

2016 Spring Lightning Classic and MTSU Alumni Debate and Forensic Tournament Swing

Friday January 22 through Sunday January 24

Colleagues,

The Lightning/Alumni debate and forensics swing is back after many years of recess in IE’s. The Blue Raider Debate Team and Department of Communication Studies & Organizational Communication faculty look forward to offering a well-run, enjoyable tournament.

MTSU is hosting mini IPDA debate format as well as a full IE swing. The first half is IPDA debate followed by the IE swing.

IPDA Debate Tab will be run by Michaela Edwards

IE Tab will be run by Jason Stahl

\*\*\*\* This tournament is designed to introduce folks to IPDA, especially 2 year institutions and institutions with smaller budgets. MTSU will **waive the entry fee** for the first four **COVERED** entries in each division. While we will report the results to IPDA, the focus is on new programs (thus only four rounds and waived fees). Please consider giving IPDA a try.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us by phone or e-mail. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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**Tournament Schedule**

**Friday**

2:30-4:00 Registration

4:00-5:00 IPDA Round 1

5:15-6:15 IPDA Round 2

6:30-7:30 IPDA Round 3

7:45-8:45 IPDA Round 4 (open coaches’ review begins)

**Saturday**

7:30- 8:00 IE Registration (if not already completed from Friday’s registration)

8:00 Extemp Draw

8:15-9:45 Round 1, Flight A

9:45-11:00 Round 1, Flight B

11:00-12:00 IPDA Debate Elimination Round 1

12:00-12:30 Extemp Draw

12:15-1:30 Round 2, Flight A

1:30-2:45 Round 2, Flight B

2:45-3:45 IPDA Debate Final Elimination Round

4:00-4:30 Extemp Draw (Finals)

4:15-5:30 Finals, Flight A

5:45-7:00 Finals, Flight B

7:30 Awards

**Sunday**

8:00 Extemp Draw

8:30-10:00 Round 1, Flight A

10:00-11:30 Round 1, Flight B

12:00 Extemp Draw

12:30-2:00 Round 2, Flight A

2:00-3:30 Round 2, Flight B

3:45 Extemp Draw (Finals)

4:00-5:15 Finals, Flight A

5:45-7:00 Finals, Flight B

7:45 Awards (or ASAP)

Hotels:

Holiday Inn Express: 165 Chaffin Place, Murfreesboro, TN

(615) 849-9000

Ramada: 1855 South Church Street Murfreesboro, TN 37130  
(615) 896-5080

Days Inn: 182 Chaffin Place, Murfreesboro, TN

(615) 893-8170

Econo Lodge: 110 North Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro, TN

(615) 890-2811

FOOD:

**MaCallies Dinning Voucher:** $5.00 meal with voucher. Teams may purchase these vouchers for a variety of food in our cafeteria which is a two minute walk from the tournament building. Vouchers are only available with entry so we can turn in the correct number. Hours:

Friday - 7:00am - 8:00pm  
 Saturday - 9:00am - 7:00pm  
 Sunday - 9:00am - 8:00pm

**Campus Dinning**: Dunkin Donuts, Subway, Popeyes, Burger Grill, Chinese, Pizza Hut

**Off Campus**: Logans, Toots, Chiles, Puleo's Grille, Applebees, Mellow Mushroom

COFFEE:

Just Love Coffee: -129 MTCS Drive

Starbucks: -2935 South Rutherford Boulevard

-Library will be open for portions of the tournament

JoZoara’s Coffee: -536 North Thompson Lane

Tournament Guidelines and Procedures:

DEBATE

All of the rules guiding the International Public Debate Association Constitution apply to the Spring Lightning Classic and MTSU Alumni Debate and Forensic Tournament Swing Tournament. Time limits will be IPDA: 5-2-6-2-3-5-3.

There will be two divisions of IPDA debate: Novice & Varsity. Please check with the IPDA constitution for eligibility requirements. <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Events will follow event guidelines seen at the AFA-NIET. In order to keep a timely schedule, **competitors can enter up to four events per flight of competition**. A student is allowed to enter two separate duo’s as long as the person has two different pieces of literature with two separate duo partners. Awards will also be given to the top novice competitor in each event. We will allow for AFA’s rules regarding duo, but please be aware that even if this tournament qualifies the event for a national tournament, participants must follow the national organization’s specific rules for duo at that national tournament.

