

**2017**  
***Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Association Tournament***

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of TIFA, please allow me to invite you to the 2017 TIFA Tournament to be held on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. Join us for competition and fun on Saturday, February 11, 2017 and Sunday, February 12, 2017. We are fortunate to have arranged the schedule again this year as to allow competitors to compete in both individual events and NPDA or IPDA debate. Debate competition will be held on Saturday with all IE's taking place on Sunday. The tournament will offer competition in all eleven AFA individual events as well as two new experimental events- Radio Broadcasting and Improvisational Storytelling. Because of the preparation period, students may only enter either Extemp or Radio Broadcasting.

As always, the top two finalists in Persuasive Speaking qualify to compete in the prestigious Interstate Oratory Association championship held this year at **University of Louisiana at Lafayette**.

Please enter you teams at [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com). If you have any problems with speechwire, feel free to send your entries to [chiphall72@gmail.com](mailto:chiphall72@gmail.com). However, please make sure you get confirmation from me so we can be sure your team is entered.

So come celebrate, witness, and participate in the 2017 Tennessee Forensics State Championship. If we can aid you in any way, please contact me or Pat Richey.

Sincerely,

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## **RULES and GUIDELINES:**

- No material may have been performed by a student in any competition (high school or college) prior to this academic year. This includes public speeches and interpretive cuttings. Students violating this rule will be disqualified.
- If you need a refresher on the IE's, or if this is all new information to you, you can see event descriptions at <http://www.mnsu.edu/spcomm/niet/eventdescriptions-new0607.htm>
- For NPDA, No 3 person debate teams will be allowed. One hybrid or maverick (1 person) team will be permitted per school. Students on a hybrid must enter as the school where they are currently enrolled and team sweepstakes points will be divided evenly between the hybrid students' schools. If you are interested in your eliminated debaters entering the IPDA judge pool, please contact Chip Hall when you submit your entry.
- IPDA will follow guidelines for set forth in the IPDA Constitution [www.ipdadebate.info](http://www.ipdadebate.info) . There will NOT be a professional division at TIFA.

A student is considered to be a novice if he or she has no more than one semester of intercollegiate forensics experience before this semester. Competing at a tournament denotes experience.

\*\* TIFA would like to record the final rounds of Varsity IPDA and NPDA to put on the website \*\*

Here are some guidelines for our two new events. Please enter for these events in the text of your email instead of on the entry form.

**Radio Broadcasting:** Radio Broadcasting students have 30 minutes to organize news material provided by the tournament into a 5 minute broadcast. Students may omit content wherever necessary but cannot add original material with the exceptions of their name, hypothetical radio station call letters, weather, or traffic reports. When performing, students should sit facing away from the judge. Judging should be based only on what is heard, as if listening to the radio. Because of draw, students may only enter EITHER Extemp, or Radio Broadcasting, but not both.

**What is Impromptu Storytelling?** - Students will have a max of three minutes to prep and a separate seven to speak. In Round One they will be given a character (e.g. "Father of the Year" Award winner) and a situation (e.g. substitute teaching for a Kindergarten class) and asked to tell a third person omniscient perspective story about that character in that situation. In Round Two they will be given a theme (e.g., "The Long and Winding Road") and asked to tell a first person narrative based on that theme. Those creative/fortunate enough to make the finals will be given a word or an object and asked to tell a story from whatever perspective they choose.

## **SCORING:**

**Sweepstakes:** Sweepstakes will be awarded in Individual Events using finals only. Points will be awarded using the following formula:

- 1st place- 12 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-10 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- 8 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place- 6 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place- 4 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> place- 2 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> place – 1 point (if needed)
- 8<sup>th</sup> place ½ point (if needed)

Should we need more places, points would follow that same pattern. Non-advancing semi-finalists will also receive 1 point.

For Parly Debate, each win receives 5 points. In addition, debate speaker awards follow the same point value scoring as final rounds for pentathlon (see below).

For IPDA Debate, each win receives 3 points. In addition, debate speaker awards follow the same point value scoring as final rounds for pentathlon (see below).

*Pentathlon:* In order to qualify for pentathlon, a student must compete in a minimum of 5 events. Debate does **not** count as an event for pentathlon. Only a student's 5 best events will count toward pentathlon.

Pentath Points will be awarded in the following ways:

PRELIMS:            a scoring of a "1" will receive 3 points  
                         a scoring of a "2" will receive 2 points  
                         a scoring of a "3" will receive 1 point.

