



Southwest Baptist UNIVERSITY

Dear Forensics Colleagues,

August 28, 2020

The Southwest Baptist University forensics program and the Heartland Sigma chapter of Pi Kappa Delta want to invite you to the Bob R. Derryberry Memorial Season Opener to be held virtually October 2-3, 2020. The tournament is designed to be a synchronous online forensics experience using the 8x8 videoconferencing platform. Pages 3-5 of the invitation have extensive information about using this platform through the forensicstournament.net website.

Our tournament offers four preliminary rounds and three elimination rounds of both College Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas debate on Friday; and all 11 standard AFA individual events (**plus interviewing**) on Saturday. **One special note about interviewing. All competitors in that event will be expected to submit their resumes to the tournament director via email no later than September 30th at 5:00p.m. (Central). Those who do not will be ineligible for the final round (which will be the resume round). Judges and competitors must be entered on the tournament website no later than 7:00p.m.(Central) on Monday, September 28, 2020.**

The 2020 Derryberry offers several nice amenities including...

- A humane competition schedule on both Friday (debate only) and Saturday (IEs only).
- No participation fees this year and we lowered some of our base fees. (This is a hard time for the community and we want to ease everyone's burden as much as possible.)
- Paper awards for most, but trophies for quadrathlon, debate speaker awards, Bright Young Scholar, and sweepstakes awards.
- A chance to start the season with the warm camaraderie fostered by the activity we love!
- New speaker awards in both PF and LD.
- A JV division in LD for the first time.

We hope that you will join us online in October! Please contact us with any questions you may have.

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2020 Derryberry Season Opener Schedule*

(All Times Central)

Friday, October 2

Registration (TBA)

9:00-10:15a.m.: Public Forum Round 1/Lincoln Douglas Round 1

10:30-11:30a.m.: Public Forum Round 2/Lincoln Douglas Round 2

Lunch Break

12:15-1:15p.m.: Public Forum Round 3/Lincoln Douglas Round 3

1:45-2:45p.m.: Public Forum Round 4/Lincoln Douglas Round 4

3:15-4:30p.m.: Public Forum/Lincoln Douglas Elimination Round 1

4:45-6:00p.m. Public Forum/Lincoln Douglas Elimination Round 2

Dinner Break

7:00-8:15 Public Forum/Lincoln Douglas Elimination Round 3

8:30 Debate Awards (TBA)

Saturday, October 3

Registration for IE only schools (TBA)

7:45a.m. Extemp Draw (TBA)

8:00-9:15a.m. Round 1 Pattern A (Extemp, Persuasion, DI, Poetry, Informative, Prose)

9:30.-10:45a.m. Round 1 Pattern B (Impromptu, POI, Duo, ADS, CA, Interviewing)

11:00a.m.-12:15p.m. Round 2 Pattern B

Lunch Break

1:30p.m. Extemp Draw (TBA)

1:45-3:00p.m. Round 2 Pattern A

3:15-4:30p.m. Finals Pattern B

4:30p.m. Extemp Draw for Finals (TBA)

5:00-6:15p.m. Finals Pattern A

7:00p.m. Awards (TBA)

*Note: We reserve the right to make schedule changes as necessary to accommodate tournament size, judging needs, and other logistical considerations.

