



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Bossier Parish Community College, the Division of Communication and Performing Arts, and the BPCC Debate Team, we invite you to the **15th annual Eddy Shell Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament, February 24-26, 2023**, at **Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, Louisiana**. The competition will feature **4 preliminary rounds of TIPDA and 7 preliminary rounds of IPDA** – details included in the invitation. Pizza will be provided midday on Saturday. We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of forensic competition.

Please note – we will be emphasizing to all judges that everything other than ensuring everyone is “ready” shall be considered “on the clock” (this includes thank you’s, roadmaps, arguments, etc.) and judges will be empowered to penalize competitors at their discretion (via speaker points and/or the assigning of the win) for violations of the time limits that are specified in the IPDA bylaws.

In the pages that follow, you’ll find all the details. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

Bob Alexander & Preston Langley

HOTEL INFORMATION

We will not have a block of rooms reserved for the tournament, but if you have any questions concerning area hotels – we’ll be glad to provide assistance.

The nearest hotels to campus are the **Holiday Inn Express Louisiana Downs** (7970 East Texas Street, 318-841-9800), the **SpringHill Suites Louisiana Downs** (8010 E. Texas Street, 318-747-7772), & **Comfort Suites Louisiana Downs** (7950 East Texas Street; 318-742-3444).

Other recommended hotels in close proximity to the campus include: **Hampton Inn Gould Drive** (1005 Gould Drive, 318-725-1112), **Hilton Garden Inn Bossier City** (2015 Old Minden Road, 318-759-1950) & the **Homewood Suites Bossier City** (2015 Old Minden Road, 318-759-1940).

DIRECTIONS

BPCC is located at 6220 E. Texas St., Bossier City, LA 71111; the campus is 1.3 miles west of I-220 near Louisiana Downs. Registration will be located on the first floor of building F (our student center) at a table set-up near the main doors that open to the center of campus. A campus map is available at <https://www.bpcc.edu/about-bpcc/campus-map>

From the East: take I-20 West to Exit 26 (I-220); continue .4 miles to exit 17A (US-79/US-80). Turn right on US-79/US-80 and proceed 1.3 miles – the campus is on your left.

From the West: take I-20 East to Exit 23 (Industrial Drive). Turn left onto Industrial drive (.3 miles). Turn right onto US-79 E/US-80 E/E. Texas St. Continue 1.3 miles – the campus is on your right.

SCHEDULE

Friday, February 24

TIPDA Schedule

9:15-9:45 Registration
10:00: TIPDA Round 1
11:30: TIPDA Round 2
1:00: TIPDA Round 3
2:30: TIPDA Round 4 (early review of ballots available for all coaches)
4:15-4:30: Coaches Review
4:45: TIPDA Quarterfinals
6:30: TIPDA Semifinals
8:00: TIPDA Finals

Saturday, February 25

8:15-8:45: Registration for Individual Debate Only Schools
9:00: IPDA Round 1
10:30: IPDA Round 2
12:00: IPDA Round 3
1:30: Lunch Break (pizza provided)
2:00: IPDA Round 4
3:30: IPDA Round 5
5:00: IPDA Round 6
6:30: IPDA Round 7 (coaches review will be fully online and available ASAP after the end of round 7 – any issues should be emailed by 8:00am Sunday)

Sunday, February 26

8:30: IPDA Double-Oct’s
10:15: IPDA Octofinals
11:30: Awards
12:00: IPDA Quarterfinals
1:15: IPDA Semifinals
2:30: IPDA Finals

EVENT INFORMATION

- Awards** shall be presented to **all elimination round participants** and the **top five speakers** in each division of debate. The **top three programs** shall receive awards for sweepstakes and the **top community college** will be awarded for overall sweepstakes. Additionally, the **Eddy Shell Cumulative Sweepstakes award** will be awarded to the program with the highest total points earned from this tournament combined with all previous appearances at the Eddy Shell Invitational (once a program earns the award, their point total is re-set to zero). Current standings entering the 2023 Eddy Shell Invitational are as follows:

| | Total | Point Reset | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Abilene Christian Univ. | 410 | | 228 | | 90 | 92 | | | | | | | | | | |
| AFP-Louisiana | 27 | | | | | 27 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkansas Tech Univ. | 560.5 | | | 12 | 98 | 84 | 157 | | | 122 | | 45 | 42.5 | | | |
| College of Southern Idaho | 48 | | | 48 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| College of the Mainland | 302 | | | | | | | 99 | 21 | 88 | 55 | 39 | | | | |
| Crowder College | 36 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 36 | | |
| Dallas Baptist University | 211 | | 211 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dillard University | 54 | | | 9 | 45 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drury University | 219 | | 20 | | 102 | 35 | 62 | | | | | | | | | |
| East Texas Baptist Univ. | 0 | -824.5 | | 38 | 45 | 66 | 120 | 106 | 90 | 67 | 97 | 32.5 | 67.5 | 42.5 | 53 | |
| Freed-Hardeman Univ. | 24 | | | 6 | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harding University | 493.5 | | 18 | | | 24 | 66 | 57 | 63 | 75 | 60 | 31.5 | | 35 | 48.5 | 15.5 |
| Henderson State Univ. | 654 | | | | | 78 | 54 | 63 | 64 | | 100 | 80 | 52.5 | 86 | 53.5 | 23 |
| Indep. Debate Coalition | 143 | | | | | | | 18 | | 67 | | | 27.5 | 30.5 | | |
| Jackson State University | 87 | | | | | 45 | | 42 | | | | | | | | |
| Jefferson State CC | 392 | | | 42 | 88 | 105 | 57 | | 74 | | | | | | 26 | |
| John Brown University | 200.5 | | | | | | | 54 | | | | | | | | 147 |
| Lamar State Coll.-Orange | 51 | | | | | | | | | | | | 51 | | | |
| Lee College | 190 | -825 | 91 | | 99 | 443 | 436 | 434 | 208 | 477 | 30 | | | | | |
| Louisiana Christian Univ. | 355 | -646 | 18 | 27 | 51 | 75 | 30 | 48 | 12 | 94 | 99 | 438 | 70 | 426 | 442 | 72.5 |
| Louisiana State Univ. | 517 | | | | | 152 | 152 | | | | | | | | | 213 |
| Louisiana Tech Univ. | 657 | | 63 | 48 | 133 | 93 | 146 | 84 | | | | 30 | 60 | | - | - |
| Lower Columbia College | 96 | | | 96 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Alexandria | 235 | | | | | | 18 | | | | | 2.5 | 35 | 47 | 89 | 43.5 |
| LSU-Eunice | 79 | | | | 79 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LSU-Shreveport | 719 | -2523.5 | 97 | 166 | 180 | 276 | 227 | 263 | 288 | 257 | 265 | 235 | 254 | 299 | 254 | 486 |
| McNeese State Univ. | 68 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 68 |
| Mercer University | 9 | | | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middle Tenn. State Univ. | 238 | | | 63 | | | 100 | 75 | | | | | | | | |
| Mississippi College | 239 | | | | 18 | | | 42 | 39 | | 9 | 15 | 25 | 30 | 61 | |
| Mississippi State Univ. | 747 | | 190 | 111 | 182 | 173 | 91 | | | | | | | | | |
| Missouri Valley College | 6 | | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northwest Arkansas CC | 72 | | | 15 | 57 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northwestern State Univ. | 424.5 | | 24 | 15 | 66 | 45 | 74 | 39 | 123 | | | | | | | 38.5 |
| NW Arkansas Forensics | 269 | | | | | | | | | | | 138 | 132 | | | |
| Oklahoma Baptist University | 189 | | 114 | 75 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ottawa University | 29 | | | | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Park University | 18 | | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Patrick Henry College | 35 | | | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sam Houston State Univ. | 317 | -397 | | | | | | | | | | 113 | 205 | 145 | 154 | 98.5 |
| Southern Methodist Univ. | 511 | | 116 | 18 | 98 | 106 | 92 | 66 | 15 | | | | | - | - | - |
| St. Mary's University | 84.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 53.5 | 31 |
| Stephen F. Austin State U. | 735.5 | | | | 60 | 55 | 66 | 57 | 44 | 105 | 33 | 97.5 | 15 | 60.5 | 57 | 85.5 |
| Texas A&M Int'l. Univ. | 60 | | | | | | | | | 18 | | 42 | | | | |
| Texas Christian University | 51 | | 51 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tulane University | 113 | | | | 48 | | | | | | | 42.5 | | 22.5 | | |
| Union University | 548 | -1785.5 | 299 | 249 | 228 | 279 | 220 | 279 | 264 | - | 240 | 456 | 453 | | | |
| Univ. of Arkansas-Monticello | 203 | -1327 | | | 84 | 119 | | 232 | 249 | 456 | 444 | 432 | 467 | 438 | - | 468 |
| Univ. of Arkansas-Pine Bluff | 7.5 | | | | | | | | | | | 7.5 | | | | |

