



**\*\*\*Updated for online format January 4, 2022\*\*\***

## **2022 Great Salt Lake Invitational & UTEP Individual Events Classic**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the University of Utah and The University of Texas at El Paso, we invite you to the Great Salt Lake Invitational/UTEP IE Classic held online via the ForensicsTournament/8x8 platform. The tournaments will be held on January 14-16, 2022. On Friday, January 14th and Saturday, January 15th, attendees will be able to participate in two complete IE tournaments, including an entry option in IPDA. On Saturday, January 15th-Sunday, January 16th, 2022, teams may also choose to participate in the concurrent debate tournaments, featuring competition in NPDA, BP, and NFA-LD debate formats. Full details about double entry restrictions are included in Part I of the invitation.

These tournaments will offer a single, open division of all Individual and Debate events. We will recognize top novices in BP. In addition to a tournament that we hope will support a broad range of competitive interests and formats, we also look forward to supporting everyone's efforts to navigate forensics in this difficult environment.

Please *carefully* review the full tournament details below. We look forward to seeing you in January and wish everyone the best of luck and safety for the remainder of the competitive season.

Warmest regards,

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# PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

## **Tournament Procedures & Facilitation**

Unless otherwise specified, NPDA, NFA (IEs & LD), IPDA, and BP tournament guidelines will govern the tournament's operating procedures. The tournament directors reserve the right to make any decisions necessary to facilitate the timely and accurate completion of the tournament.

## **Eligibility & Entries**

Tournaments are open to any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two-year or four-year college or university in good standing with the school's debate team/club. As the weekend will offer several tournaments that run back-to-back, students may (and are encouraged to) participate in a range of competitive events. Organizational (e.g., NPDA, NFA, etc.) eligibility requirements also apply.

All entries should be submitted via the [forensicstournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net) website. Please make sure that you **enter both halves** of the IE swing, if that is your choice. **Entries are due by Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM (PST)**. This early entry deadline is necessary for compiling judges and constraints.

## **Double Entry**

***IE/IPDA - Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>***: Students may choose between: Individual Events or IPDA debate. IE students may enter up to three events per pattern. No cross-entry between competitive disciplines will be permitted.

***IE/IPDA - Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>***: Students may participate in a second Individual Events or IPDA tournament with the same entry restrictions as the previous day. Students who participate in this tournament may not also participate in the NPDA, BP, or NFA-LD tournaments.

***NPDA/BP/LD - Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>***: Students may participate in an NPDA, BP, or NFA-LD tournament which will conclude on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. No cross-entry is permitted between debate events. Students participating in the BP, NPDA, or NFA-LD tournaments may not participate in Individual Events or IPDA debate on Saturday. Entry is permitted in the tournament on Friday.

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## PART II: NPDA DEBATE

**Preparation Time:** Teams will receive 20 minutes of preparation time after the centralized announcement of each topic.

**Flex Time:** The tournament will, per NPDA guidelines, feature two minutes of flex time after the PMC and LOC, as well as one minute of flex time after the MGC, and LOR. This time may be used for prep, CX, drinking water, etc.

### **Judge Strikes/Constraints**

We will not be offering judge strikes, as always, any judging constraints will be collected prior to the tournament and respected. **WE WILL USE EMAIL BALLOTING!**

Please note: ALL JUDGES must enter a judging philosophy on [forensicstournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net) by the entry deadline. Please enter philosophies when you enter your judges to ensure that other schools have access to information so that they can make appropriate decisions.

### **Tournament Format**

The NPDA tournament will feature 5 preliminary rounds of debate. This will be a single-elimination tournament.

### **Advancing to Elimination Rounds**

We will advance up to 16 teams to elimination rounds. Only teams with winning preliminary debate records will be eligible to advance to elimination rounds.

### **Forfeiture Rule**

Any team that is late to a round will have that time deducted from their team's first speech (the PMC or LOC). When the full speech time has elapsed (7 or 8 minutes), the team in question will be forfeited. In the event both teams are late, both teams will have time deducted from their first speech. Time deductions and forfeiture rules will be enforced by the judge assigned to the round.