Using 8x8

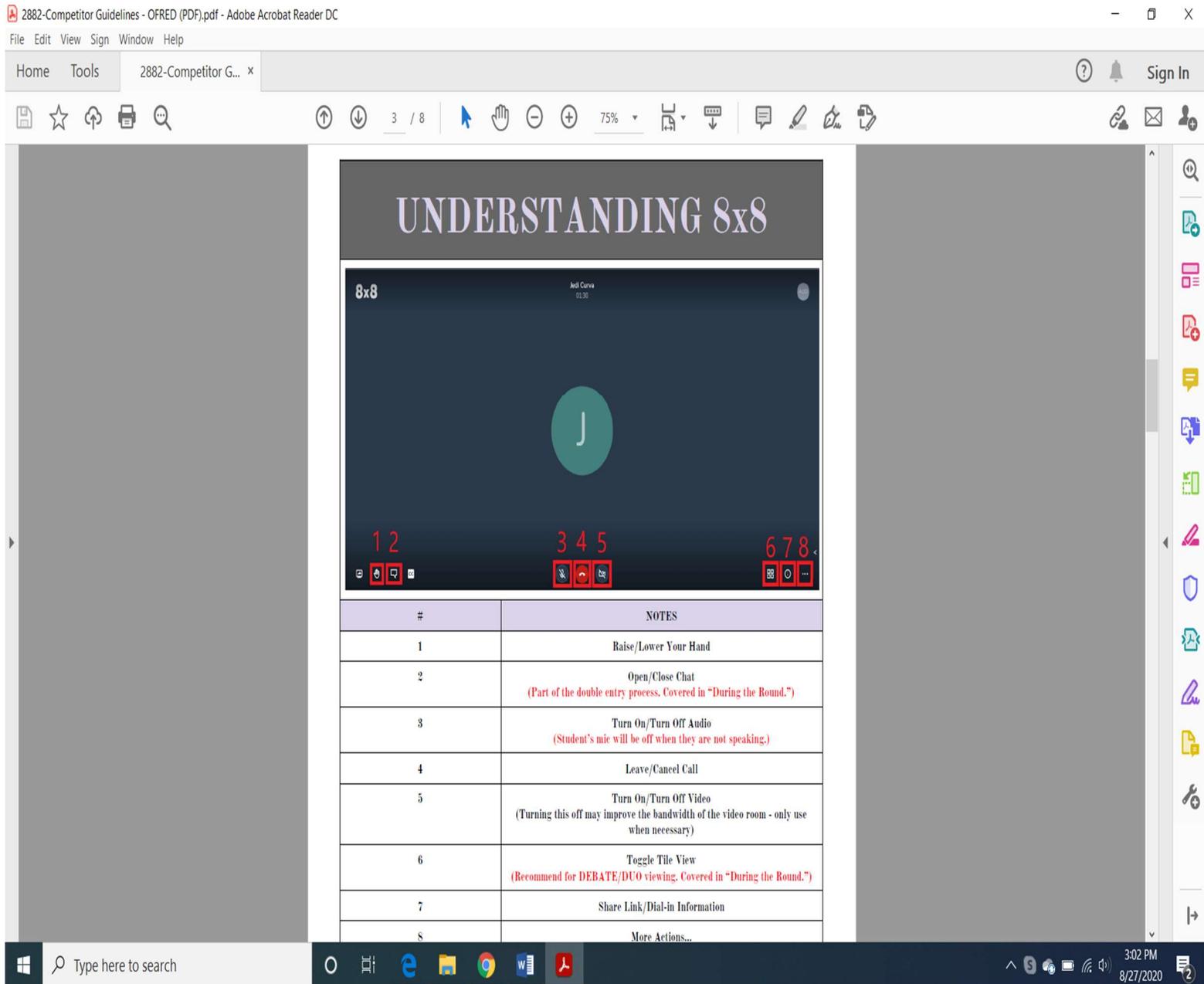
We have chosen to use 8x8 videoconferencing to transition the 2020 Derryberry to the online environment. One reason for this choice was that 8x8 works seamlessly with the forensicstournament.net registration website which we have used since the Derryberry began nearly 10 years ago. Danny Cantrell from Mt. San Antonio College in California has done a remarkable job of creating a synchronous platform that sits atop the existing tournament registration website. Danny has assembled a nice collection of resources [here https://forensicstournament.net/online](https://forensicstournament.net/online). We encourage you to watch the resource videos for judges and students that he has created.

Coaches: We encourage you to watch the instructional video [here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKH1sOKgOV0&list=PLqA6ZKvXfAxNRTIfbd0oYNSwVku0QQYEP&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKH1sOKgOV0&list=PLqA6ZKvXfAxNRTIfbd0oYNSwVku0QQYEP&index=2) detailing how to enter student's and judge's contact information into the system when you register for the tournament. Essentially, this video describes the process you can use to enter the email and/or phone numbers of your competitors in your forensicstournament.net roster tool so that they can receive email or text notifications from the tournament. This doesn't make your student's or judge's contact information visible to the tournament administrators.

Participation in this sort of tournament requires several resources. Judges, coaches and participants should plan to have...

- A reliable laptop or desktop that can accommodate the Google Chrome browser.
- A reliable internet connection of at least 6 MBPS (megabytes per second) download/upload speed.
- Access to a space where they can (hopefully) perform without interruption.
- You may also wish to have headphones.