Flight A Events Flight B Events

Extemporaneous Speaking Impromptu Speaking

Persuasive Speaking Informative Speaking

Poetry Interpretation Communication Analysis

Prose Interpretation Dramatic Interpretation

Programmed Oral Interpretation Duo Interpretation

After Dinner Speaking

Sweepstakes and Awards:

There will be speaker awards for the top 5 competitors in each division, awards for all elimination rounds in each division, and sweepstakes trophies for the top 3 programs in IPDA & IEs (Each Swing) as well as overall sweepstakes. In order to receive an overall sweepstakes your team must be entered in both IE swings and IPDA. Awards are trophies and plaques.

DEBATE

Sweepstakes will follow the season-long sweepstakes formula for IPDA: All wins and byes will be awarded 1 point. Each person breaking to out-round will receive 1 point. Out-round victories will receive 2 points. Novice & Varsity will count toward the tournament sweepstakes. There is no limit on entries, but only the top three competitors in each division will count toward the sweepstakes.

There will also be a top Community College Sweepstake Award

There will be a Bennett Strange Power Award for the team with the greatest prelim winning % in both halves of the tournament. All debaters count towards %.

IE (same for both halves)

Finalists

6th place – 2 points 5th place – 4 points 4th place – 6 points

3rd place – 8 points 2nd place – 10 points 1st place – 12 points

Entry Deadlines, Judges AND FEES:

The entry deadline will be **4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 19th**. Changes will be accepted at no charge until 10:00am on Wednesday, January 20th. Any IPDA drops or changes after that date will be charged a processing/nuisance fee of $10.00 per change.

Each IPDA judge covers four slots. Each IE judge will cover 6 IE slots. **Judges will not be mixed unless asked prior. All schools will be required to judge one round past their highest finisher. Competitors who do not advance in IPDA may be used as judges in the out-rounds.**

**We plan on having wi-fi available in the draw rooms but be prepared to debate without if there are technical difficulties.**

FEES

*Entry Fees*

Each Individual Event Entry $8

IPDA: First four in each division FREE

Covered Competitors Slot $25

Uncovered Competitors Slot $35

*Judging Fees*

Additional fee for each uncovered IE slot (1 judge covers 6 slots) $10

Additional fee for each uncovered debate slot (1 judge covers 4 slots) $35

*Nuisance Fees*

Fee for each dropped IE before 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 21 $15

Fee for each dropped IE after 5 pm Thursday, January 21 $25

Fee for each judge dropped at registration $100

Drops fees after Wednesday at noon will be added to the previous total (it will not change entry totals nor uncovered judge totals).

NOTE: Participants/teams/judges not showing up to their rounds is equivalent to an entry being dropped at registration. Thus, please be sure your students and judges attend each of their assigned rounds.

Entry Form

**IPDA**

Novice Division:

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Varsity Division:

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Judges:

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Fees:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Covered (first four in each division) @ FREE = FREE

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Covered competitors slots @ $25 each = \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Uncovered competitors slots @ $35 each = \_\_\_\_\_\_

Swing Part I – Lightning Classic

Note:  Please number the duos in the box below to indicate partners (ex: 1&1, 2&2, etc. for each duo pair)

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| Competitor | Novice? | Pentath? | Flight A | | | | | | | Flight B | | | | | | |
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Number of IE entries                         \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x $8       =       \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of uncovered IE entries       \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x $10     =       \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total IE fees                                                                  =       \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Swing Part II – Alumni

Note:  Please number the duos in the box below to indicate partners (ex: 1&1, 2&2, etc. for each duo pair)

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Number of IE entries                         \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x $8       =       \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of uncovered IE entries       \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x $10     =       \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total IE fees                                                                  =       \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Meal Vouchers:

Friday Evening: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ @ $5.00each = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ @ $5.00each = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ @ $5.00each = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Lunch: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ @ $5.00each = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total Meals: = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

IPDA Total $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ +

IE Swing I Total $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ +

IE Swing II Total $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ +

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Tournament Total $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to**: Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raider Debate Club

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**PLEASE BRING JUDGES!!!!**

**Judging will be tight!!!!**