### **Judge Disclosure & Feedback**

Disclosure of decisions and other oral commentary may be conducted at the discretion of the judge, but please conduct such commentary after the ballot has been returned by email. We will be attempting to power-match every round without lagging, so a prompt return ensures that the tournament stays on time. A warm room of results will be provided.

## **PART III: INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

### **Events Offered**

Students may not enter in more than 3 events per pattern. It is the sole responsibility of the competitors to complete all events in the time given. Failure to do so will result in a no-show score for the round. We will offer the following events:

Pattern A – Extemp, Informative, After Dinner Speaking, Prose, and Poetry

Pattern B – Impromptu, Persuasive, Communication Analysis, Duo, Dramatic, and POI

### **Divisions**

We plan to offer a single, OPEN division.

### **Elimination Rounds**

Any event with 7 contestants or fewer will not have a final round. For events with more than 7 competitors, a final round will be held. Any event with more than 36 entries may advance to semifinals.

### **Advancing to Elimination Rounds**

No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by cumulative rankings, then by the highest speaker points. All attempts will be made to make a clean break (by cumulative rankings).

### **Placement in Elimination Rounds**

Students will be rank ordered first by cumulative rankings (with exception for majority first place rankings), then by judge's preference, followed by the highest reciprocal score (decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

## **PART IV: LD DEBATE**

### **Divisions**

We plan to offer a single, OPEN division.

### **Procedural Issues**

NFA LD Debate is a communication event that is debated in a stock issues paradigm. In deference to the intent of the event, we ask that all competitors and critics are mindful of these rules. Complete rules can be found at <http://www.nationalforensics.org>. Judge strikes will not be offered; judges will be randomly assigned. Judge constraints should be submitted in advance of the tournament.

### **Disclosure**

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. Delays caused by coaches/judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including removal from the tournament. We don't want to do it, so don't put us in a position where we would want to do it. NOTE TO JUDGES: All rounds must have one winner and one loser.

### **Preliminary Rounds**

The computer will randomly match Round One. Subsequent rounds will be power-matched high-low.

### **Elimination Rounds**

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 Z-Score. In elimination rounds, brackets WILL be broken.

## **PART V: IPDA DEBATE**

### **Divisions**

We plan to offer a single, OPEN division.

### **Procedural Issues**

IPDA Debate is a forum designed to enhance education through the laboratory of productive “real world” competitive debate experiences. IPDA debates are intended to provide rhetorically sound models of communicative debate and interaction. We ask that competitors and critics defer to this intent and the rules which govern the activity that can be found at: <http://www.ipdadebate.info>. Judges will be randomly assigned and, consistent with IPDA rules, may include judges that do not have any formal training or experience in or with competitive forensics.

### **Disclosure**

In IPDA debate judges should not disclose their decision or give verbal feedback after the round. NOTE TO JUDGES: All rounds must have one winner and one loser.

### **Topic Draw and Prep**

Topic draw will be conducted at a central location 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. There will not be pre-assigned prep rooms; debaters and coaches are asked to respect other tournament events that may be running concurrently with IPDA.

### **Preliminary Rounds**

The computer will randomly match Round One. Subsequent rounds will be power-matched high-low.

### **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 Z-Score. In elimination rounds, brackets will NOT be broken.

## PART VI: BP DEBATE

### Divisions

A single OPEN British Parliamentary division will be run in compliance with the WUDC guidelines. We will feature six preliminary rounds as well as several elimination rounds. The number of elimination rounds will be dependent on the total number of teams present within the division. Thus, the schedule is subject to change. For instance, if we do not need a fourth elimination round, we will adjust the schedule by either moving a preliminary round from Saturday to Sunday, or round six will begin later in the day on Sunday morning. Any and all changes to the schedule will be communicated to the contingent in a timely and efficient manner. Paper ballots will be used during preliminary rounds and will be distributed to the chair adjudicators after a motion has been announced.

