



Forensics
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Hello Speech Community!

The West Texas A&M Forensics team and Communication Department formally invite you to our annual Guy P. Yates High School Speech and Debate Tournament. This tournament will be hosted in person on our lovely campus in Canyon, Texas on **October 21st and 22nd**. Entries will be due on Tabroom by **10/17 at 6pm**.

This invite will cover all the events we are offering this year, patterns, entry limits for cross-entries, judging expectations, awards, and the all-important schedule. There are several new (hopefully you'll agree, improved) elements for GPY this year, so please read carefully. Revisions include: new flights, new award bowls, new schedule, novice entries, and WT stuff.

This year we will be using Remind to communicate the start of rounds and when postings have dropped. I am optimistic that this will help keeping the tournament on time. Please add yourselves, and students may also use this link to get information tournament days. The name of that "class" is GPY2022

<https://www.remind.com/join/gpy20>

I am thrilled to have you join us in Canyon in October! If you have questions, comments, or things I'm forgetting, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at kabele@wtamu.edu.

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Events Offered

Event	Rules Used (TFA/UIIL)	Fee x slot
Novice and Open CX	TFA resolution	\$35
Novice and Open LD	TFA resolution	\$25
Public Forum	TFA resolution	\$25
Congress	TFA	\$15
Declamation	NSDA	\$15
Original Oratory	TFA	\$15
Informative Speaking	TFA	\$15
Poetry	UIL	\$15
Prose	UIL	\$15
Program Oral Interpretation	TFA	\$15
Duo	TFA	\$15
Duet Acting	TFA	\$15
Dramatic Interpretation	TFA	\$15
Humorous Interpretation	TFA	\$15
International (Foreign) Extemp	TFA	\$15
Domestic Extemp	TFA	\$15
Impromptu	TFA	\$15

*Colors: Yellow= Debate events, Pink =Public Address events, Blue= Interpretation Events, Grey= Limited Preparation Events. These are the categories used for tabulating sweepstakes/bowl awards.

Novice Entries:

As this tournament is earlier than prior years, we would like to encourage a robust Novice entry. We will run separate novice IEs under the following guidelines:

- novice entries alone in that event exceed 11
- varsity/open division has at least 30 entries
- we will not panel finals of Novice events. Novice event champions will not be eligible for WT Forensics team scholarships.

We will not run any events with fewer than 6 entries total. Novice events do not count toward individual sweepstakes awards.

Novice division will be offered in CX and LD when the open division exceeds 16 teams and novice entries can form a separate bracket.

Cross Entries

Students are allowed to cross enter in each IE pattern (2 entries in flight A, and 2 in flight B). Students are also permitted to have a Debate event (on Friday), and the 4 IE entries. Students with a total of 5 events over the weekend will be eligible for the Pentathlon Award. **Students are responsible for making it to all rounds on time. Students who do not make it to their rounds promptly will be disqualified, that includes out rounds.**

New Scheduling alert: In an effort to celebrate the work done by all competitors in LP events, we have added a bowl for Best LP speaker. **Students will be eligible to compete in both International Extemp, AND Domestic Extemp** as they will occur in different flights.

For reference:

Debate events (held Friday): CX, LD, Congress, and PF

IE Flight A: Prose, HI, DX, OO, Duet, Impromptu

IE Flight B: Poetry, DI, Duo, IX/FX, Declamation, POI, Info

We will run semifinals for all IEs that exceed 50 entries.

We will have semifinals for Congress with more than 61 entries.

Make checks payable to:

West Texas A&M Forensics
P.O. Box 60754
Canyon, TX 79016

Entries due on Tabroom 10/17

Awards Descriptions and list

In addition to awarding the top 6 in every IE, and elimination rounds for debate events, we are offering 5 top speaker awards.

Best Debater: Awarded to top speaker across debate entries. Students are considered independently for this award in partnered debate events. (CX, LD, PF, Congress)

Best Interper: Awarded to top speaker in interpretation events. This award functions as an "indy sweeps" of interp. (Duo, HI, DI, Prose, Poetry, POI, Duet)

Best Limited Preparation Speaker: Awarded to the top speaker in limited preparation events (IX, DX, Impromptu). This award functions as an "indy sweeps" of LP.

Best Public Address: Awarded to the top speaker in public address events. This award functions as an "indy sweeps" of public address. (Info, OO, Declamation)

Pentathlon: Awarded to the top speaker who has competed in five total events. Students must be in 5 events to be eligible for Pentathlon.

