



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Bossier Parish Community College, the Division of Communication and Performing Arts, and the BPCCC Debate Team, I invite you to the **13th annual Eddy Shell Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament, February 19-21, 2021, online via ForensicsTournament.net and Yaatly** and hosted by Bossier Parish Community College.

The competition will feature **4 preliminary rounds of TIPDA and 6 preliminary rounds of IPDA – details included in the invitation.** We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of forensic competition.

In the pages that follow, you'll find all the details. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Bob Alexander

SCHEDULE (all times listed are Central Standard Time)

Friday, February 19

TIPDA Schedule

9:30: Yaatly login available
10:00: Tournament announcements (all should be logged into Yaatly)
10:30: TIPDA Round 1
11:45: TIPDA Round 2
1:30: TIPDA Round 3
3:15: TIPDA Round 4
ASAP – Coaches Review
5:30: TIPDA Quarterfinals
7:30: TIPDA Semifinals
(Saturday's TIPDA finals pairings and judges posted ASAP)

Saturday, February 20

9:00: Yaatly login available
9:30: TIPDA finals
11:00: Tournament announcements (all should be logged into Yaatly)
11:30: IPDA Round 1
1:00: IPDA Round 2
2:30: IPDA Round 3
Break
4:30: IPDA Round 4
6:00: IPDA Round 5
7:30: IPDA Round 6
ASAP: materials will be sent for coaches review along with break announcements – any issues should be emailed back by 8:30am Sunday

Sunday, February 21

9:30: Yaatly login available
10:00: Awards (all should be logged into Yaatly)
10:30: IPDA Double-Oct's
12:00: IPDA Octafinals
1:30: IPDA Quarterfinals
3:00: IPDA Semifinals
4:30: IPDA Finals

EVENT INFORMATION

1. **Judges:** Programs MUST cover all of their entries. There are no exceptions. One judge covers up to 2 entries (in both TIPDA and IPDA). In IPDA, non-advancing debaters may be added to the judging pool once eliminated from the competition (non-advancing TIPDA competitors are not eligible to judge TIPDA). **All judges are obligated to judge the entire tournament.** If your team is out of the competition all judges must remain in the judging pool until the end of the tournament. This helps to provide a diverse judging pool through elimination rounds. If judges leave the tournament it will be treated as a withdrawal of your team and drop fees shall apply.

2. **Fees:** TIPDA entries are \$20 each and IPDA Entries are \$10. Coaches, judges, and observers shall be free (as the tournament host must pay for capacity for coaches and observers we ask that you keep these to a minimum and each should still be entered in the appropriate category in ForensicsTournament.net so that we know how much space to reserve for the tournament). **Change Fees:** Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Any drops or changes after that date will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00 per alteration. At noon on Thursday, February 18 ForensicsTournament.net will be shut down for accepting changes and those should be sent directly either via email (BobAlexander@bpcc.edu) or via text (318-564-5269); no new entries may be added after Thursday, February 18.

FEE WAIVERS: For any program whose budget has been significantly cut and/or eliminated, we are happy to extend a fee waiver. Please email Bob Alexander (balexander@bpcc.edu) to let him know you would like a fee waiver so that we may have a record for budgeting purposes.

3. **Entry Deadline:** All entries must be received by Tuesday, February 16, 2021. All entries should be made at: <https://forensicstournament.net/BPCC/21>

4. **Payment/Receipts:**

Checks should be made out to "Debate Team" and can be mailed to:
Bob Alexander
BPCC Debate Team
1512 Lexington Drive
Bossier City, LA 71111

For PayPal, Venmo, or to request a W-9 please contact Bob Alexander at balexander@bpcc.edu

ForensicsTournament.net provides a printable receipt. If you need a different format of receipt, please contact Bob Alexander at balexander@bpcc.edu

5. Novice, junior varsity, varsity and professional IPDA debate shall be offered in addition to Team IPDA debate.

- A. 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. 6 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. See IPDA Debate.info for division eligibility requirements (or simply ask us if you need clarification).
- B. All **Team IPDA Debate** rounds shall follow the 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time and follow the rules established under the International Public Debate Association. Four Preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. Also, note that TIPDA counts as a separate tournament of eligibility toward novice/junior varsity tournament counts.
 1. Although this is a team format each competitor must log in to Yaaty on separate devices. If team members are physically together they must still log in to Yaaty on separate devices.
 2. For team members who are participating in a socially distanced capacity during debates, they will be allowed to communicate with each other via text and/or a chat program of their choice. Please note, this is simply a replacement for how team members could communicate with each other via whispering and/or passing notes in a traditional face to face context; therefore, no communication with others should occur during the course of the round (nor should they be looking up information during the course of the round). Obviously, this requires an honor system in enforcing and we are relying on the ethics of all involved to ensure that this is utilized only within the spirit of IPDA practices for traditional face to face competitions.