### Registration

Registration will take place on [forensictournament.net](http://forensictournament.net). Novice designations will be requested separately by the tab director. *As noted in Part I, registration will be open online until January 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM (PST). Please help us by registering prior to that deadline!*

On the Saturday morning of the tournament, Registration/Check-In will take place. There will be a tournament briefing after registration concludes, prior to the first preliminary round, which will cover any other logistics not listed on this invitation.

We will run six preliminary rounds. The computer will randomly match the first round. Subsequent matches will be power-matched. **All preliminary rounds will feature open adjudication**, in which participants will hear their results from their respective adjudication panels within 15 minutes of the debate round ending.

After the six preliminary rounds, we will offer a number of elimination rounds dependent on the total number of teams present within the division. These rounds will be paired in accordance with the WUDC structure of power-protected out-rounds. The top two teams from each round will advance to the next out-round, up until the final round.

### Novice Debate

We encourage institutions to bring their novice debaters to participate in this tournament. In compliance with WUDC (and USUDC) guidelines, novices can be paired with either seasoned debaters or other novices. In the instance where we have an acceptable number of novice teams, we will offer a novice break for the top novice *teams* (dependent on attendance).

A novice is one who began participating in collegiate debate within the past 12 months, regardless of current class standing. For instance, a senior college student can be classified as a novice if this student had begun debating less than 12 months ago. A novice team is comprised of two novice speakers. Novice teams are eligible for the novice break. Furthermore, if a novice break is offered, and a novice team is one of the top teams for the open break, the team will participate within the OPEN out-rounds (rather than the novice out-rounds). A team comprised of a novice speaker and an open speaker is *not* eligible for the novice break.

### Prep Time

In accordance with WUDC guidelines, teams are given a maximum of 15 minutes to prepare after a motion is released. Teams are to prepare by themselves, without their coaches or the Internet. Teams are allowed to refer to written/hardcopy materials during prep time but are not allowed to bring them up to the podium when it comes time to speak.

## **Awards**

We will be providing awards to the top 10 speakers and all breaking teams. In the instance where we have an appropriate number of novice teams for a novice break, we will have awards for the breaking novice teams and top 5 novice speakers.



## PART VII: AWARDS

### **BP, NPDA, and LD AWARDS**

Individual awards will be presented to the top 10 speakers in each tournament. Because we value meaningful awards for top performances, quality awards (one per team) will be presented to all teams who advance to the quarterfinal round and beyond.

Additionally, we will present a sweepstakes award to the top three schools across the three formats. Sweepstakes will be determined by awarding 1 point for every preliminary round win for a school's top four teams in each debate format. Ties will be broken in favor of the school with the most elimination round wins. In BP, a team that finishes in the top half of a debate will be credited with points for a win.

#### ***Special Awards***

The award for top NPDA speaker and top NPDA team at the Great Salt Invitational honors two of Utah's emeriti faculty in argumentation & debate. First, the Malcolm O. Sillars Tournament Champion Award will be given to the team that wins the Open division of NPDA. Second, the Richard Rieke Outstanding Debater award will be given to the top ranked speaker in the Open division of NPDA.

Calculating Sweeps: For team sweepstakes, debate formats will be equalized. This equalization is achieved by the use of percentiles. All sweepstakes points earned by all debate teams/entries per format are summed. The points earned by each squad are divided by the total number of points earned in each debate format in order to determine what percentage of all points in that format were earned by the team.

The three percentile scores for a school (NPDA, BP, and LD) are added together in order to determine an equalized aggregate sweepstakes score. Assuming a school earned all of the possible sweepstakes points in the tournament (a mathematical impossibility), the maximum score they could earn would be 300 points (100% for NPDA, and 100% for BP, and 100% for LD).