The tournament will create a series of virtual rooms in which the rounds will occur. Competitors scheduled to compete in that round will get a text or email (coaches will indicate what the competitor's preference is when they add the individual and their contact information to their team roster) with a link to get into the virtual room. You are not required to get an 8x8 account or download any software in order to participate. Once you are in a virtual room, it will look and feel very much like a Zoom meeting. We recommend that you look at the handy infographic below to acquaint yourself with the different features of the 8x8 competition rooms. This graphic is also available in a PDF at the <https://forensicstournament.net/online> link embedded here and above. We will also post it on the tournament website.



We anticipate that you will have many questions about using 8x8. As the tournament approaches we post additional resources and notify you about new things we learn about it.

Best Practices for Online Tournaments

Online tournaments are different from face to face tournaments. Although they have been around for a while, this season will be the first time they have been so widely adopted. To that end, we will ask everyone at the Derryberry to follow what we think are some of the “best practices” for online

tournaments. Of course, we realize that some of these may change over time as the community gains more experience with this endeavor.

Some best practices for judges...

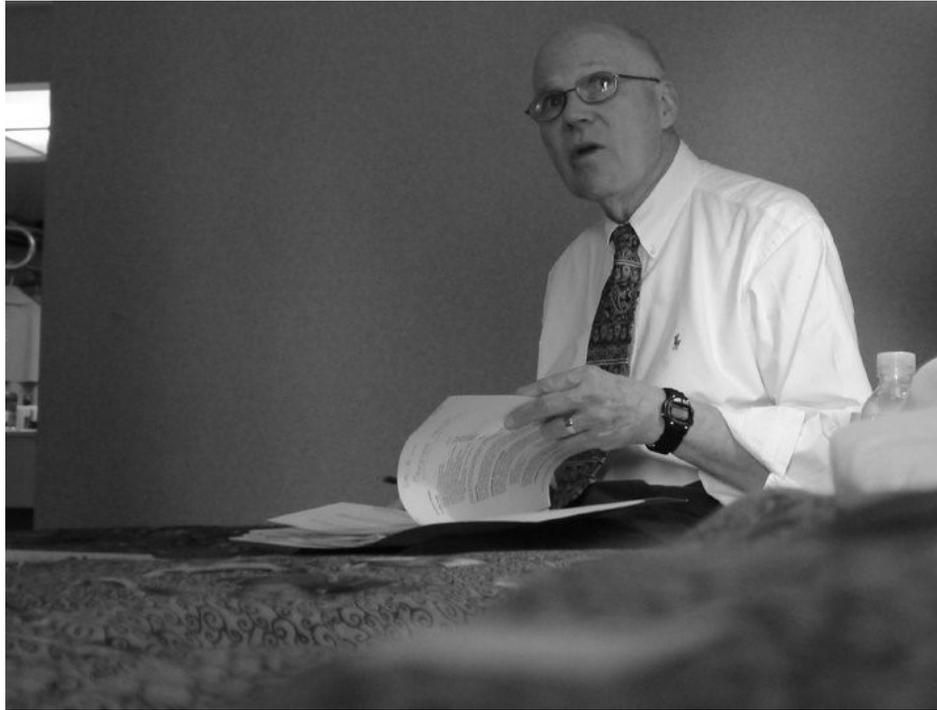
- We request that judges avoid penalizing directly or indirectly a student for video quality issues. These issues are rarely the student's fault. Please focus on the performance and not the video itself.
- Students may decide to sit to perform. Again, we believe that should be up to the student to determine what works best for them in their situation.
- A student may need to perform their selection from a tight space in an office, classroom, dorm, or even from their home. Please be understanding of this even if you believe that the background isn't sufficiently "professional." Please be understanding if competitors in your round are using headphones.
- In interp events, we allow the students to forego the use of the traditional black interp books if they so choose. Please do not penalize students who decide not to use black books in their performances.
- Judges please mute your email or applications you may be using while judging. This can be distracting for the performers. Please also mute your microphone whenever you are not speaking.
- In speech rounds, it is wise to let the competitors "sign in" using the chat function. As you would in a face to face round, please allow those who are double or triple-entered to perform first so they can be excused to go into their next virtual room.
- You may find it useful to have some paper with you to make a few notes about performances.
- On your e-ballots, please do your very best to provide constructive feedback for the performers or debaters. As best you are able, please also provide a rationale for your ranking or decisions.
- You can find some excellent video resources which cover other best judging practices [here](#).

