

Invitation for the 2015 Hoosier Invitational Tournament

Date: January 31 – Feb 2nd, 2015

Dear Policy Debate Community,

Indiana University and the Hoosier debate team cordially invite the policy debate community to our campus Jan 31 – February 2nd. Our tournament will have three divisions with the goal of seven rounds of competition in each. We will provide the best hospitality in delivery of good eats, the use of our convenient facilities, and personalities.

We will continue with our “Breaking Away Theme” movie theme. The bike racing tradition in Bloomington has made our campus world famous for its Little 500 spring race. Like the biking marathon, you are only as fast as your slowest rider. Each school will have all of their speaker points in each round averaged and then added (R1a+R2a+R3a...) as schools race to the finish line. Divisions are irrelevant to this award, consistently high average squad speaks will determine the winner of the race. We will have a model of the Little 500 field with bike icons for each school. We hope the drama and will keep things exciting.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help make your return to Bloomington enjoyable.

Best wishes,

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Reasons to attend:

****** Gourmet muffins and pastries, vegan breakfast items from a vegan bakery, local lunch and dinners with award winning Pizza, middle eastern, southern creole, and never ending coffee we will provide the best food and service during your stay.

*******Simplicity and Ease: The tournament is hosted in one large classroom building located next door to the Biddle Union tournament hotel. We will keep you well fed with three breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners. During the winter months, it's always nice to stay in from the cold!

*******IU is centrally located. Flights to Indianapolis, the shuttle service, and the low cost of Indy rental vans make this tournament a cost effective option if you plan on bringing several teams. Plus, you can avoid a van rental entirely from Indy if you utilize the airports highly reliable and low cost shuttle services. The two shuttle services are [Go Express](#) and the [Star of America Shuttle](#). Both are about \$15.00 a ticket each way. The latest departure time from Indy to

Bloomington is 10:20 PM, The earliest flight you can catch is about 7:30 AM with departure from Bloomington at about 4:30 AM. The drive to and from Indianapolis is about 50 minutes.

Hotel Information: The tournament hotel is the historic IMU Biddle Hotel. The IMU is in the middle of the campus located directly across from the Ballantine classroom building where the tournament is held. We have a block of 45 hotel rooms at \$109 for double bed rooms and \$99.00 for singles. Internet and parking during your stay is free. Code is HICT15. Contact Info: (800) 209- 8145 <http://www.imu.indiana.edu/hotel/index.shtml>

Why stay at the hotel?

- 1) Convenience: You are a one-minute walk from the building where debates are held. 2) The hotel is located in the student union which has several amenities including restaurants and a Starbucks.
- 2) Flying? Use the Bloomington Shuttle Service to Indianapolis. It is cheap The shuttle has never been late in the several years that our team has used the service. 1hr to/from the airport.
- 3) Free internet & free parking.

Not staying at the hotel?

If you are not staying at the hotel, I can pre-pay for an A/C parking pass that will allow you to park in the lot directly behind Ballantine (the competition building). You will need to let me know a week ahead of the tournament start time. The cost is \$15.00 for the weekend.

The 2015 HIT is ADA and CEDA sanctioned.

Current rules for ADA:

<http://www.liberty.edu/academics/communications/debate/?PID=22660>

CEDA Rules: https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=2879

Fees:

The entry fees will be **\$60 per person** in attendance regardless of division. The fees cover 7 meals including three breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners plus awards and snacks.

Payment and Registration:

You will be able to pay by check and credit card. Due to Indiana University Conference policy, cash at registration will not be accepted. We would rather you deposit the cash and write out a check and send it to IU conferences. A personal check would be much easier for us to process. An online payment/registration system will become active soon. Check back for the link in the next few weeks. We highly suggest that you PAY PRIOR to your arrival. A confirmation email with a receipt will be sent to the tournament administrator to verify payment as well as your email account. New entries should be finalized

Water bottles:

Coaches should spend more time encouraging their teams to bring personal water bottles to tournaments. We will purchase less of them this year in hopes to encourage less waste. Sodas will be provided for lunches and dinner. Our water fountains work and are just as refreshing!