### **IE and IPDA AWARDS**

In Individual Events, both tournaments will offer awards for the first three finishers. In addition, the Utah portion of the IE swing will once again award the prestigious Royal L. Garff Speaker of the Year Trophy. In IPDA competition, the tournament will offer awards to all competitors who advance to elimination rounds. We will also recognize the top three speakers.

Sweepstakes awards will be offered to the top two schools at each tournament. The top three schools competing in the IE/IPDA swing will receive sweepstakes trophies.

The Royal L. Garff Award: The top overall competitor in Individual Events at the GSL will be awarded the Royal Garff Award, a traveling trophy given out each year. The award was created in 1997 in memory of Prof. Royal Garff, a lifetime supporter of public speaking, forensics, and public debate. The trophy has been awarded at every GSL since 1997 and continues to honor the achievements of students who compete in short prep, platforms and interpretation events. The winner of the Garff Award will be determined based off the highest total accumulated in up to six events using the following scale: 1<sup>st</sup> place = 10 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 7 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 5 pts, Finalist = 3 pts. Please note: Only students who compete in all three genres (interp, platform, and short prep) are eligible for the Garff Award.

### Calculating Sweeps:

*Individual Events* - Sweepstakes points will be issued to all participants in semifinals and finals based on the following scale. No points will be given for preliminary rounds.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Finalist	Semifinalist
10 pts.	7 pts.	5 pts.	3 pts.	1 pt.

### *IPDA Debate* -

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Semifinalist	Quarterfinalists
15 pts.	9 pts.	6 pts.	3 pts.

For swing sweepstakes, points from both tournaments are pooled to determine the winners.

## PART VIII: FEES & JUDGING

### Fees & Amenities

The fee structure for the 2022 tournament aims to increase accessibility while incentivizing teams to provide adequate judging. In IEs and IPDA, fee structures are the same for both tournaments and are charged for each tournament. Fees will be assessed at the entry deadline. Drop and/or “No Show” fees will be assessed after this deadline.

### Judging Obligations

It’s cliché, but we would rather have your judges than your money. The tournament directors reserve the right to refuse entry to teams uncovered by a critic. If you have extra judges attending the tournament, please contact the tournament directors, as we may be able to hire them at a healthy stipend.

Judging requirements are as follows:

Individual Events	1 judge for every six entries
BP Debate	N-1 judges (where N is number of teams entered)
LD Debate	1 judge for every two entries
IPDA Debate	1 judge for every two entries
Policy Debate	1 judge for every two entries
NPDA Debate	1 judge for every two entries

-Judges may not be used to cover multiple event categories, i.e., an IE judge may only cover IE entries, not LD and IE entries OR a BP judge may only cover BP entries, not BP and NPDA entries.

-The tournament reserves the right to deny entry for programs that do not cover at least 50% of their judging commitment. If you are unable to do this please email us early so we can help you find judges.

-The tournament reserves the right to assign IPDA judges to IE rounds and vice versa as required by tournament needs. In particular we will need to do this if individual schools make up large percentages of any particular event(s).

-Additionally, all debate judges (NPDA, LD, BP, IPDA) are committed through the first full elimination round and/or one round past the elimination of their teams, whichever is greater. IE judges are committed through the final round.

**Fee Structure**

ENTRY FEES	DROP & UNCOVERED FEES
None	Uncovered Debate Team (BP, NPDA) – \$150/team Uncovered IPDA or LD Entry – \$75/entry Uncovered IE Entry – \$20/entry IE Drop Fee - \$20/entry Debate Drop Fee - \$40/entry for any format of debate “No Show” Fee - \$60/entry for any event

**Payment**

Fees may be paid by check. Checks should be made payable to “University of Utah” for all fees. We cannot accept other forms of payment.

Mail checks to:

John R. Park Debate Society  
255 S. Central Campus Dr., LNCO 2400  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112.

