

2023 NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL IPDA TOURNAMENT and CONVENTION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

TBA - pm Joint meeting of Governing Board and E.C.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

8:30am-9:30 am **Registration** in BSU Education Building

9:30 am **Panels and Presentation of papers** – Panels will be held in the BSU Education Building

1. Governing Board Panel: “Beep Boop, Boop Beep”: *Debate in the Era of AI (90 minutes)*

The IPDA Governing Board will host a panel for coaches and competitors to discuss how disruptive technologies, including ChatGPT, are impacting academia and how the debate sphere will adapt. Specific emphasis will be given to ethical threats to the IPDA, as well as opportunities for harnessing these technologies in a more productive manner. The Governing Board will then lead a roundtable discussion to discuss the state of the IPDA and engage in a listening session with competitors and coaches.

2. Ethan Arbuckle (ACU): “Impacts of Online Debate on IPDA Inter-Team Communication”

This paper looks to analyze the differences in inter-team communication created by the International Public Debate Association’s (IPDA) switch to the virtual debate format. The analysis includes a breakdown of literature covering virtual communication, the history of the IPDA, and virtual debate. Given the negative impacts that virtual communication has had on connectivity in other applications and its effects on speech patterns, this research attempts to find if those impacts have been consistent in its application to the IPDA.

3. Andrew Christensen (ISU) and Dr. Sarah T. Partlow Lefevre (ISU): “In Defense of Team IPDA: Why IPDA Should Promote TIPDA Competitions at Every Tournament”

In this essay we argue that incorporating Team IPDA Debate promotes healthy debate practices and enriches the IPDA community. To that end, we believe that schools and tournaments should embrace TIPDA and offer it whenever possible. We argue that TIPDA benefits students in a way that is additive and complementary to individual IPDA debate formats. According to the IPDA Constitution, IPDA seeks to provide students a “laboratory of productive, “real-world” competitive debate experiences” (<http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>). Team debate is uniquely suited to this mission and too often excluded at tournaments. TIPDA provides a “real world” learning laboratory by developing collaborative skills, team cooperation, and a rapid decision-making environment. In the real world, professionals rarely, if ever, work individually in commercial organizations.

(all times reflect the start of IPDA draw for each round)

11:00 am	Round 1
12:45 pm	Round 2
2:30 pm	Round 3
4:15 pm	Round 4
6:00 pm	Round 5

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 am	Round 6
9:45 am	Round 7
11:30 am	Round 8

1:00 pm **Lunch Break – Pizzas will be provided by IPDA**

1:30 pm Coaches Review - May be available for partial review during Round 8

2:30 pm **Breaks posted**

2:45 pm First Elimination Round or “Partials” - if needed

4:15 pm Second Elimination Round

*5:45 pm Third Elimination Round o

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 – All outbounds will be held on the BSU Campus

8:00 am	Quarterfinals for all divisions
9:30 am	Semi Finals for all divisions
11:00 am	Finals for all divisions
12:30 pm	IPDA Awards Ceremony – Buffet lunch to be catered on BSU campus