

**17th annual "Hell Froze Over" Swing
Hosted by the University of Texas at Austin and Bradley University
January 16 and 17, 2016**

Dear Colleagues:

We invite you to join us for the **Seventeenth** annual Hell Froze Over Swing for colleges and universities, to be hosted by our two friendly forensics programs this year on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, January 16 and 17, 2016.

Our annual swing offers you a number of benefits, but in our minds the most important is the celebration of the continuing friendship not just between our programs, but between ALL programs!

The swing will consist of two, one-day tournaments, reducing your travel time. Each tournament will offer all eleven AFA-NIET events and will follow AFA event descriptions.

Those of you who attended last year know how much fun we had and we assure you the fun has just begun! Please come join our teams in Austin, as we celebrate yet another chapter in the rich relationship that is collegiate forensics!

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REGISTRATION:

1. Each school may enter an unlimited number of students per event.
2. Each student may enter a maximum of three events per group. Two duos count as two events.
3. Groups are as follows:
 - GROUP A: ADS, DUO, EXTEMP, PERSUASION, POETRY, POI
 - GROUP B: CA, DI, IMPROMPTU, INFORMATIVE, PROSE
4. Semi-Finals will be held for events containing over 50 entries.
5. All entries should be sent through speechwire.com. You may have your entry confirmed electronically using this registration mechanism. Entries should be submitted no later than Tuesday, January 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. CST.

FEES:

1. A fee of \$10 will be charged for each entry slot.
2. As is usually the case in a two pattern tournament, judges will be used for most of the preliminary rounds on both days. As a result, each judge may cover up to **ten** slots entered. Judge coverage may be purchased for an additional \$10 per slot.
3. Drop penalties are as follows:
 - no charge for drops up to 12:00 noon CST, Wednesday, January 13, 2016.
 - \$10 charge per dropped slot plus entry fee after 12:00 noon, Wednesday, January 13, 2016 until Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 5:00 pm CST.
 - \$25 charge per dropped slot plus entry fee and \$75 charge per dropped judge plus judge fees thereafter.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO:

**Texas Forensic Union
University of Texas at Austin
2504A Whitis Ave. (A1105)
Austin, Texas 78712**

AWARDS:

1. Individual event awards will be presented to all finalists in each event.
2. Team Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top five schools at each half of the Swing. In addition, a Swing Sweepstakes award will be presented to the school accumulating the most sweepstakes points at both halves of the Swing.
3. Individual Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top five speakers of each tournament. In addition, a Swing Individual Sweepstakes award will be presented to the student accumulating the most Individual Sweepstakes points at both halves of the Swing.
4. Team and Individual Sweepstakes are calculated as follows.
 - 12 pts: 1st place in final
 - 10 pts: 2nd place in final
 - 8 pts: 3rd place in final
 - 6 pts: 4th place in final
 - 4 pts: 5th place in final
 - 2 pts: 6th/7th place in final
 - 1 pt: non-advancing semifinalist

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Parking can be difficult on the UT campus. Please pre-plan your parking needs. The AT&T conference center also is very close to the tournament building and is highly recommended. Here is a parking map link for your reference: <http://www.utexas.edu/parking/maps/index.html>

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

8-9:30 p.m. Early Registration (location to be sent to registered schools via email)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016 –University of Texas portion

7:00 a.m. Registration University Teaching Center

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

8:00 a.m. Round 1, Group A (ADS, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)

9:30 a.m. Extemp Draw

9:45 a.m. Round 2, Group A

11:15 a.m. Round 1, Group B (CA, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)

12:45 p.m. Round 2, Group B

2:00 p.m. Extemp Draw, semis

2:15 p.m. Semifinals, Group A

3:45 p.m. Semifinals, Group B

5:00 p.m. Extemp Draw, Finals

5:15 p.m. Finals, Group A

6:45 p.m. Finals, Group B

ASAP Awards TBA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016 – Bradley University portion

7:00 a.m. Registration for schools not previously registered

7:45 a.m. Extemp Draw

8:00 a.m. Round 1, Group A (ADS, DUO, EXT, PER, POE, POI)

9:30 a.m. Extemp Draw

9:45 a.m. Round 2, Group A

11:15 a.m. Round 1, Group B (CA, DI, IMP, INF, PRO)

12:45 p.m. Round 2, Group B

2:00 p.m. Extemp Draw, semis

2:15 p.m. Semifinals, Group A

3:45 p.m. Semifinals, Group B

5:00 p.m. Extemp Draw, Finals

5:15 p.m. Finals, Group A

6:45 p.m. Finals, Group B

ASAP Awards TBA

10:30 p.m. Social Gathering (TBA)