Some best practices for competitors...

- Please have a reliable laptop or other device at the ready and make sure it is near a reliable power source.
- Try to be in a place where you can have at least 6 MBPS internet speed.
- You may wish to use headphones or a microphone.
- As best you can, try to set up in a distraction-free environment for each of your rounds.
- In speech rounds, feel free to use 8x8's chat function to "sign in" just like you would in a face to face round. After your performance, please ask to be excused to your next virtual room.
- You should receive an email (or text) from the tournament with your e-postings. This should happen about 10 minutes prior to the round. You may need to monitor your junk or spam email folder as some email programs might not recognize it initially.
- Please keep your microphone muted when you are not speaking.
- Try to be a good audience member. If you keep your video on during somebody else's performance, feel free to give them positive nonverbal feedback.

- We plan to have a “help” room set up. We will tell you what the specific link is for that as the tournament approaches. Feel free to reach out to us there if you have questions. Additionally, feel free to email the tournament director Dr. David Bailey at dbailey@sbuniv.edu.

General Tournament Notes



This tournament is named in memory of Dr. Bob R. Derryberry—a beloved figure in the forensics community—who spent 46 years as a Professor of Communication and the Director of Forensics at SBU. He was VERY competitive, but always held to the notion that forensics was and ought to be an educational activity. We are pleased to host this tournament as a celebration of the forensics values he taught and believed in: fairness, audience-centeredness, competition, education, collegiality, and hospitality.

Individual Awards

Awards will be presented to all students who reach elimination rounds of individual events, Public Forum, and LD debate. Each member of the partnership in partnered events (e.g. Duo and Public Forum) will receive an award. Most awards will be paper certificates this year **except** for speaker awards in debate (we will recognize the top 5 in each division), quadrathon (we will recognize the top 5), and Bright Young Scholar (top 5). We will recognize the top novice in each individual event.

We will present quadrathon awards to the top 5 students. A student must be entered in at least 4 different events representing at least two of the three individual events genres (oral interpretation, platform speaking, limited preparation) to be eligible for quadrathon. **Only a student's top 4 events will count toward the quadrathon competition.**

We will also present a special award (the “Bright Young Scholar”) to the top 5 students entered in both individual events and either College Public Forum or LD Debate. Please note that our schedule does permit LD and PF debaters to cross over and compete in individual events!

Sweepstakes Awards & Formula

We will present sweepstakes awards to the top three schools in debate, individual events, and overall. We will also recognize our top community college and our top participating Pi Kappa Delta chapter. We will ship trophies to these schools.

Sweepstakes points will be awarded to a school’s top four performers per individual event. Schools participating in Public Forum will earn sweepstakes points for their top four teams. In LD debate, two debaters will constitute one entry for sweepstakes purposes. In other words, a school can count its top eight LD debaters for sweepstakes purposes.

Individual Events: Schools will earn sweepstakes points for a top three ranking in preliminary rounds...3 points-2 points-1 point for a 1, 2, or 3 rank respectively. Placement in final rounds will earn 6 points-5 points-4 points-3 points-2 points-1 point for places 1 through 6 or 7 respectively.

Public Forum: Schools will earn 6 points per win in Public Forum and 0 points per loss in the preliminary rounds. Schools will earn 7 points per elimination round win and 3 points for an elimination round loss up until the final round. The final elimination round of Public Forum will not count toward sweepstakes.

Lincoln Douglas: Schools will earn 3 points per win in Lincoln Douglas and 0 points per loss in the preliminary rounds. Schools will earn 4 points per elimination round win and 2 points for an elimination round loss up until the final round. The final elimination round of Lincoln Douglas will not count toward sweepstakes.

Local Host Entries

Southwest Baptist University students (particularly our novices) may be entered in individual events and debate. SBU will not be eligible for sweepstakes awards.

Fees and Judging Obligations

Fees will be calculated according to the following schedule...

