

# James "Al" Johnson Memorial Invitational

October 29-30 2021

## FEES/JUDGE COMMITMENTS

No competition fees

Required: Provide one full-time judge for every two competitors

All judges are obligated for one round after their squad's elimination

## Using the 8x8 Platform

The tournament will use 8x8 video conferencing so that a synchronous, on-line tournament, competition/administrative experience can be had by all. The 8x8 platform works seamlessly with the forensicstournament.net registration website. Danny Cantrell of San Antonio College has done a remarkable job of creating a synchronous platform site that sits atop the existing tournament registration website. He has assembled a very helpful collection of resources here:

<https://forensicstournament.net/online>

We encourage you to watch the resource videos for judges and students that he has created.

To access the coaches' video, go here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKH1sOKgOV08&list=PLgA6ZKvXfAxNRTIfbd0oYNSwVku0QQYEPb&index2&ab\\_channel=ForensicsTournament](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKH1sOKgOV08&list=PLgA6ZKvXfAxNRTIfbd0oYNSwVku0QQYEPb&index2&ab_channel=ForensicsTournament)

This video details how to enter students' and judges' contact information into the system when you register for the tournament. Essentially, this video describes the process you use to enter the emails and or phone numbers of your competitors in your forensicstournament.net roster tool so that they can receive email or text notifications from the tournament. This does not make this information visible to the tournament administrators.

Participation in this sort of tournament requires several resources. Judges, coaches, and participants should plan to have:

1. A reliable laptop or desktop that can accommodate the Google Chrome browser.
2. A reliable internet connection of at least 6 MBPS (megabytes per second) download/upload speed.
3. Access to a space where they can (hopefully) perform without interruption.
4. You may also wish to have headphones.

The tournament will create a series of virtual rooms in which the rounds will occur. Competitors scheduled to compete in that round will get a text or email (coaches will indicate what the competitor's preference is when they add the individual and their contact information to their team roster) with a link to get into the virtual room. You are not required to get an 8x8 account or download any software in order to participate. Once you are in a virtual room, it will look and feel very much like a Zoom meeting. We recommend that you look at the handy infographic below to acquaint yourself with the different features of the 8x8 competition rooms. This

graphic is also available in a PDF at the <https://forensicstournament.net/online> link embedded here and above.

### **Eligibility & Entries:**

Any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two year or four year college is eligible to participate. Eligibility standards for AFA and IPDA will be enforced, and the tournament director reserves the right to ask a coach to prove that a student is eligible. A contestant may enter up to three individual events per conflict pattern.

FORENSICSTOURNAMENT.NET IS THE PREFERRED METHOD OF REGISTRATION. Please email your entries so that it arrives no later than TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20th by 5:00 p.m. MDT. If you need to fax or phone in your entry, please contact us beforehand and verify that your entry will be received.

### **Double Entry:**

IE/IPDA –STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN IPDA AND THE IE TOURNAMENT. Students may enter up to two events per pattern.

### **IPDA Debate:**

Divisions: We plan to offer a single, open division.

This “real world: form of debate emphasizes short speaking times, no plan text required, and includes the use of randomly assigned “lay judges”. We ask that competitors and critics defer to this link for additional rules and regulations: <http://www.ipdadebate.info>.

We will use a 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with 30 minutes of preparation time.

Strikes are on the clock—meaning, it will be running during strikes. Following the return of the ballot, critics may disclose as much or as little information as they see fit so long as it does not interfere with the tournament schedule.

NOTE TO JUDGES: All rounds must have one winner and one loser. Topic Draw and Prep Topic draw will be conducted in Zoom room and will begin once all debaters are present. Debaters who are not present at the scheduled draw time may forfeit their ability to participate in topic strikes. Debaters assigned to the negative will be given first strike. Each debater will have 30 minutes of prep time.

### **Elimination Rounds:**

The number of elimination rounds will be determined by the size of the field. Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by total speaker points, followed by opposition record, then adjusted speaker points, and finally by ZScore. In elimination rounds, brackets will NOT be broken.