For each event winner there will be a \$100 scholarship to compete for the WT forensics team upon enrollment and competition at their first tournament.

We will also award Team Sweepstakes for the top three schools.

Tabulation

We will panel final rounds of varsity IE events, and debate events semifinals through finals.

For debate events we will break brackets when applicable, we will power match High-Low within brackets.

Sweepstakes formula:

IE finals/ Congress

1st	14pts
2nd	12pts
3rd	10pts
4th	8pts
5th	6pts
6th	4pts
Non advancing Semifinalist	2pt

Debate

Finalist	20pts
Non-advancing semifinalist	10pts
Non-advancing quarterfinalist	5pts
Each debate win in prelims	1pt

Judges please

In the past WT has been lucky enough to have a robust judging class. I am slowly building these ranks, but again ask that each team bring several judges (the more judges you bring, the less each of you must judge!). I am expecting this tournament to be quite large and require upwards of five-dozen judges per round. *As much as I would love to give coaches a judging break, I will prioritize an on-time tournament. So in lieu of charging you judging fees, I will ask you to work collaboratively and judge where you are asked, when you are asked. **Please enter your available judges on Tabroom so that we may schedule you in advance.*** We will have a judges' lounge prepared with food and snacks.

Schedule (anticipated, up to revision depending on entries)

Friday (Debate)

7:30-8:00	Registration	
8:30	Round 1	CX, LD, PF
10:30	Round 2	CX, LD, PF
12:00	Session 1	Congress
1:30	Round 3	CX, LD, PF
3:30	QF/Sems	CX, LD, PF
4:00	Congress Finals	Congress
5:30	Sems/Finals	CX, LD, PF
7:30	Finals	CX, LD, PF

Saturday (IEs)

(7:00-7:30)	Registration (if needed IEs only)	
8:00	Round 1 A	Prose, HI, DX, OO, Duet, Impromptu
9:45	Round 1 B	Poetry, DI, Duo, IX/FX, Declamation, POI, Info
11:30	Round 2 A	Prose, HI, DX, OO, Duet, Impromptu
1:15	Round 2 B	Poetry, DI, Duo, IX/FX, Declamation, POI, Info
3:00	Sem A	We will only run Sems if required, otherwise we will accelerate into finals
4:45	Sem B	We will only run Sems if required, otherwise we will accelerate into finals
6:30	Finals A	Prose, HI, DX, OO, Duet, Impromptu
8:15	Finals B	Poetry, DI, Duo, IX/FX, Declamation, POI, Info
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Food Offerings

We are happy to feed all of our judges. Competitors will be able to access food court offerings in the JBK. Across the street from our home building in Canyon in a United for all your additional snacking needs. **The JBK is cashless.** They also have reloadable souvenir Buff Gold Cards for students to preload money onto a debit card on campus. Students may do this individually or you can contact the Buff Gold Card office to get preloaded ones (Patrick Bolwahn 806-651-4653). You may also schedule catering (Ollie Sims 806-651-2709) or order from off campus (note: there is a home game that Saturday, I'd schedule early).

Registration

Registration will be held in the main entry way of the Communication and Fine arts building (FAH). This will also be where ballot pick up/return/tab and judges longue will in this building.

Buses and parking

For guests not coming by bus may park at the First United Bank Center and use the shuttle buses to and from the JBK. The buses run from 7am -6pm Mon-Fri. For those of you driving in smaller vehicles, the lot outside of FAC is open an available, please do not park in reserved spots.

For guests coming by bus please refer to the information below:

Events being held on the WTAMU campus will require students arriving by bus to be unloaded behind the Fieldhouse, facing south (route is highlighted in red). Students will be able to use the crosswalk (highlighted in yellow) to access their destination. *Please avoid parking in front of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center or the Classroom Center so not to interrupt the WTAMU shuttle bus route.*



Once the students have been dropped off, the buses will be required to park at the First United Bank Center (FUBC). When leaving the Fieldhouse, the buses will turn north onto 23rd Street (route is highlighted in green) and then turn east onto Russell Long Blvd. The buses will follow Russell Long Blvd until arriving at the First United Bank Center where they will park in the yellow highlighted area.



Once the event concludes, the school buses will depart the First United Bank Center by turning west onto 4th Avenue (route is highlighted in green).



The buses will then turn north onto 23rd Street before arriving at the pick-up point behind the Fieldhouse, again facing south.



To view a campus map, please go to map.wtamu.edu, or use the QR code:

