



Sept 13, 2012

Dear Friends,

The Forensics Team of John Brown University would like to invite you to the 3rd Annual Golden Eagle Invitational happening November 16-17, 2012. We will offer 3 divisions of IPDA debate on Friday and Saturday, and Pattern A of IE's on Friday and Pattern B on Sunday. We are pleased to announce that Anthony McMullen of the University of Central Arkansas will be joining us as director of IPDA tab.

We hope to offer an excellent, educational weekend for your students. We guarantee each student will get 3 ballots for each event that they are entered in, whether they are in finals or not! Additionally, we will offer novice divisions in all events. All competitors who advance to elimination rounds will receive awards. We will offer a number of sweepstakes awards, including awards for:

- Overall School Sweepstakes
- IE School Sweepstakes (novice and varsity)
- Debate School Sweepstakes
- Individual IE Sweepstakes (novice and varsity)
- Individual Overall Sweepstakes (IE + Debate, novice and open)

The deadline for a preliminary tournament entry is Monday November 12th at 10 pm. Changes may be made until Thursday November 15th at 10 pm. Please use the convenient online entry system located at <http://forensicstournament.net/goldeneagle/12> . If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me! We hope you can join us in beautiful Siloam Springs, Arkansas for a great weekend of competition!

Sincerely,
Erick Roebuck
DOF, JBU

Andrew Goff
JBU Forensics Team President

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE 3rd ANNUAL GOLDEN EAGLE INVITATIONAL

Friday November 16

12:00 Registration-Walker Student Ctr.
1:00 IPDA Rd 1
2:45 IPDA Rd 2-Pattern A Rd 1
4:30 IPDA Rd 3-Pattern A Rd 2
7:00 Pizza Break
7:15 IPDA Rd 4-Pattern A Rd 3/Finals

Saturday November 17

8:00 IPDA Rd 5-Pattern B Rd 1
9:45 IPDA Rd 6-Pattern B Rd 2
11:30 Coaches Review/Pattern B Rd 3/Finals
12:00 BBQ Lunch (Provided by the tournament)
1:00 Awards
1:30 IPDA Elim 1
3:00 IPDA Elim 2
4:30 IPDA Elim 3
6:00 IPDA Elim 4 (if necessary)

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

1) Tournament rules. AFA and IPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere within this invitation.

2) Competitor Eligibility. The rules of AFA and IPDA will guide competitor and judge eligibility. Competitors in IE's must be students at a 2-year or 4-year college or university who have not participated in more than eight semesters of intercollegiate forensics competition. Judges and competitors in IPDA must meet the division requirements of Novice, Varsity, and Professional outlined in the IPDA constitution.

3) Entry/Facility Limitations. Though we do not anticipate having to limit entries and will make every effort to accommodate all who wish to participate, JBU reserves the right to limit entries if our campus capacity is exceeded. We will use the following priority to entries (if needed): first, entries received after the entry deadline; second, entries without sufficient judges (uncovered); and finally, time the entry is received – the earliest entries will take precedence.

4) JBU Student Participation. JBU students will participate in the tournament, but will not be eligible for team sweepstakes awards.

5) Entry Procedure. All entries must be made online at <http://www.forensicstournament.net/goldeneagle/12>

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INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1) Students may not enter more than THREE events per pattern. Students in IPDA debate may enter one event in Pattern A and one event in Pattern B. IPDA competitors may NOT enter Extemporaneous due to the impossibility of being able to participate in two draws during the round.

2) Novice Eligibility. Students who are in their first year of collegiate individual events competition may be designated as novices.

3) Collapsing Divisions. If either division (Varsity or Novice) in each individual event has fewer than 9 competitors, then the divisions will be collapsed. For sweepstakes purposes, students will receive points based on the ranking against competitors in their division. For AFA and NFA qualifications, the tournament will determine the top 6 overall ranked speakers in each division in collapsed divisions. If necessary, we will allow coaches to switch novice students into varsity division in a particular event so that the student would be eligible for an AFA-NIET leg in that event.

3) We reserve the right to have fewer than three judges in a final round. If fewer than three judges are used in a final round, then final ranking will be determined by the cumulative total of all ballots.

IPDA Debate

1) The IPDA constitution will guide all facets of IPDA competition at the tournament. It is available at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

2) If an IPDA competitor is entered in IE's, varsity competitors should go to their IE first, then return immediately to the draw area after they are finished speaking so that they have plenty of time before the draw. Novice IPDA competitors should draw their topic, debate, then proceed immediately to their IE round. Competitors assume all responsibility for making it to their debate and IE rounds on time.

Sweepstakes Formula

IE Prelims: 1st: 4, 2nd: 3, 3rd: 2, 4th and below: 1, Drop: 0, No-Show: -2.

IE Final Placing (within division): 1st-8, 2nd-6, 3rd-4, 4th-2, 5th and below-1, Drop-0, No-show: -2.

Debate Prelim Wins/Byes: 10, Losses: 2, Drop: 0, Forfeit: -2

NOTE: To avoid no-show and forfeit penalties, competitors should arrive to their rounds on time. If a competitor misses a round due to a judge leaving early or other tournament error, the tab room should be notified immediately so that a sweepstakes penalty is not imposed.

Fees/Judging Commitment

Fee Per Student \$15 (Covers all entries, pizza, and BBQ lunch on Saturday)

Uncovered IE \$10 (Each judge covers 6 slots per pattern)

Uncovered IPDA \$15 (Each judge covers 4 debaters)

NOTE: We are encouraging college teams to help us have plenty of schools entered in both IE's and Debate. So, if a debate only team enters one IE slot (it could be one little impromptu!), then we will cover that slot and up to 2 extra IPDA debaters. If an IE only school enters a debater, then we will cover that debater and up to 6 IE slots. Thanks for helping us have enough schools in both IE's and Debate!

Hotels

We will not be getting a block of rooms for the tournament, but we suggest the following lodging options.

1) Hampton Inn 2171 Ravenwood Plaza, Siloam Springs, AR <http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=FYVSSHX>

2) Quality Inn 1300 US Highway 412 West, Siloam Springs, AR... (479) 524-8080
http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-siloam_springs-arkansas-AR200

3) Super 8 1800 Hwy 412 West Siloam Springs, AR... (479) 524-8898
<http://www.super8.com/>

4) Best Western Stateline Lodge 273 S Highway 59, W Siloam Springs, OK... (918) 422-4444 <http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=37107>

There are additional motels in Siloam Springs of lesser quality that are available with a simple internet search. If you would like a greater variety of lodging options, then we are a short drive from Springdale, AR (20 miles) and Fayetteville, AR (25 miles).

Map

<http://www.jbu.edu/about/map/>

Directions

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