



2020 “THE MENDOZA DEBATES AT LEE COLLEGE” BAYTOWN, TX

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Lee College, the faculty of the Division of Speech Communication, Languages & Teacher Education, and the competitors of the Lee College Debate Team, I would like to cordially extend an invitation for you to attend the **2020 “Mendoza Debates at Lee College” in Baytown, TX on September 19-20, 2020**. The competition will feature all divisions of IPDA (Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional) in a single kickoff weekend with six rounds of prelim competition.

All entries must be received by **Tue., February 1st, 2022, at 5:00 pm CDT** in **ForensicsTournament.net**. Changes will be accepted without charge until **Wed., February 2nd, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. CDT** at which point fees will be set. Late fees will be charged for any changes after the 16th at noon CDT (in addition to any fees associated with the entry); any changes beyond this deadline must be sent to jganakos@lee.edu.

With the advent of virtual tournaments, we must ask that ALL entries be covered without exception. As campuses are closed, our usually cadre of qualified lay judges from faculty and staff are not available. All teams are committed through Finals for the purposes of judging; as in the case of on-campus tournaments, eliminated competitors will be entered into the judging pool.

Our hope is that this will be an excellent chance for colleges and universities in the mid-South to have an accessible VIRTUAL option for your novices to have their first tournament experience and for your more advanced competitors to get into their groove. Pre-tournament updates will be distributed via the IPDA Listserve and ForensicsTournament.net.

In the pages that follow, you'll find all the details for the “Mendoza Debates at Lee College”. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Cordially,

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VIRTUAL ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION:

Registration will be conducted via ForensicsTournament.net, and all competition rounds through Yaatly.

Registration Link: <https://forensicstournament.net/MendozaDebates/22>

User guides for coaches and students, including instructional videos for ForensicsTournament.net and Yaatly guides, can be found on the IPDA Website at:

<http://www.ipdadebate.info/virtual-debate-resources.html>

AWARDS:

Certificates will be presented to all elimination round participants in all events (via emailed files). Awards shall be presented to the top five speakers in each debate division. The three top programs and the top community/junior college shall receive awards for Sweepstakes. In addition, we'll be continuing to offer the "Mendoza Cumulative Sweepstakes" award, which will be mailed as a trophy to the winning program.

DIVISIONS & POINTS FORMULA:

The tournament reserves the right to limit entries if necessary. We will host all four divisions (Nov, JV, Var, Pro) of IPDA competition. The top three debaters in each division will count towards Sweepstakes calculations.

All IPDA debate rounds shall follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time. Divisions offered will be Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional. 7 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. In the event that a partial elim round (ex: "partial double octafinals") is offered, a maximum of one partial round per division will be held (ex: If a division qualifies for oct's with 60 entries and more than 32 have 4-3 records or better, only the top 32 would advance to the "partial" elim round). See IPDA Debate.info for division eligibility requirements (or simply ask us if you need clarification).

Debate points will be awarded according to the following formula:

- 3 points for each preliminary round win
- 3 points for breaking to elimination rounds
- 5 points for 1st speaker
- 4 points for 2nd speaker
- 3 points for 3rd speaker
- 2 points for 4th speaker
- 1 point for 5th speaker

TIEBREAKER FORMULA:

Debate: For determining competitors advancing to elimination rounds in individual debate we will look first to the number of wins, second to high/low adjusted speaker points and third to the number of total speaker points. For determining speaker awards in individual debate, we will look first to high/low adjusted speaker points and second to total speaker points.

SCHEDULE:

Due to the constraints of online competition, we'll be starting at 10:00am on Friday to reduce the impact on any West Coast competitors. Additionally, all rounds will be single flighted in order to encourage an on-time schedule.

<u>Friday, February 4</u>		<u>Saturday, February 5</u>		<u>Sunday, February 6</u>	
9:30	Yaarly Available	9:00	Yaarly Available	9:30	Yaarly Available
10:00	Tournament Assembly	9:30	TIPDA Finals	10:00	Awards
10:30	TIPDA Round 1	11:00	Tournament Assembly	10:30	IPDA Octofinals
11:45	TIPDA Round 2	11:30	IPDA Round 1	12:00	IPDA Quarterfinals
1:30	TIPDA Round 3	1:00	IPDA Round 2	1:30	IPDA Semifinals
3:15	TIPDA Round 4	2:30	IPDA Round 3	3:00	IPDA Finals (if needed)
ASAP	Coaches' Review	Break	Lunch		
5:30	TIPDA Quarterfinals	4:30	IPDA Round 4		
7:30	TIPDA Semifinals	6:00	IPDA Round 5		
		7:30	IPDA Round 6		

EVENT INFORMATION:

A. General information

1. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate sweepstakes awards.
2. We will provide ADA accommodations upon request; please let us know at the time you enter if you need any special arrangements.
3. The tab room will operate on a closed basis; tab staff will be available via chat and cell phone.