## PART X: IE/IPDA SCHEDULE all times listed are MST

### UTEP IE Classic Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Registration	10:00
Extemp Draw	10:30
IPDA Round 1	
RD 1A	11:00 -12:15
RD 1B	12:15-1:30
IPDA Round 2	
Extemp Draw	1:30
IPDA Round 3	
RD 2A	2:00
RD 2B	3:15-4:30
IPDA Round 4	
Dinner Break	4:30
Extemp Prep	4:30
Finals A	5:00
Debate Elim 1	
Finals B	6:15-7:30
Debate Elim 2	
Awards	7:30
Debate Elims (as needed)	

### Great Salt Lake IE Classic Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Extemp Draw	9:00
RD 1A	9:30-10:45
IPDA Round 1	
RD 1B	10:45-12:00
IPDA Round 2	
RD 2B	12:00-1:15
IPDA Round 3	
Lunch Break	1:15-2:00
Extemp Draw	2:00
RD 2A	2:30-3:45
IPDA Round 4	
Finals B	3:45-5:00
Debate Elim 1	
Extemp Draw	5:15
Finals A	5:45-7:00
Debate Elim 2	
Awards	7:30
Debate Elims (as needed)	

# PART XI: NPDA/BP/LD SCHEDULE all times listed are MST

NPDA DEBATE	BP DEBATE	LD DEBATE
<p><b><u>Saturday, Jan. 15</u></b></p> <p>8:30 –Registration</p> <p>9:00 – Round 1 Topic</p> <p>11:00 – Round 2 Topic</p> <p>Lunch Break</p> <p>2:30 – Round 3 Topic</p> <p>4:30 – Round 4 Topic</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, Jan. 15</u></b></p> <p>8:30 –Registration</p> <p>9:00 – Tournament Briefing</p> <p>9:30 – Round 1 Topic</p> <p>11:30 – Round 2 Topic</p> <p>Lunch (on your own)</p> <p>3:30 – Round 3 Topic</p> <p>5:30 – Round 4 Topic</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, Jan. 15</u></b></p> <p>8:30 –Registration</p> <p>9:00 – Round 1</p> <p>10:30 – Round 2</p> <p>12:00 – Round 3</p> <p>Lunch (on your own)</p> <p>3:30 – Round 4</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, Jan. 16</u></b></p> <p>9:00 – Round 5 Topic</p> <p>11:00 – Elim 1 Topic</p> <p>Lunch Break</p> <p>2:30 – Elim 2 Topic</p> <p>4:30 – Elim 3 Topic</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, Jan. 16</u></b></p> <p>8:30 –Check-In</p> <p>9:00 – Round 5 Topic</p> <p>11:00 – Round 6 Topic</p> <p>Lunch (on your own)</p> <p>2:30 – Elim 1 Topic</p> <p>4:30 – Elim 2 Topic</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, Jan. 16</u></b></p> <p>9:00 – Round 5</p> <p>10:30 – Elim 1</p> <p>12:30 – Elim 2</p> <p>Lunch (on your own)</p> <p>3:30 – Elim 3</p> <p>5:30 – Elim 4</p>
<p><i>7:00 – Awards</i></p>	<p><i>7:00 – Awards</i></p>	<p><i>7:00 – Awards</i></p>
<p>7:30 – Elim 4 topic</p>	<p>7:30 – Elim 3 topic</p>	

## **PART XII: ACCESSIBILITY & NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The University of Utah does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (which includes prohibiting acts of sexual harassment or acts of sexual misconduct), age, status as a disabled individual, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, genetic information or protected veteran's status, in employment, treatment, admission, access to educational programs and activities, or other University benefits or services. In addition, University policy and state and federal law, prohibit retaliation against a person who participates in the discrimination complaint process. Employees, students, and persons who participate in University programs are required to comply with the University non-discrimination policies.

### **Disability Accommodations**

The University endeavors to provide reasonable accommodations and to ensure equal access to qualified persons with disabilities. Reasonable notice is required.

For inquiries concerning discrimination, sexual harassment, the University's complaint process or to request a disability accommodation, please contact the University of Utah's Director of Forensics. If required, or if you wish, you may also contact the University's Title IX/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator:

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