IE entries	\$8.00 per slot
Public Forum Teams	\$45.00 per team
Lincoln Douglas	\$22.00 per debater
Uncovered IEs	\$12.00 in addition to the entry fee
Uncovered PF Teams	\$75.00 in addition to the base entry fee

Uncovered LD Debaters

\$65.00 in addition to the base entry fee

Judging obligations....

In Public Forum one judge will cover two teams.

In Lincoln Douglas one judge will cover two LD debaters.

In individual events one judge will cover six entries.

This year we are requiring that both debate and speech entries be at least 75% covered. For instance, if a team has 6 LD debaters and 2 PF teams you need no fewer than 3 judges. We anticipate having a few hired tournament judges available, but you must cover at least 75% of your entry. We reserve the right to limit entries if needed.

Entry Deadlines Instructions and Fee Payment

We will be receiving entries via forensicstournament.net again this year. Please visit <https://forensicstournament.net/derryberryseasonopener/20> to register. **Please note that you will need to add the phone numbers or email addresses for both competitors and judges to ensure they can receive e-postings and e-ballots. Entries must be received no later than Monday September 28th by 7:00p.m. Central time.** You will have until Tuesday September 29th at 7:00p.m. to make changes to your entry. You will receive a confirmation of your entry on Wednesday September 30th. Fees will be assessed at that time. **Please arrange to pay your fees by check. Please have the checks made out to SBU Speech and Debate. We must have your check no later than 2 weeks after the Derryberry. Please mail it to:**

**Attn: Dr. David Bailey
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1600 University Avenue
Bolivar MO 65613**

Host/Tournament Director Contact Information

If you should have any questions at all about our tournament please feel free to ask. Please direct any inquiries to Dr. David Bailey at dbailey@sbuniv.edu. You may also call me at the office at 417-328-1697 or on my cell phone at 979-739-9615.

Individual Events Notes

Individual Event Conflict Patterns

Pattern A: Extemp, Persuasion, DI, Poetry, Informative, Prose

Pattern B: Impromptu, POI, After Dinner, Communication Analysis, Duo, Interviewing

General Rules

Generally, AFA rules will be followed for all individual events. All materials in competition shall not have been used by the student in interscholastic competition prior to September 1, 2020. The tournament will follow AFA tabulation procedures.

Extemp topics will cover issues pertinent to the socio-political realm with emphasis upon: international affairs, the 2020 elections, and the economy. Extemp competitors may use the internet for prep. We will create a virtual extemp draw room where extemp topics will be distributed at staggered 5 minute intervals. This will be separate from the room where the students will give their speeches. We will make every effort to place multiple-entered students who are entered in extemp in sections where they will draw as one of the first three speakers.

In impromptu, judges will be instructed to use the chat function to provide the prompts. Each student will receive a different set of quotations. Quotation topics will be drawn from philosophical quotations, song lyrics, and quotations from popular films.

In interp events students may perform with a book as usual in face to face tournaments, or they may elect not to use one. This adaptation is left to the students. Judges are instructed not to penalize students for not using books.

In duo interpretation, we recommend that duo partners not perform in front of the same device due to social distancing.

Students may enter up to three events per conflict pattern.

Interviewing

Interviewing is designed to give students the opportunity to sharpen their question-answering, job interviewing and resume writing skills. The event will consist of two rounds of interviews in pattern B of the preliminary rounds. **Competitors should have an electronic copy of their resume for the preliminary rounds. We recommend they simply “share their screen” in the 8x8 video room with their judge. Judges should “excuse” those students who are not performing first and ask them to turn down the volume on their devices so they cannot hear the questions that the other competitors are being asked. The judge will use the 8x8 chat function to let a student know when it is their turn to interview.** Those students who break to finals will have their resumes evaluated based upon the presentation and professionalism of their resume and not their qualifications. As such, the final round in this event will be a “resume round” only—not a traditional final speech round.

Students will assume that they are applying for a generic internship in their field.

For preliminary rounds, competitors will be divided into sections of 5-6 competitors. A judge will interview each competitor for a maximum of 10 minutes using an interview protocol (instructions and list of generic interviewing questions) provided by the tournament. Judges will evaluate students on the interviewing performance and not whether they are a good fit for a specific job description.

Competitors in this event MUST email a copy of their resume to the tournament director by Wednesday September 30th to be eligible for the final round where their resumes will be judged.