6. Points formula

- A. All of a school's top three competitors in an IPDA division and top two teams in TIPDA will count toward sweepstakes totals.
- B. Sweepstakes points will be awarded according to the following formula:
 - 3 points for each preliminary round win (6 points for team debate)
 - 3 points for breaking to elimination rounds (6 points for team debate)
 - 5 points for 1st speaker
 - 4 points for 2nd speaker
 - 3 points for 3rd speaker
 - 2 points for 4th speaker
 - 1 points for 5th speaker

7. Tiebreakers:

- A. **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. For TIPDA, the same tiebreakers shall be followed except that total points and high/low adjusted points will be reversed (because of fewer preliminary rounds).
- B. **Sweepstakes:** In the event of a sweepstakes tie, we will look first to the number of competitors advancing to elimination rounds, second to prelim round win percentage.

8. Tournament Ethics Statement:

- A. The behavior of all attending the Eddy Shell Invitational will be in keeping with the NCA Policy on Anti-Harassment Code of Conduct (available at: https://www.natcom.org/sites/default/files/annual-convention/NCA_Convention_Resources_Anti_Harassment_Policy.pdf). We encourage all programs to review these expectations prior to entering this tournament.
- B. The Eddy Shell Invitational 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 sportspersonship, they should discuss the matter with their coaching staff. Any coach, judge, or guest should address any concerns with the Tournament Director / Tabulation Room Staff.

C. As a condition of entry, all participants, coaches, judges, and guests agree that any decision issued by the Tournament Director is binding and final.

9. Other Notes:

A. **Starting Rounds on Time** - Our goal is to honor the time of all schools participating. In live tournaments, it is easy to get lost and run late to a round. Since we are virtual, that should not be an issue so all judges and competitors are expected to be in their virtual competition rooms at or before start times. Schools will be given 1 warning if their participants or judges are late, then the offending judges and the competitors they are covering will be removed from the tournament. If the school has another issue with judges the entire entry may be removed. Competitors who are over 5 minutes late will be forfeited.

B. **Technology**: Competitors are to adhere to IPDA guidelines on the use of technology. Flowing and timekeeping should be done in the traditional manner (judges are encouraged to use the timer in Yaaty, but competitors should not rely upon this and should be running a timer themselves).

C. **Competitor disconnects**: If a competitor disconnects please stop the timers and attempt to reconnect immediately. Competitors will be given 5 minutes to reconnect, if they are unable to do so then the round will be forfeited. Additionally, ON THE THIRD disconnection in a single round by the same competitor, the round will be forfeit. We hope that this does not occur but in an effort to keep the tournament on time and to avoid excessive cost for platform time we will strictly enforce this rule.

D. **Judge disconnects**: If a judge disconnects please follow the same procedures as for a competitor disconnect, after the second disconnect have a participant enter the tab room to inform the tournament administration of the problem. If a judge continues to have connectivity issues we will contact the program director/coach and ask for an alternative judge to take their place. **COMPETITORS - IF A JUDGE HAS DISCONNECTED FOR 5 MINUTES OR MORE, PLEASE COME TO THE TAB ROOM TO INFORM US.**

E. **Judge ballot pickup**: We ask that coaches instruct their judges to immediately accept and open all ballots sent to them via email through the FTN server. This will allow us to watch for possible needs to substitute judges for rounds. Any judge that does not pick up their ballot for a round twice, will be removed from the tournament. The program that the judge is affiliated with will then have to replace that judge with another, even if this means removing a competitor from the debate field.

F. **Topics**: Strike will take place in the competition rooms. Judges are not required to be in the room for strike to occur. At the time of draw, topics will be posted in the topic tab of each room. Competitors should strike per IPDA guidelines. After the strike process has been completed place the topic in the chat for the room and be sure that both sides agree that the topic is the correct one. Any confusion on topic selection should be cleared before the competitors leave the competition room. Any challenges to the topic after the round will result in a double loss for the competitors.