Tournament Schedule:

***Friday: Indiana Memorial Union Mezzanine Level**

12:00 PM: Judge preferences are due to Tabroom

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Registration will be on the Mezzanine level above the Memorial Union Biddle hotel entrance. Go up the stairs and head towards the “Tree Suites.” We will have table set up in the Tree Suite Conference Lounge. If you will not make it send Brian DeLong an email (Brdelong@indiana.edu) or text (307-214-4189)

****Saturday: Ballantine Hall (Likely 2nd Floor)**

7:30 AM Breakfast: R1 and R2 pairings released

8:30 AM: R1 start time

11:30 AM: R2 start Time

1:45 PM Lunch

2:30 PM: R3 released

3:15 PM: R3 start time

5:30 PM: Dinner

6:00 PM: R4 released

6:45 PM: R4 start time

*****Sunday: Ballantine Hall**

7:30 AM: Breakfast R5/R6 pairing release

8:30 AM: R5 start time

11:30 AM: R6 Start Time

1:45 PM Lunch

2:30 PM: R7 released

3:15 PM: R7 start time

5:30 PM: Dinner

6:00 PM: First Open Outround released

6:45 PM: First Open Outround start time

******Monday: Tree Suites in the Memorial Union**

7:30 AM - Awards and outrounds will be in the tree suites of the IMU on Monday. Pairings, judging lists, and the bracket will be released Sunday night. Awards will start at 7:30 AM, outrounds will start at 8:30 AM.

Breakfast: University Catered Breakfast, fruit, drinks etc. and Coffee.

Topic:

The tournament topic will follow the 2014-2015 CEDA policy debate resolution. Resolved: The United States should legalize all or nearly all of one or more of the following in the United States: marihuana, prostitution, online gambling, the sale of human organs, physician assisted suicide.

Judging Requirements

*One team entered will require (3.5) 4 rounds of judging. Two teams will require 7 rounds of judging. Uncovered teams will accrue an additional \$100 charge. All judges are committed for the first full elimination debate and one round after their teams have been eliminated. **All coaches are expected to make themselves available for at least some judging and will be on the preference sheet. ***Prelim rounds must be decided within two hours and thirty minutes of the

posted start time of the debate. The tab room will flip a coin to determine the winner when the judge cannot decide.****Judges must vote for one and only one team in each debate and must assign speaker points and ranks in prelim rounds. The tab room will flip a coin to determine the winner if the judge cannot.

Speaker Points:

We will be using a speaker point scale of 0 – 30 tenths points with tenths of points allowed. No ties in speaker points awarded.

Tournament Administration Details:

The tournament will feature seven preliminary rounds of two-person cross-examination style debates on the 2014-2015 CEDA debate topic in the standard 9-3-6 format with 10 minutes of preparation time. We will attempt to offer three divisions, Open, JV and Novice. In the event of a division collapse JV will move into open. JV teams will be eligible for a JV breakout. JV eligibility for breakout will be determined by division entries before the start of rounds on Saturday. We will not collapse novice into open. If seven rounds of novice competition are logistically not possible without same-side debates we will move into the direction of a round robin to outround breaks. Please use CEDA/ADA eligibility standards to place your teams in the appropriate division.

Teams:

Each team should be comprised of two debaters. Hybrid teams will be allowed to compete and break. Maverick “teams” in the event of an illness or partner drop can compete but will not be awarded points or the win. Points will be averaged from other eligible rounds.

Preferences:

We will use ordinal rankings of judges to determine mutuality in preference. Judges that wish to opt-in for diversity enhancement placement are encouraged to do so.

Audio and Video Recording:

All rounds (defined as student speeches and judging critiques) should be considered open to the public. As a public activity these debates may be electronically recorded for private educational use by any tournament participant (registered coaches, debaters and helpers). Those who record are encouraged to receive permission from participants before anything is posted to a public forum.

Conduct:

All participants debating at the Hoosier Invitational Tournament at Indiana University will follow tournament and Indiana University rules as well as any rules of their sponsoring institutions. We abide by all rules and norms of ADA, CEDA and the AFA, including but not limited to CEDA's sexual harassment policy.

Non-Smoking and Alcohol Free Campus:

IU is a non-smoking campus. The smoking ban includes electronic cigarettes. Alcohol is not permitted in public spaces on campus. This means alcohol is allowed in the private spaces (hotel rooms) of the Biddle hotel, but not in classroom buildings or campus walkways.