Although there is no novice division in individual events, we will recognize the top performing novice in each IE. For speech events, we define a novice as a student in his or her first year of collegiate competition. At registration we will ask coaches to designate which of their competitors meets this definition.

Debate Notes

In Lincoln Douglas debate please place students in the appropriate divisions based upon their experience.

Novice Division: No college or high school experience prior to the current season.

Junior Division: Some high school experience or 1-2 years of college experience.

Open Division: Open to all.

In keeping with current practices in LD debate, we strongly encourage LD debaters to disclose their cases on the appropriate LD case list or wiki.

We intend to have a maximum of 3 elimination rounds in all debate formats.

College Public Forum Notes

In college public forum, partners are encouraged NOT to be in the same room to respect social distancing recommendations. Partners, if in the same physical room, should share one live stream. Having multiple live video rooms open on the same WiFi may cause poor connections.

We will use the CPF topic for Fall 2020 which will be released in September. When this happens we will send an addendum to this invitation including the topic. Below please see the event description provided by the Public Communication Speech and Debate League. Of course, we will adapt these to the online environment.

College Public Forum

1. Philosophy: Public Forum focuses on advocacy of a position derived from the issues presented in the resolution. Competitors in this team event advocate or reject a position posed by a resolution (prepared by the College Public Forum committee and distributed via the IE-L). The clash of idea must be communicated in a manner persuasive to the non- Public Forum should:
 - a. Display solid logic, lucid reasoning, and depth of analysis.
 - b. Utilize evidence without being driven by it.
 - c. Present a clash of ideas by countering/refuting arguments of the opposing team (rebuttal)
 - d. Communicate ideas with civility, clarity, organization, eloquence, and professional decorum.

This is not a debate event, per se, and as such, teams do not have prime facie burdens or the burden of rejoinder. Instead, teams are asked to advocate for (pro) or against (con) the ideas and policies represented within the resolution.

Since this is not a debate event, in the traditional sense, teams are prohibited from utilizing plans (formalized comprehensive proposals for implementation), counterplans and kritiks (off-topic arguments). Multiple competitive venues exist for the application of these argumentative strategies.

2. Resolutions: Resolutions will be distributed five times in this year. Topics will be announced on the IE-L.

3. Procedure and order of speeches: Prior to EVERY round and in the presence of the judge(s), a coin is tossed by one team and called by the other team. The team that wins the flip may choose one of two options: EITHER the SIDE of the topic they wish to defend (pro or con) OR the SPEAKING POSITION they wish to have (begin the debate or end the debate). The remaining option (SIDE OR SPEAKING POSITION) is the choice of the team that loses the flip. Once speaking positions and sides have been determined, the debate begins (the con team may lead, depending on the coin flip results). Note: The round begins at the conclusion of the coin flip/sides/positions discussion. Contestants may not leave the room or consult with coaches after the coin flip, which begins the round.

a. First Speaker – Team A 5 minutes

b. First Speaker – Team B 5 minutes

c. Crossfire (first question by speaker A1) 3 minutes

d. Second Speaker – Team A 5 minutes

e. Second Speaker – Team B 5 minutes

f. Crossfire (first question by A2) 3 minutes

g. Summary – First Speaker – Team A 3 minutes

h. Summary – First Speaker – Team B 3 minutes

i. Closing Arguments – Second Speaker – Team A 3 minutes

j. Closing Arguments – Second Speaker – Team B 3 minutes

k. Prep Time 2 minutes per team

4. Timing: Judges and/or debaters should keep track of speaking time.

5. Plans/Counterplans: In College Public Forum, neither side is permitted to offer a plan nor a counterplan (formalized comprehensive proposal for implementation). Instead, each team should offer reasoning to support a position of advocacy. Debaters may offer generalized, practical solutions.

6. Oral Critiques: No debate ballot may be turned in without a reason for decision. Oral commentary is not considered a substitute for the written ballot. CPF and the ICFL discourage judges from disclosing decisions in preliminary rounds of competition. The ballot serves as a valuable educational tool to the teams and their coaches. Comments made by a judge (orally or written) should be constructive and professional.

7. Judges: The use of community judges is strongly encouraged.

8. Governance: College Public Forum is sponsored by the Intercollegiate Forensics League (ICFL) and all matters not covered in this description will be clarified by the ICFL committee.