G. **Disclosure**: Disclosure on topic direction or scope should be discussed before leaving the room for prep, or contact information should be exchanged if the debaters choose to do so. Disclosure can also be put in the chat for the room. Disclosure is not mandatory but rather a courtesy if the debaters choose to do so.

H. **Judge Disclosure**: There should be NO discussion from the judge/judges before or after the round other than greetings and issues about the starting of the round. No oral critiques and no discussion of decisions between the judges in the elimination rounds.

10. **PDF Awards** shall be sent to **all elimination round participants**, the **top five speakers** in each division of debate, the **top three programs**, and the **top community college**. Additionally, the **Eddy Shell Cumulative Sweepstakes award** will be mailed to the program with the highest total points earned from this tournament combined with all previous appearances at the Eddy Shell Invitational (once a program earns the award, their point total is re-set to zero). Current standings entering the 2010 Eddy Shell Invitational are on the following page of this document.

	Total	Point Reset	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Abilene Christian Univ.	182		90	92										
AFP-Louisiana	27			27										
Arkansas Tech Univ.	548.5		98	84	157			122		45	42.5			
College of the Mainland	302					99	21	88	55	39				
Crowder College	36											36		
Dillard University	45		45											
Drury University	199		102	35	62									
East Texas Baptist Univ.	786.5		45	66	120	106	90	67	97	32.5	67.5	42.5	53	
Freed-Hardeman Univ.	18		18											
Harding University	475.5			24	66	57	63	75	60	31.5		35	48.5	15.5
Henderson State Univ.	654			78	54	63	64		100	80	52.5	86	53.5	23
Indep. Debate Coalition	143					18		67			27.5	30.5		
Jackson State University	87			45		42								
Jefferson State CC	350		88	105	57		74						26	
John Brown University	200.5					54								146.5
Lamar State Coll.-Orange	51										51			
Lee College	99	-825	99	443	436	431	208	177	30					
Louisiana College	310	-646	51	75	30	48	12	94	99	137.5	70	125.5	141.5	72.5
Louisiana State Univ.	517			152	152									213
Louisiana Tech Univ.	546		133	93	146	84				30	60		-	-
LSU-Alexandria	235				18					2.5	35	47	89	43.5
LSU-Eunice	79		79											
LSU-Shreveport	456	-2523.5	180	276	227	263	288	257	265	234.5	254	299	250.5	185.5
McNeese State Univ.	68													68
Middle Tenn. State Univ.	175				100	75								
Mississippi College	239		18			42	39		9	15	25	30	61	
Mississippi State Univ.	446		182	173	91									
Northwest Arkansas CC	57		57											
Northwestern State Univ.	385.5		66	45	74	39	123							38.5
NW Arkansas Forensics	269									137.5	131.5			
Ottawa University	29		29											
Sam Houston State Univ.	317	-397								112.5	204.5	145	153.5	98.5
Southern Methodist Univ.	377		98	106	92	66	15					-	-	-
St. Mary's University	84.5												53.5	31
Stephen F. Austin State U.	735.5		60	55	66	57	44	105	33	97.5	15	60.5	57	85.5
Texas A&M Int'l. Univ.	60							18		42				
Tulane University	113		48							42.5		22.5		
Union University	0	-1785.5	228	279	220	279	261	-	210	156	152.5			
Univ. of Arkansas-Monticello	203	-1327	84	119		232	219	156	114	131.5	167	139	-	168.5
Univ. of Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7.5									7.5				
Univ. of Central Arkansas	762		244				159					139.5	122.5	97
Univ. of Louisiana-Lafayette	63		18	45										
Univ. of Louisiana-Monroe	34												34	
Univ. of Southern Miss.	139		69		43	27								
Univ. of Tenn.-Knoxville	711			81	140	51		162	189	88				
Univ. of Texas-Tyler	53		6	47										
University of Mississippi	142													142
Whitworth University	382		382											
Wiley College	676.5			131	161						296.5			88
William Carey Univ.	219													219

Past Winners:

2010: LSU-Shreveport (436 pts.)
 2011: Sam Houston State U. (397 pts.)
 2012: LSU-Shreveport (553 pts.)
 2013: U. Ark.-Monticello (606pts.)

2014: Louisiana College (646 pts.)
 2015: LSU-Shreveport (756.5 pts.)
 2016: Union University (779.5 pts.)
 2017: U. Ark.-Monticello (721 pts.)

2018: LSU-Shreveport (778 pts.)
 2019: Lee College (825 pts.)
 2020: Union University (1006pts.)