FINALS: 1<sup>st</sup> place finish receives 6 points  
          2<sup>nd</sup> place finish receives 5 points  
          3<sup>rd</sup> place finish receives 4 points  
          4<sup>th</sup> place finish receives 3 points  
          5<sup>th</sup> place finish receives 2 points  
          6<sup>th</sup> place finish receives 1 point  
          should more than 6 break to a final, 7<sup>th</sup> would get ½ a point, 8<sup>th</sup> would get ¼, etc.

### **REGISTRATION:**

1. Each school may enter an unlimited number of students per event.
2. Each student may enter as many events as they wish, but each student is responsible for getting to rounds on time.
3. Students may only enter either Extemporaneous Speaking or Radio Broadcast, but not both.

#### **GROUP A:**

Extemporaneous Speaking  
Dramatic Interpretation  
Program Oral Interpretation  
Duo Interpretation  
After Dinner Speaking  
Persuasive Speaking  
Radio Broadcasting

#### **GROUP B:**

Impromptu Speaking  
Prose Interpretation  
Informative Speaking  
Poetry Interpretation  
Communication Analysis  
Improvisational Storytelling

Entries may be e-mailed to Chip Hall but we prefer if you enter on [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com). Please be sure to **TYPE** both first and last names on your school's entry. **Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., EST, Tuesday, February 07, 2017.** No additions will be accepted after this time. Please enter our new events separately in an email.

If you have issues with Speech Wire, E-MAIL your entry to: [chiphall72@gmail.com](mailto:chiphall72@gmail.com)  
You can also phone them in to 865-471-3443.

Changes made after 4pm, Wed, Feb 08<sup>th</sup> are subject to a \$5 penalty per IE drop, or \$10 debate drop.

Changes made after 4pm, Thurs, Feb 08<sup>th</sup> are subject to a \$10 penalty per IE drop, \$20 debate drop, or \$25 judge drop.

Changes made at registration are subject to a \$20 penalty per IE drop, \$30 debate drop, \$40 judge drop.

We will call/email you back to confirm your entry.

All events will be in the Business & Aerospace Building (BAS).

### **FEES:**

- Each school will pay \$40 school fee.
- Each IE entry slot is \$7
- Each uncovered entry slot is \$10
- Each debate team is \$40
- Each uncovered debate team is \$50
- Each IPDA Debater is \$25 (remember IPDA uses lay judges with a high school degree or higher)
- Each Uncovered IPDA Debater is \$40 (remember IPDA uses lay judges with a high school degree or higher. One judge covers 2 debaters: Sorry but we do not have time to flight the tournament.)
- One IE judge covers six IE slots. One parli judge covers 2 teams. One IPDA judge covers TWO debaters (we will not flight because of time constraints).

Make checks payable to TIFA treasurer, Jason Stahl. Cash is better.

### ***TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE***

#### **Saturday NPDA, February 11**

8:15-9:00 Registration  
9:00 Round 1  
10:30 Round 2  
12:00-12:30 Lunch On Your Own  
12:30 Round 3  
2:30 Round 4  
4:45 Elim1  
6:30 Elim 2  
8:00 Elim 3 (if needed)

#### **Saturday IPDA, February 11**

8:15-9:00 Registration  
9:00 Round 1  
10:15 Round 2  
11:30 Round 3  
12:30 -1:00 Lunch On Your Own  
1:00 Round 4  
2:15 Round 5  
3:30 Round 6  
4:45 Coaches Review  
5:00 Elim 1  
6:30 Elim 2  
8 Elim 3  
9:30 Elim 4 (if needed)

**Sunday, February 12**

7:30 – 8:00	Registration
8:00	Extemp Draw
8:30 – 9:45	Round I Flight A
10:00	Extemp Draw
10:30 – 11:45	Round II Flight A
11:45 - 12:45	Free Lunch — TIFA Coaches Meeting
12:45 – 2:00	Round I Flight B
2:00 – 3:15	Round II Flight B
3:15	Extemp Draw Finals
3:30	Finals of A (Extemp Finals Start at 3:45)
4:45	Finals of B
6:00	Awards

MTSU will have a table set up with coffee and snacks. It is taking donations for LSUS's coach Trey Gibson's daughter who is battling brain cancer. A donation jar will be placed there.

