

1 February 2021

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of my practicum and class debate and speech students, I invite you to participate in the FREE 2021 UNG Test Drive Three Rounder for novice debaters. This is an online debate, designed to be a test drive for beginners both in class, as well as new team members wishing to give the activity a “test drive” for consideration of more active involvement in 2021-2022. Although the tournament will be hand tabbed, please enter here at forensicstournament.net. If you have any questions, contact me at 678-865-7159 no later than NOON on Wednesday, April 28 to enter. We do ask schools to cover their entries:

1 judge for every 4 IPDA debaters or portion thereof

1 judges for every 2 BP teams or portion thereof

Judges for uncovered entries can be hired at \$50.00 per judge. Contact the tournament director Dr. Preston if you need an interpretation for your entries. Your check will be made out to Blue and Gold Debate. The same rule applies to UNG.

We invite students who have done no more than one debate tournament of any sort previously on the high school or college circuits to participate; and **all of your other students to judge**—this started off as an intramural tournament at UNG, but if others have classes or beginner debaters and have perspectives to share, why not welcome others?

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 1: All times listed in Eastern Time

9:30: Tournament check in via Zoom link provided

10:00 AM: Round 1 Pro IPDA, Beginner’s (no more than one previous tournament) IPDA, and Beginner’s BP (World Universities Format)

11:00 AM or ASAP: Round 2 All debate

12:00 PM—Very long lunch Break

3:00 PM—Virtual reunion for UNG debate alumni and friends

4:00 PM—Pairings announced for Round 3

4:30 PM—Topic draws for Round 3

5:00 PM—Round 3

9:00 PM—Awards via zoom.

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Notes on the debate divisions:

WUDC:

1. Pairings and motions will be announced at NOON Thursday April 29 for rounds 1 and 2, which will start at the times posted in the schedule.
2. The time format will be five minute speeches, with 30 seconds of protected time at the beginning and ending of each speech. This is standard for beginner tournaments in WUDC.
3. The third round will have pairings announced at 4:00 Saturday, with topic announce at 4:30. Students, as beginners, will be given a half hour to prepare, so the rounds should start at 5:00 PM.

IPDA:

1. Pairings and topic choices will be distributed to all contestants coaches at 12:00 PM (noon) on Thursday April 29 for rounds 1 and 2. Students should contact their opponents shortly thereafter for both rounds and strike topics.
2. **The IPDA divisions will start at the times listed for Saturday, with the following for PRO**

Affirmative constructive 5 minutes

Cross examination 2 minutes

Negative constructive 6 minutes

Cross examination 2 minutes

First Affirmative Rebuttal 3 minutes

Negative Rebuttal 5 minutes

Second Affirmative Rebuttal 3 minutes.

To facilitate beginning debaters, the modified novice format will be as follows:

Affirmative Constructive: 5 minutes

Cross examination: 2 minutes

Negative Constructive 5 minutes

Cross Examination: 2 minutes

Affirmative Rebuttal/Summary: 3 minutes

Negative Rebuttal/summary: 3 minutes

3. The third round will have power-matched and released at 4:00 PM so that judges can share zoom rooms with contestants; the students will meet with the judge in the Zoom Room and topics released at 4:30. All debates will begin at 5:00.

Further notes:

1. Rounds 1 and 2 will be preset. Round 3 will be straight power matched, without regard to any of the normal constraints (teams or IPDA individual hitting those they hit before, debating on the same side with those they hit before, etc). Usually most teams at this event are from UNG, so that usually doesn't come into play for visiting schools.
2. To allow time for careful checking of power matching and announcements, large breaks are scheduled between rounds 2 and 3, and round 3 and awards. Awards will be sent out by email to all directly after awards assembly; tabs will be send by Monday.

3. Awards:

1. The top speakers in each divisions will win plaques or trophies with the iconic steering wheel logo. Names will be engraved as the tournament is virtual so that awards can be ordered afterwards.
2. Second and third place speakers receive medals with the UNG blue and gold as ribbon colors, with names engraved with the placings. Silver colored for second place; bronze colored for third place.
3. All other speakers in each division finishing within the top 30 per cent of entries will receive printable, frameable certificates via email
4. The top team in each division will receive a trophy. (duplicates, one for each speaker, in BP)
5. The second place team in each division will receive a medal. (duplicates, one for each speaker, in BP. Third place teams will receive bronze-colored medals.
6. All members of teams not finishing in the top three but in the top 30 per cent will receive printable, and frameable, certificates via email.
7. Sweepstakes awards will be given separately for IPDA and BP debate. UNG will divide its students up for sweepstakes purposes, into groups of six students per IPDA team, and up to four teams IN BP debate. Schools entering more than six students in IPDA should designate the division of their own teams—; and likewise, with more than four IPDA teams indicate the divisions of teams competing for sweepstakes. If a team from a UNG class wins sweepstakes, then the top performing student on that team keeps the trophy; if a visiting team wins, then the award is sent to that school. UNG reserves the right, depending on the number of small entry schools, to present a small entry sweepstakes award to recognize schools with fewer than four schools.

Last year, UNG teams won both of the IPDA and NPDA sweepstakes; Davidson College won the small entry sweepstakes.

Awards are ordered after the tournament, and shipped to those who are not local.

The Tournament director reserves the right to cap entries at this event for logistical reasons. That action though has never had to take place either in the online or live versions of this tournament.

