroom & Prep – Whitworth campus in “The Hub”

10:00 am Team Round 1 - (all times reflect start of IPDA draw for each round)

11:30 am Team Round 2

1:15 pm Team Round 3

2:45 pm Team Round 4

4:15 pm Coaches Review

4:45 pm **Breaks posted**

ASAP Team Octofinals Draw

6:30 pm Team Quarterfinals

8:00 pm Team Semis

# **Sunday, March 25**

8:00 am Team Final Round

9:00 am Joint meeting of Governing Board and Exec. Committee – Whitworth campus in “The Hub”

10:00 am **Registration**, Tabroom, Prep, & Final Check In – Whitworth campus in “The Hub”

**(Registration closes at 11 am)**

10:30 am Presentation of papers – Panels will be held in rooms in Whitworth Student Union?

11:45 pm Round 1

1:30 pm Round 2

3:15 pm **Dinner Break**

4:00 pm Round 3

5:45 pm Round 4

## 7:30 pm Round 5

## Monday, March 26

8:00 am Round 6

9:45 am Round 7

11:30 am Round 8

1:15 pm **Dinner Break – Pizzas will be provided by IPDA**

2:00 pm Coaches Review

2:30 pm **Breaks posted**

2:30 pm First Elimination Round

4:00 pm Second Elimination Round

\*5:30 pm Third Elimination Round – if needed

\*7:00 pm Quarterfinals Draw for all divisions

\* Times may vary depending on the need for additional outrounds!

\* ALL participants need to hasten the outround process!

## Tuesday, March 27

8:30 am Semi Finals for all divisions– Whitworth campus

10:00 am Finals for all divisions – Whitworth campus

11:30 am Travel to Spokane Convention Center

12:30 pm Banquet – Awards Ceremony only

**ENTRY FORM – Due by Friday, March 16 at 5 pm**

School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Individual IPDA Competitors: Please **Print** Full Names – Add more lines if needed.

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3.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Professional Novice Varsity Jr Varsity

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TEAM IPDA Competitors: Please **Print** Full Names – Add more lines if needed.

\*\* All TEAM IPDA competitors must meet the Varsity Division qualification\*\*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_& \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Judges – Add more lines if needed.

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2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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FEES: **Programs are required to be current with their Association dues in order to participate.**

Program Tournament Registration Fee $35.00

Program Convention Fee $20.00

Program Annual Dues $35.00

\_\_\_\_ Individual IPDA @ $35.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ TEAM IPDA @ $60.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Banquet tickets @ $25.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ask about availability of veggie/kosher plates)

Total Fees.......................................... $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: International Public Debate Association

Please send your entries to IPDA Managing Director (info below).

Mary Jarzabek, IPDA Managing Director:

Email: [mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu](mailto:mary.jarzabek@LSUS.edu)

Fax: (318) 797-5132

Phone: (318) 797-5318

All entries will be confirmed via email no later than Monday, March 19

**If your entry is not confirmed, then assume it has not been received and contact the managing director.**

Snail Mail: NOT RECOMMENDED

Mary Jarzabek

LSUS – Arts & Media Dept.

One University Place

Shreveport, LA 71115

**AWARDS:**

Tournament trophies will be given to all competitors who break to outrounds, the top five speakers in each division, and the top five overall sweepstakes programs. IPDA has a national tournament award for the top sweepstakes community college winner and the Scholastic Champion. The formula for calculating points will be the same as that detailed in the IPDA Constitution and Bylaws.

Season awards based on this debate season’s cumulative points will also be given to the top ten individuals in each division, the top five speakers in each division, and the top five programs in each division. The Founder’s Award will also be presented to the top five programs earning the most combined points over the course of six regular season tournaments. In addition, awards such as the Bennett Strange Coach of the Year Award, the Scholastic Championship Award, and other association-specific awards will be presented.

**Additional Travel Information from your host, Dr. Mike Ingram:**

Hotels NOT holding a block of rooms – in order of proximity to Whitworth

**La Quinta Inn & Suites North** - Mention Whitworth to get 20% of their then current rate

509.468.5020 9601 N. Newport Highway (5 mins from Whitworth)

**Red Lion River Inn** $148 Sarai is holding this rate until Dec 23

509.326.5577 700 N. Division

**Fairbridge Inn Express** $120 509.838.6630 211. S. Division

**Hotel Ruby**  $68 weeknight/$89 weekend

509.747.1041 901 West 1st Avenue

**Courtyard by Marriott** Mention Whitworth for a better rate

509.456.7600 401 N. Riverpointe Blvd

If you fly to Spokane International Airport and rent vehicles, you will travel west on Interstate 90. That road bisects the city. Division Street is the main north/south arterial. Whitworth is about 20 minutes north of downtown, driving on N. Division. Whitworth is about 40 minutes total from the airport.