### **Individual Events - General:**

The individual events offered are subject to the rules of the AFA National Individual Events Tournament. *Students who double-enter in EXT incur any prep time loss that may result.*

We will offer all eleven AFA-NIET events at both tournaments in the following patterns:

**Pattern A: Prose, Informative, POI, Extemporaneous, After Dinner Speaking**

## **Pattern B: Impromptu, Duo, Persuasion, Drama, Communication Analysis, Poetry**

Complete event descriptions are available on request. Two conflict patterns A & B will be offered in open division. Semi-finals where entries warrant, and finals will follow two preliminary rounds with the top twelve being advanced semifinals and the top six to finals. If fewer than 42 students enter a division of an event, that event will go directly to finals. In the occurrence of a very small number of participants in an event, that event may go to three rounds and no finals.

Please watch for announcements concerning when finals for various events will take place as these will be adapted by the IE tab room for judge and room availability during the time allotted in the schedule for semifinals and finals. No speaker will be ranked lower than 5th in the preliminary rounds, but speakers will be ranked 1st through last in elimination rounds.

### **Awards:**

Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place finalists in individual events, Semifinalists and higher in IPDA debate. The top three speakers will be awarded in IPDA debate.

Overall sweepstakes awards will be offered to the top two schools at each tournament. The top two schools competing in the IE's and IPDA will receive sweepstakes trophies.

Points are determined in individual events by 1st Place - 20 points, 2nd Place - 15 points, 3rd Place - 10 points, all other finalists - 5 points, and semifinalists failing to advance -2 points.

Ties will be broken by the most number of first places in individual events, secondly by the school qualifying the most number of persons to elimination rounds of IEs or Debate, and finally by the flip of the coin. The top three teams in each division of debate per school or the top three persons in each individual event per school will count toward team sweepstakes.

### **Fees:**

Individual Events: FREE (one judge covers 4 slots)

IPDA: FREE (one judge covers 2 debaters)

Drops at Registration: fee + \$25 Dropped judges: \$100 each.

Please note that IE judging commitments are determined as a whole and not per conflict pattern.

Fees will be assessed as of 5 pm, Wednesday, October 21st, and schools will be expected to pay fees as indicated by their entry at that time regardless of subsequent deletions.

Drops after Wednesday will result in a \$25 fee.

### **Judging Obligations:**

Judges should expect to judge at least up to their commitment and may be asked to judge one round beyond their commitment in order to ensure the best possible critics. **All judges are expected to be available for the first elimination round of debate and one round beyond that in which their team is eliminated. Judges in individual events should expect to judge in both conflict patterns even if they have students entered in only one conflict pattern.**

If your team can provide judges in excess of your commitment, we **WOULD REALLY LIKE** to either hire them for additional rounds or give a discount to the registration fees.

**Contact Information:**

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Schedule:

## Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

12:30-1:00 PM	Round 1: IPDA Topic Announce
1:00-2:00 PM	Round 1: IPDA Debate
2:00 PM	EXT Draw Round 1
2:15-3:15 PM	Round 1A Ext, PRO, INF, ADS, POI
3:30 PM	Round 2: Topic Announce
4:00-5:00 PM	Round 2: IPDA Debate

**5:00-6:00 PM DINNER BREAK**

6:00 PM	Round 3: Topic Announce
6:30-7:15 PM	Round 3: IPDA Debate
7:30 PM	Round 4: Topic Announce
8:00-9:00 PM	Round 4: IPDA Debate

**BREAKS WILL BE POSTED ASAP!**

## Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

8:15 AM	EXT Draw Round 2
8:30 AM	Round 2A Ext, PRO, INF, ADS, POI
9:30 AM	Elim 1: IPDA Draw
10:00-10:45 AM	Elim 1: QUARTERFINAL
11:00 AM	Elim 2: IPDA DRAW
11:30-12:00 PM	Elim 2: SEMIFINAL

**12:00-1:00PM LUNCH BREAK**

1:00-2:15 PM	PATTERN B, ROUND 1 (IMP, DUO, PER, CA, DRA, POE)
2:15-3:30 PM	PATTERN B, ROUND 2 (IMP, DUO, PER, CA, DRA, POE)

3:30 PM	Elim 3: IPDA DRAW FINAL
4:00-4:45 PM	Elim 3: IPDA FINAL
5:00-6:15 PM	FINAL ROUND PATTERN A
6:15-7:30 PM	FINAL ROUND PATTERN B

**AWARDS VIA ZOOM ASAP**