



## **Bear Cat Swing September 23-26, 2020 Online**

Cy Woods & Bridgeland High School are proud to host the Bear Cat Swing on September 23-26, 2020. We will offer all traditional TFA events and students have the opportunity to swing in ALL IE events and Congress. Debate events will be offered once for the weekend.

All IEs, except for extemp, will be judged asynchronously through videos for prelims and semis competition. Finals in those events will happen synchronously on Saturday afternoon for both sides of the tourney.

All recorded performances need to be submitted no later than September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm CT. Any entry without a video will be dropped after the deadline with entry forfeited.

If you have any questions contact Jacob at [jacob.koshak@cfisd.net](mailto:jacob.koshak@cfisd.net), Kristi at [sharyn.goemmer@cfisd.net](mailto:sharyn.goemmer@cfisd.net), or Ryan at [ryan.hennessey@cfisd.net](mailto:ryan.hennessey@cfisd.net).

We look forward to hosting you in September.

Thank you,  
Jacob Koshak, Cy Woods HS  
Kristi Goemmer, Bridgeland HS

## Online Competition:

To help prepare for your participation in online competition please visit <https://txfa.org/resources.asp?t=7> to get valuable information for both you and your students.

## Events and Divisions:

The Bear Cat Swing will offer the following events:

Domestic Extemp  
Foreign Extemp  
Novice Extemp  
Dramatic Interpretation  
Humorous Interpretation  
Informative Speaking  
Original Oratory  
Poetry  
Program Oral Interpretation  
Prose

Congressional Debate

Lincoln-Douglas Debate (Varsity & Novice)  
Public Forum Debate (Varsity & Novice)  
Policy Debate (Varsity & Novice)

**All Speech Events and Congressional Debate will be offered on both sides of the swing. Please make sure that you sign up for both tournaments.**

## Topics:

**Congressional Debate** will use the 2020 Texas Forensic Association Fall Legislative docket. Legislation will be divided into the different sessions as follows.

**Bear:**

Prelims 20-25  
Finals 26-30

**Cat:**

Prelims 26-30  
Finals 20-25

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate** will use the 2020-2021 September-October topic.

**Policy Debate** will use the 2020-2021 NSDA topic.

**Public Forum Debate** will use the 2020-2021 September-October topic.

## WSD

### Prelims:

This House would provide a universal basic income

This House regrets the narrative that nuclear energy is dangerous

### Elims:

This House opposes the use of military personnel to respond to civil unrest

This House would “defund the police”

Extemp: TBA

Bear:

FX

Prelims – Europe  
Semis – Asia  
Finals – International Conflict

DX

Prelims – Election 2020  
Semis – Health Care/Education  
Finals – Foreign Policy

Cat:

FX

Prelims – Latin/South America  
Semis – Africa  
Finals – International Organizations

DX

Prelims – Education  
Semis - Economy  
Finals – Politics

NX will be a mix of FX and DX in each round

### Eligibility:

All students who are sanctioned by their principals to compete as a member of their school may compete at the Bear Cat Swing.

**Novice:** Students in their first year of high school debate are eligible to compete in the Novice division.

All entries must be sanctioned by their school and have supervision by a chaperone who is an employee of the school. Parents or other adults associated with students participating in the tournament do not satisfy this requirement.

**Fees:**

Individual Events: \$20

Congressional Debate: \$25

NLD - \$25

NCX - \$30

NPF - \$30

VLD - \$40

VPF - \$40

VCX - \$50

WSD – 2 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/ \$25/missing round

PF – 2 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/ \$25/missing round (3 entries/1 judge)

LD – 2 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/ \$25/missing round (3 entries/1 Judge)

CX – 3 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/ \$25/missing round (2 entries/1 Judge)

IEs - .5 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/ \$20/missing round (12 entries/1 judge)

Congress - .25 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 4 rounds/\$25/missing round (12 entries/1judge)

NLD/NPF - .5 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/\$15/missing round (12 entries/1 judge)

NCX – 1 round owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 4 rounds/\$15/missing round (4 entries/1judge)

## Schedule:

### Wednesday September 23

IE Prelims – 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday September 24

IE Semis - 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Friday September 25

WSD 1 – Impromptu Prep begins at 3:15-4:15

LD/PF 1 3:15 – 4:45

CX 1 – 3:15 – 5:00

Woods Extemp Prelims – Draw at 3:15/Round 3:45-4:45

Woods Congress Prelims – 3:15 – 6:15

WSD 1 – 4:15-5:30

Woods Semis Extemp Draw – 5:15/Round 5:45 – 6:45

LD/PF 2 – 5:15 – 6:45

CX 2 – 5:30 – 7:30

WSD 2 – 6:30 – 8:00

Woods Congress Finals – 7:15 – 9:15

LD/PF 3 – 7:15 – 8:45

Woods Extemp Finals – Draw 7:30/Round 8:00 – 9:15

CX 3 – 8:15 – 10:00

WSD 3 – 8:30 – 10:00

LD/PF 4 – 9:15 – 10:30

### Saturday September 25

CX Quarters – 10:00 – 12:00

LD/PF Octos – 10:00 – 11:30

Bridgeland Congress Prelims – 10:00 – 1:00

WSD Quarters – Impromptu Prep begins at 10:00

Bridgeland Extemp Prelims – Draw at 10:00/Round at 10:30-12:00

WSD Quarters – 11:00 – 12:30

LD/PF Quarters – 12:30 – 2:00

Bridgeland Extemp Semis – Draw at 1:00/ Round at 1:30-3:00

Bridgeland Congress Semis – 1:00 – 3:00

CX Semis – 1:00 – 3:00

WSD Semis – 1:30 – 3:00

Bridgeland IE Finals – 2:00 – 4:00

LD/PF Semi – 3:00 – 4:30

WSD Final – Impromptu Prep begins at 4:00

Bridgeland Extemp Finals – Draw at 4:00/Round 4:30-6:00

Woods IE Finals – 4:00 – 6:00

Bridgeland Congress Finals – 4:00 – 6:00

CX Finals – 4:00 – 6:00

LD/PF Finals – 5:30 – 7:00