B. IPDA/TIPDA Considerations

1. Please adhere to all rules expressed in the Bylaws and Constitution of the IPDA.
2. In order to keep the tournament running on time, please remind your competitors that they should activate their timers when draw begins, not after the strike process ends.
3. Please remind your judges that electronic devices are NOT permitted for anyone in a round other than for accessing the Yaarly platform or ballots, including the judge.

C. Tournament Ethics Statement

1. The behavior of all attending the Mendoza Debates at Lee College will be in keeping with the [NCA Policy on Anti-Harassment Code of Conduct](#). We encourage all programs to review these expectations prior to entering this tournament.
2. The Mendoza Debates at Lee College expects that behavior between all participants, coaches, judges, and guests be respectful and appropriate at all times. If any participant has concerns over propriety or good sportpersonship, they should discuss the matter with their coaching staff. Any coach, judge, or guests should address any concerns with the Tournament Director exclusively.
3. As a condition of entry, all participants, coaches, judges, and guests agree that any decision issued by the Tournament Director is binding and final.

JUDGES:

All entries must be covered. One judge during debate rounds covers two (2) IPDA debaters. As is commonplace in IPDA, once eliminated from competition, IPDA competitors may be used to judge IPDA elimination rounds. All judges are obligated to judge for the entirety of the tournament. We will reserve the power to limit entries to make certain we can provide sufficient judging pools needed to keep clean rounds throughout the tournament.

Your Judges and Competitors MUST provide email addresses (in ForensicsTournament.net) to receive their ballots, and providing cell phone numbers is STRONGLY encouraged.

ENTRIES & FEES:

TIPDA Entries will be \$20.00 each and must be covered; one judge covers two entries. IPDA entries will be \$10 each; one judge will cover two entries. Entries should be entered into ForensicsTournament.net

For **PayPal** use mendozadebatesociety@gmail.com; for Venmo, Zelle, or alternative e-payment please contact Joe Ganakos at jganakos@lee.edu.

PLEASE MAKE ANY CHECKS PAYABLE TO "Lee College Debate Team"

Checks should be mailed to: Joe Ganakos
PO Box 818
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Entry confirmations will be emailed to all coaches on Wednesday, February 3rd by 8:00 p.m.

Any program that has previously attended the Mendoza Debates and is experiencing financial hardship please contact Joe Ganakos at jganakos@lee.edu to discuss options.

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VIRTUAL DEBATE INFORMATION:

In addition to entering the tournament via ForensicsTournament.net, coaches should create the appropriate team Yaarly accounts several days prior to the tournament.

During the tournament,

- All competitors and judges should be in their competition room 5 minutes before the start of the round and test their audio. If a competitor or judge is not present in the room by the **start** of the round please contact Tournament Director Joe Ganakos through Yaarly chat immediately.
- Coaches should confirm that all team judges have their ballots five minutes prior to the beginning of each round. All ballots will be delivered electronically via the email addresses the team's coach has provided.
- If a competitor's internet drops in the middle of a round, the competitor should try to re-enter the competition room first; if this does not work then please contact Joe Ganakos through Yaarly chat immediately.
- If a competitor drops connection, the competitor will have a maximum of five minutes to reconnect before the round is forfeit. Due to the constraints of a virtual tournament, rounds will not be re-run.
- If a judge drops connection, the competitors should immediately pause their timers and contact Joe Ganakos through Yaarly chat after two minutes have elapsed.
- Competitors and judge webcams must be activated the entire debate round, and they should not change their backgrounds.
- Competitors should mute their video during competitor speeches, only during cross-ex should both microphones be turned on. It is useful to use headphones during the round to help ensure everyone can hear you properly. Judges should also mute their microphones once the round has started.
- Judges should active the in-round timer function appropriate for each debate segment.
- Oral critiques should not be offered by judges after the round, this is important for keeping the rounds on-time.