



**2018 University of Utah/The University of Texas at El Paso
Utah/UTEP IE/NFA-LD Swing**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the University of Utah and The University of Texas at El Paso, we invite you to return to the Mountain West for the Utah/UTEP Classic held at the University of Utah. The tournament will be held on January 5-6, 2018. From our Olympic ski resorts to the acres of snowshoeing country, Utah is sure to offer you a range of activities. On Friday, January 5, 2018, the Great Salt Lake IE Classic will offer a four-round NFA Lincoln-Douglas tournament and a two-round individual events tournament. The UTEP Classic will be held on January 6th. The UTEP Classic will feature a four-round NFA Lincoln-Douglas tournament and a two-round individual events tournament.

NEW IN 2018: In an effort to help you enjoy Utah's "greatest snow on earth," we have identified an opportunity for all tournament attendees to take advantage of the deep discounts on lift passes and equipment rentals offered by the University of Utah so that you can partake in some of Utah's world class skiing opportunities. For approximately \$100/person (prices subject to change and based on which ski resort you choose), you can secure a lift pass and full set of ski gear (skis, boots, snow pants and snow jacket). To learn more, visit: <http://campusrec.utah.edu/programs/outdoor-adventures/equipment-rental/winter/>.

SPECIAL NOTE: The University of Utah and Texas Tech University will be hosting the Mile High NPDA swing concurrent with the Utah/Utep IE Swing on the University of Utah Campus. The schedule has been arranged to allow full-service teams to split their competition between halves (e.g., PARLI/PARLI, PARLI/IE, or IE/IE). PLEASE NOTE: IE competitors wishing to compete in PARLI, must compete in IE's in the second half (Sat) of the IE swing (and compete in PARLI on Thu/Fri) due to scheduling constraints. The invitation can be found at: www.debate.utah.edu

We look forward to seeing you in January and wish everyone the best of luck and safety in the upcoming competitive season.

Warmest regards,

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Tournament Information:

Rules: AFA IE and NFA LD regulations will be in effect for relevant events, unless otherwise specified in this invitation.

Competitor Eligibility: Tournaments are open to any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two year or four year college or university in good standing with the school's speech team/club. As the tournaments run back-to-back, students may (and are encouraged to) attend both tournaments. Students must also meet the eligibility guidelines of the AFA or NFA in order to compete.

Entry Procedure: Both the Utah and UTEP portions of the Swing will be using www.forensicstournament.net exclusively for entries. Entries must be completed by 5:00 PM MST on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018. Drops and name changes (but not adds) can be entered no later than 11:59PM MST on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018. Drops after this deadline will be treated as "no-shows."

Individual Events:

Events offered: Students may not enter in more than 3 events per pattern. Students may not enter in both AFA IEs and NFA-LD. It is the sole responsibility of the competitors to complete all events in the time given. Failure to do so will result in a no-show score for the round. We will offer the following events:

Pattern A – Extemp, Informative, After Dinner Speaking, Prose, and Poetry

Pattern B – Impromptu, Persuasive, Communication Analysis, Duo, Dramatic, and POI

Divisions: We plan to offer a single, OPEN division.

Elimination Rounds: Any event with 7 contestants or fewer will not have a final round. For events with more than 7 competitors, a final round will be held. Any event with more than 36 entries will advance to semifinals.

Advancing to Elimination Rounds: No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by cumulative rankings, then by the highest speaker points. All attempts will be made to make a clean break (by cumulative rankings).

Placement in Elimination Rounds: Students will be rank ordered first by cumulative rankings (with exception for majority first place rankings), then by judge's preference, followed by the highest reciprocal score (decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

NFA LD Debate

Divisions: We plan to offer a single, OPEN division.

Procedural Issues: NFA L/D Debate is a communication event that is debated in a stock issues paradigm. In deference to the intent of the event, we ask that all competitors and critics are mindful of these rules. Complete rules can be found at <http://www.nationalforensics.org>. MPJ will not be offered; judges will be randomly assigned.

Double Entry: At both halves of the swing, competitors may enter EITHER NFA DEBATE OR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS, not both.

Disclosure: Following the return of the ballot, critics may disclose as much or as little information as they see fit so long as it does not interfere with the tournament schedule. Delays caused by coaches/judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including removal from the tournament. We don't want to do it, so don't put us in a position where we would want to do it. NOTE TO JUDGES: All rounds must have one winner and one loser.

Preliminary Rounds: The computer will randomly match Round One. Subsequent rounds will be power-matched high-low.

Elimination Rounds: Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon wins, followed by total speaker points, followed by opposition record, then adjusted speaker points, and finally by ZScore. In elimination rounds, brackets **WILL be broken**.