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| Univ. of Central Arkansas | 0 | -858 | 69 | 27 | 244 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 97 |
| Univ. of Louisiana-Lafayette | 63 | | | | 18 | 45 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Univ. of Louisiana-Monroe | 34 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 34 | |
| Univ. of Southern Miss. | 227 | | 39 | 49 | 69 | | 43 | 27 | | | | | | | | |
| Univ. of Tenn.-Knoxville | 756 | | 45 | | | 81 | 140 | 51 | | 162 | 189 | 88 | | | | |
| Univ. of Texas-Tyler | 53 | | | | 6 | 47 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Univ. of the Cumberlands | 39 | | | 39 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| University of Mississippi | 142 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 142 |
| University of Washington | 18 | | | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Valdosta State University | 48 | | | 48 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whitworth University | 503 | | | 121 | 382 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wiley College | 676.5 | | | | | 131 | 161 | | | | | 297 | | | | 88 |
| William Carey Univ. | 297 | | 66 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | 219 |

Past Winners:

2022: Univ. of Central Arkansas (858)
2021: East Texas Baptist Univ. (824.5)
2020: Union University (1006)
2019: Lee College (825)
2018: LSU-Shreveport (778)

2017: Univ. of Ark.-Monticello (721)
2016: Union University (779.5)
2015: LSU-Shreveport (756.5)
2014: Louisiana College (646)

2013: Univ. of Ark.-Monticello (606)
2012: LSU-Shreveport (553)
2011: Sam Houston State Univ. (397)
2010: LSU-Shreveport (436)

2. Novice, junior varsity, varsity and professional IPDA debate shall be offered in addition to Team IPDA debate. Schools shall not be limited in covered entries per event. We reserve the right to limit entries that are not covered by judges.

- A. 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 IPDADebate.info for division eligibility requirements (or simply ask us if you need clarification).
- B. All **Team IPDA Debate** rounds shall follow the 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time and follow the rules established under the International Public Debate Association. Four Preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. Also, note that TIPDA counts as a separate tournament of eligibility toward novice/junior varsity tournament counts.
- C. If BPCC places competitors in the tournament, they will not be counted toward sweepstakes. No BPCC competitors will be judged by individuals affiliated with BPCC.

3. Points formula

- A. All of a school's top three competitors in an IPDA division and top two teams in TIPDA will count toward sweepstakes totals.
- B. Points will be awarded according to the following formula:
 - 3 points for each preliminary round win (6 points for team debate)
 - 3 points for breaking to elimination rounds (6 points for team debate)
 - 5 points for 1st speaker
 - 4 points for 2nd speaker
 - 3 points for 3rd speaker
 - 2 points for 4th speaker
 - 1 points for 5th speaker

4. Tiebreakers:

- A. 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. For TIPDA, the same tiebreakers shall be followed except that total points and high/low adjusted points will be reversed (because of fewer preliminary rounds).
- B. **Sweepstakes:** In the event of a sweepstakes tie, we will look first to the number of competitors advancing to elimination rounds, second to prelim round win percentage.

5. **Judges:** One judge covers up to 4 debaters per format (the same judge may cover 4 individual debaters and 2 debate teams); debaters may be used to judge elimination rounds of debate once eliminated from the competition. All judges are obligated to judge one round beyond the elimination of their program.

6. **Tournament Ethics Statement:**

A. The behavior of all attending the Eddy Shell Invitational will be in keeping with the NCA Policy on Anti-Harassment Code of Conduct (available at: https://www.natcom.org/sites/default/files/annual-convention/NCA_Convention_Resources_Anti_Harassment_Policy.pdf). We encourage all programs to review these expectations prior to entering this tournament.

B. The Eddy Shell Invitational 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 sportsmanship, they should discuss the matter with their coaching staff. Any coach, judge, or guest should address any concerns with the Tournament Director / Tabulation Room Staff.

C. As a condition of entry, all participants, coaches, judges, and guests agree that any decision issued by the Tournament Director is binding and final.

7. **Fees:** TIPDA entries are \$40 each and uncovered entries are an additional \$25 each. IPDA Entries are \$25 each and uncovered entries are an additional \$20 each. **Change Fees:** Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Any drops or changes after that date until the start of registration will be charged a processing fee of \$5.00 per alteration; only drops will be accepted during registration and any drop occurring during registration or later will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00 per alteration.

8. **Entry Deadline:** All entries must be received by Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 5:00 pm. Entries should be made at <https://forensictournament.net/BPCC/23> **Please make any checks payable to "Debate Team"**