



DEBATE TEAM

DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

DBU Invitational

Colleagues,

The Dallas Baptist University Debate Team eagerly invites you to attend the 4th annual **DBU Invitational IPDA Tournament**. The tournament will take place **March 20-22, 2026**. We are excited to offer all four IPDA divisions of individual debate as well as TIPDA. There will be **six** preliminary individual rounds and **four** team debate rounds. Outrounds will be determined based on the number of entries. Greyson Goebel will serve as Tournament Director and tab will be run by Preston Langley and Rigo Ruiz. We offer our warmest appreciation to our colleagues for volunteering their time and helping ensure that our tournament runs smoothly and efficiently.

The competition will take place on top of the University Hill located on our beautiful campus. We also provide a number of food/drink options across campus. These will be open for the duration of the competition on Friday and Saturday.

The tournament fees for this tournament will be **\$25 per individual debate** competitor and **\$50 per team**. **Cash payments** are strongly preferred. The tournament will require you to bring along **one judge** for every **four** individual competitors and **two** teams. **For each** uncovered competitor, there will be an additional **\$20 charge**. Please bring along judges to help with our judging pool!

Tournament registration closes on **March 17th**, at **noon (CST)**. After this, there will be a \$10 fee (each) for altering registrations. No changes will be accepted after **noon (CST) on March 18th**. The earlier, the better!

We hope to have a great weekend debating! Please contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns. See you there!

Sincerely,

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, March 20th

12:30-1:15 TIPDA Check In
1:15-2:45 TIPDA Round 1
2:45-4:15 TIPDA Round 2
4:15-5:45 TIPDA Round 3
5:45-7:15 TIPDA Round 4
7:15-7:30 Coaches Review
7:30-9:00 TIPDA Quarters

Saturday, March 21st

8:00-9:30 TIPDA Semis
9:30-11:00 TIPDA Finals
10:15-11:00 IPDA Check In
11:15-12:45 IPDA Round 1
12:30-1:15 Lunch (Pizza Provided)
1:15-2:45 IPDA Round 2
2:45-4:15 IPDA Round 3
4:15-5:45 IPDA Round 4
5:45-7:15 IPDA Round 5
7:15-8:45 IPDA Round 6

Sunday, March 22nd

7:40-8:00 Coaches Review
8:00-9:30 IPDA Elim 1
9:30-10:00 Awards Ceremony
10:00-11:15 IPDA Elim 2
11:30-12:45 IPDA Elim 3
1:00-2:15 IPDA Elim 4

*****Please note that draw begins at the posted round times*****

*****IPDA Rounds will be flighted*****

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

We are going to run this tournament in accordance with all International Public Debate Association rules. Speech times will follow the classic IPDA format:

IPDA: 5-2-6-2-3-5-3

TIPDA: 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3

Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, Professional, and one division of Team Debate will be offered. Please check the IPDA Constitution & Bylaws for information on division eligibility.

There will be six preliminary individual debate rounds and four preliminary team debate rounds. We will determine the number of outrounds based on the number of competitors/teams in each division in accordance with IPDA standards. See the schedule for a tentative idea.

We are looking to keep the tournament strictly on time. This means that rules regarding draw and debate times will be **strictly enforced**. Draw times begin the moment the debaters are given the resolutions (before strike), and they must start debating **30 minutes after**. A maximum grace period of **5 minutes** will be given, after which, the absent side forfeits. In this situation, the competitor should immediately contact their coach, who should contact the tournament director/tab. In the event that a judge is not on time, the competitors and coaches should immediately notify tab. Off-time roadmaps are **NOT** allowed for the sake of time.

As a reminder, **NO** electronic devices may be allowed in-round. The only exception is a stopwatch or kitchen timer (Phone timers may **NOT** be used).

It is expected that all competitors, judges, coaches, and guests be respectful at all times. Competitors are encouraged to notify their coach of any disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behavior. Coaches, judges, and guests are encouraged to contact tournament staff about any type of disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behavior. We all want to have a good time, so let's keep things clean, professional, and respectful! (but also fun!)

As a condition of entry, you agree that all decisions made by the tournament director are binding and final.

AWARDS AND SWEEPSTAKES

We will be awarding the top 5 speakers in each division. For determining speaker awards in individual debate, we will look first at high/low adjusted speaker points and second to total speaker points. For team debate, we will look to total speaker points, then to high/low adjusted points to break any ties.

We will be awarding competition awards to each person/team who breaks to outrounds. For determining competitors advancing to elimination rounds in individual debate we will look first at the number of wins, second at high/low adjusted speaker points, and third at the number of total speaker points. For team debate, we will first look to the number of wins, and second to the total number of speaker points.

We will be awarding sweepstakes awards to the top 3 schools in each division, including IPDA and TIPDA. Additionally, we will award the top 3 schools overall. There will also be a top community college award. Sweepstakes will be calculated in this way:

IPDA:

3 points for each win (counts for up to three competitors in each division)

3 points for each break (counts for up to three competitors in each division)

TIPDA:

6 points for each win (counts for up to two teams in each division)

6 points for each break (counts for up to two teams in each division)

Speaker Awards:

1st place - 5 points

2nd place - 4 points

3rd place - 3 points

4th place- 2 points

5th place- 1 point

We will also have two special awards for the program with the highest overall win percentage and the program with the highest average of high/low adjusted speaker points in IPDA. Programs will need a minimum of 5 entries in individual debate (any divisions) to be awarded these.

HOTELS & PARKING INSTRUCTIONS

Most of the tournament activities will be located on top of the hill. We will have a portion of the parking lot in front of the Chapel building blocked off for tournament parking.

From Kiest: Follow the road up the hill, take a right at the stop sign, and pull into the parking lot in front of the Pilgrim Chapel.

From Mountain Creek: Follow the road up the hill, go straight through two stop signs, take a left at the stop sign after passing the dorms, and pull into the Pilgrim Chapel parking lot.

Check-in on Friday will be in the Collins Learning Center. On Saturday, prep rooms and check-in will be in the Chapel.

While DBU is not currently offering any official hotel, we've gathered a list of nearby options.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites - 4112 S Carrier Pkwy, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

972-264-4002 - 5.8 miles

La Quinta Inn & Suites - 2131 I-20, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

214-705-2815 - 9.6 Miles

Hilton Garden Inn - 800 N Main St, Duncanville, TX 75116

972-283-9777 - 5.7 Miles

Hampton Inn & Suites - 1100 E Interstate 20, Arlington, TX 76018

817-419-3700 - 12 Miles

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - 2100 N Cockrell Hill Rd, Dallas, TX 75212

972-685-7700 - 6.6 Miles

FOOD & DRINK OPTIONS

In addition to pizza being provided on Saturday for lunch, we have multiple options for meals, drinks, and snacks here on campus. These will be open for most of **Friday** and **Saturday**.

DBU Coffeehouse - The Union - **F:** 7am-10pm, **S:** 8am-2pm

Learning Center Coffeehouse - Collins Learning Center - **F:** 7:30am-9pm, **S:** 7:30am-3pm

Chick-Fil-A - Mahler Student Center - **F:** 7:30am-7:30pm, **S:** 7:30am-1:30pm

Union Grille - The Union - **F:** 11am-9pm, **S:** 11am-2pm

DBU Caf - Crowley Complex - **F:** 4:30pm-7:30pm, **Sa:** 11am-2pm, 5pm-7pm, **Su:** 11am-2pm

REGISTRATION & FEES

All entries must be received by **Tuesday, March 17th at noon (CST)**.

FTN Link: <https://forensicstournament.net/dbuinvitational/26>

Changes will be accepted until **March 18th at noon (CST)** with a **\$10 fee for each alteration**. After this date and time, no changes will be allowed to be made.

We are requiring that every school bring **one judge** for every **four individual** competitors and **two teams**. For each uncovered competitor or team, there will be a **\$20** additional charge. Please remember that judges will be required to judge one round past their school's elimination. Non-breaking competitors will be used to judge as well.

Cash payments are strongly preferred. No payment in the form of Venmo, Cashapp, or Zelle will be accepted. There is an ATM on campus if you need assistance with obtaining cash. We will email registration confirmations to each coach on Wednesday, March 18th. A receipt will be available upon payment at the tournament.

We hope to see you there!

COLOR GUIDE

- academic or administrative buildings
- student housing
- roads or sidewalks
- parking areas

ICON GUIDE

- 1 points of interest
- parking area
- no entry
- ⛪ gazebo

- A** Pilgrim Chapel
- B** Nation Hall
- C** Strickland Building
- D** Collins Learning Center
- E** Roberts Building
- F** Horner Hall
- G** Education Building
- H** Dean Learning Center
- I** Lange Hall
- J** Spence Hall
- K** Crowley Hall
- L** Williams Hall
- M** Blackaby Hall
- N** Mahler Student Center
- O** Byrd Hall

- P** Ebby Halliday Center
- Q** Hurley Hall
- R** Burg Center
- S** Blackburn Hall
- T** Athletic Training Center
- U** White Hall
- V** Global Missions Center
- W** International Center
- X** Cook Hall
- Y** Sedwick Soccer Fieldhouse
- Z** Horner Ballpark
- BR** Brownstones
- TH** Townhomes
- FV** Ford Village

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1** Main Entrance (Mountain Creek Parkway)
- 2** Kiest Entrance
- 3** Global Village, Bush Pond, and Mike Arnold Fitness Trail
- 4** Old Intramural Field
- 5** The Union
- 6** New Intramural Field
- 7** Physical Plant Complex
- 8** Swan Lake
- 9** Southwest Ponds and Fitness Trail
- 10** Turner Park: Basketball and Sand Volleyball Court
- 11** Sellar Yard
- 12** Mail Services Center
- 13** Fitness Center

