

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Louisiana State University—Shreveport Debate Team, I would like to extend an invitation to the **50<sup>th</sup>** annual “**Red River Classic**” hosted on our campus in Shreveport, LA! This year our tournament will be hosted **November 7<sup>th</sup>—9<sup>th</sup>**.

The tournament will feature both TIPDA and IPDA (Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional). We will offer four preliminary rounds for TIPDA competitors and seven preliminary rounds for all IPDA divisions. Lunch will be provided on Saturday, with a designated lunch break on the schedule. As always, we ask that you bring judges to cover all entries. We would rather have your judges than your money!

All entries must be received by Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. CST via ForensicsTournament.net. Changes will be accepted via FTN without charge until Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. CST. Late fees will be charged for any changes after noon on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Details of this tournament may be different from years past so I encourage you to read through the information on this document and reach out with any questions or concerns.

Best,

Lindsay Duede

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### **Registration and Fees:**

Registration will be hosted on ForensicTournament.net at the following link:

<https://forensictournament.net/RedRiverClassic/25>

Covered TIPDA Fee: \$50 per team

Uncovered TIPDA Fee: An additional \$25 per team

IPDA Fee: \$25 per competitor

Uncovered IPDA Fee: An additional \$15 per competitor.

We reserve the right to refuse entries based on the inability of teams to cover their entries.

Late fees of \$5 per alteration will be added for any changes made after noon on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Changes made on the day of registration will be subject to a fee of \$20 per drop, alteration, or correction.

### **Divisions and 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. See IPDADebate.info for division eligibility requirements (or simply ask us if you need clarification).

TIPDA will follow the 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3 time format. We will offer 4 preliminary rounds with the appropriate amount of elimination rounds to follow.

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



### **Advancing Competitors and 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.

TIPDA: Determination for advancing to elimination rounds will first to the number of wins, second to the total number of speaker points, third to competitor ranks. For speaker awards we will look to total points and then adjust to high/low to break any ties.

### **Schedule:**

#### Friday 11/7/2025

8:30 AM: Registration for TIPDA

9:30 AM: Draw TIPDA Round 1

11:00 AM: Draw TIPDA Round 2

12:30 PM: Draw TIPDA Round 3

2:00 PM: Lunch (Not Provided)

2:30 PM: Draw TIPDA Round 4

4:00 PM: Coaches Check

4:45 PM: Draw TIPDA Elim 1

6:30 PM: Draw TIPDA Elim 2

#### Saturday 11/8/2025

8:00 AM: Draw TIPDA Elim 3 / IPDA Registration Open

9:30 AM: Draw IPDA Round 1

11:00 AM: Draw IPDA Round 2

12:30 PM: Lunch Provided

1:00 PM: Draw IPDA Round 3

2:30 PM: Draw IPDA Round 4

4:00 PM: Draw IPDA Round 5

5:30 PM: Draw IPDA Round 6

7:00 PM: Draw IPDA Round 7 (Early Coaches Check)

#### Sunday 11/9/2025\*

8:00 AM: Coaches Check



8:30 AM: Draw IPDA Elim 1

9:30 AM: Awards

10:30 AM: Draw IPDA Elim 2

11:30 AM: Draw IPDA Elim 3

12:30 AM: Draw IPDA Elim 4

\*Sunday schedule is subject to change. A finalized schedule will be sent with tournament entry numbers.

### **Event Information:**

#### **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. The tab room will operate on a closed basis; tab staff will be available via chat and cellphone.

#### **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, including the judge.

#### **Tournament Ethics Statement**

1. The behavior of all attending the Red River Classic 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 LSUS Red River Classic 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 four (4) IPDA debaters. 1 judge covers two (2) TIPDA teams. 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 one round past the last round of their team's elimination. We will reserve the right to limit entries to make certain we can provide



sufficient judging pools needed to keep clean rounds throughout the tournament.

### Entries and Fee Payment

Entries must be made at ForensicsTournament.net. Please email Lindsay Duede at LDuede@lsus.edu with any questions. Please make any checks payable to “LSUS” With a memo line of Red River Debate. Checks can be mailed to:

LSUS Continuing Education

One University Place

Shreveport, La. 71115

Attention Angela Taylor

We can also make arrangements for a credit card transaction if needed.

Entry confirmations will be emailed to all coaches on Thursday, November 6th by 8:00 p.m.

Any program that has previously attended the Red River Classic and is experiencing financial hardship please contact Lindsay Duede and LDuede@LSUS.edu to discuss options.

As is our tradition at the Red River Classic, any programs new to the event or new to the Red River will either receive a fee waiver or a reduction in fees. This will be judged according to program size and number of entries. We want everyone to have the best possible chance to compete and are willing to make all possible financial accommodations.

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