



You and your squad are cordially invited to attend the **“Almost Crystal Clear” Novice IPDA Tournament at Morton College**, to be held on October 10th 2025 on our beautiful campus in Cicero, IL. We will offer a four round Novice IPDA tournament with one elimination round (rank placement) for all winning record participants. We also have a very simple fee structure: \$20 for covered entries (1 judge covers 2) with \$50 for uncovered entries. Your entry fee will include hearty snacks, beverages, and great awards for your winning scholars. *Almost Crystal Clear’s definition of “novice” is any student with less than eight debate tournaments experience, high school or college. Your non qualified squad members are more than welcome to judge.*

Last year was our first year hosting and it was a success. Each round started on time and we were done by 7:30pm. If we haven’t had a chance to meet, rest assured I am committed to hosting an efficient debate competition in a safe, friendly environment.

Thank you all for your future consideration and participation. If you have any questions about the “Almost Crystal Clear” Novice IPDA Tournament at Morton College, please contact me anytime with the contact information provided. Thanks! JE

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ACCOMODATIONS: Morton College and its Debate Program are committed to fostering an inclusive environment that caters to a diverse range of learning styles and disabilities, ensuring that every participant has an equitable and enriching experience.

DEBATE FORMAT: IPDA Resolutions will consist of a mix of fact/value/policy topics with different subject areas per round. Neg strikes first, then Aff, and so forth. After 30 minutes of prep time, competitors will follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format. *Coaches can provide guidance during prep but are discouraged from directly prompting arguments.*

ENTRIES: Register your entry by Tuesday, October 7th at 5pm.

1. Go to forensictournament.net/almostcrystalclear to complete your entry.
2. Click Login, go to IPDA and register team. Call Jason at 773-458-4839 for help.
3. Edits can be made on Wednesday. Drops only on Thursday and Friday.

Entry Fees: Each judge covers two IPDA entries. Fees for covered entries are \$20 each, uncovered entries are \$50 each. *Novice- any student with less than eight tournaments.*

AWARDS: The following awards will be presented.

*All winning records advance to one elimination round (Rank Placement)

Top six speakers (based on speaker points)

Top four team sweepstakes (based on wins)

***Rank Placement Round:** The tournament will conclude with a **Rank Placement Round**, where winning records will be paired based on cumulative rankings from the first four rounds (e.g., 1st vs 2nd, 3rd vs 4th, and so on up to 12th).

CATERING: *Paisans* is our campus eatery and will be open. *Hearty Refreshments* will also be served between the 4th round and Final Round for judges and competitors.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: October 10th, 2025

12:30pm	Registration
1:00pm	Round 1 Draw
2:15pm	Round 2 Draw
3:30pm	Round 3 Draw
4:45pm	Round 4 Draw
	<i>Refreshments Served</i>
6:15pm	Tournament Final Draw
7:30pm	Quick Awards, Thanks!