Financial Information

Entry Fees: The fee schedule is the same for both tournaments. You may, at your option, pay with TWO checks, one for the Great Salt Lake Invitational and one for the UTEP Classic, or ONE check for both tournaments. All checks MUST be made payable to "University of Utah – Debate." Fees will be assessed at 5:00 pm MST on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018. Drop fees and "no show" fees will be in addition to fees as assessed at this time. The fee schedule is as follows (all fees per tournament):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per entry</u>
School Entry Fee	\$40
NFA LD Entry Fee	\$25
AFA Individual Event Entry Fee	\$10
Duo Entry Fee	\$20
IE Drop Fee	\$20
Debate Drop Fee	\$40
"NO-SHOW" Fee	\$50

So, that means that if you were entering 2 NFA-LD and 5 IE entries (none of which are Duo) for both halves of the swing your total cost would be \$280.00 (\$40.00 school fee x 2 [GSL and UTEP] + \$100 GSL entry fees [2 debate entries x \$25 + 5 IE entries x \$10 = \$50] + \$100 UTEP entry fees [2 debate entries x \$50 + 5 IE entries x \$10 = \$50] = \$280 Total Swing Cost).

Judging: One judge can cover up to 6 IE slots per pattern, or up to 2 NFA LD entries. Judges can cover EITHER LD and IE entries, NOT BOTH, because they run concurrently. Debate judges are committed through the first full outround and one round beyond their debater's elimination. An I.E. judge is committed through finals. Meeting this commitment is essential in order for the tournament to run. Judges wishing to judge beyond their commitment should notify the Tournament Director. Compensation may be available. Your generosity will be most appreciated.

Uncovered Fees: First and foremost, please, please, please, bring your judges. We only have a limited pool of available judges to hire. Uncovered judge fees will be assessed on the following basis:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per judge***</u>
Uncovered IE Judge	\$20/entry
Uncovered NFA LD Judge	\$75/entry

***Fees will be assessed at both halves of the swing.

Tournament Awards

AFA Individual Events Awards: We will offer awards for the first three finishers, with t-shirts for finalists and semifinalists. In addition, we will once again award the prestigious Royal L. Garff Speaker of the Year Trophy.

The Royal L. Garff Award: The top overall competitor in AFA Individual Events at the GSL will be awarded the Royal Garff Award, a traveling trophy given out each year. The award was created in 1997 in memory of Prof. Royal Garff, a lifetime supporter of public speaking, forensics, and public debate. The trophy has been awarded at every GSL since 1997 and continues to honor the achievements of students who compete in short prep, platforms and interpretation events. The winner of the Garff Award will be determined based off the highest total accumulated in up to six events using the following scale: 1st place = 10 pts, 2nd place = 7 pts, 3rd place = 5 pts, Finalist = 3 pts. Please note: Only students who compete in all three genres (interp, platform, and short prep) are eligible for the Garff Award.

Sweepstakes: The top two schools at each tournament, as well as the top three schools competing in the swing will receive sweepstakes trophies.

Calculating Sweeps:

Individual Events - Sweepstakes points will be issued to all participants in semifinals and finals based on the following scale. No points will be given for preliminary rounds. Only entries in the Open division will be counted toward tournament sweepstakes.

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	Finalist	Semifinalist
10 pts.	7 pts.	5 pts.	3 pts.	1 pt.

NFA LD Debate - Only entries in the Open division will be counted toward tournament sweepstakes.

1 st Place	2 nd Place	Semifinalist	Quarterfinalists
15 pts.	13 pts.	11 pts.	9 pts.

Equalization of Debate and Individual Events - For team sweepstakes for both tournaments, debate and individual events will be equalized. This equalization is achieved by the use of percentiles. All sweepstakes points earned by all debate teams/entries are summed. The points earned by each squad are divided by the total number of points earned in debate in order to determine what percentage of all debate points were earned by the team. Similarly, all sweepstakes points earned by all individual events competitors are summed. A similar percentile score is calculated in individual events for each squad.

The two percentile scores for a school (debate and IE) are added together in order to determine an equalized aggregate sweepstakes score. Assuming a school earned all of the possible sweepstakes points in the tournament (a mathematical impossibility), the maximum score they could earn would be 200 points (100% for debate, and 100% for IE).

For swing sweepstakes, points from both tournaments are pooled to determine the winners.

Lodging:

We have secured a room block and will be hosting registration at the Hotel RL, formerly the Red Lion Hotel. The tournament hotel is located in downtown Salt Lake City and boasts convenient access to/from the University by TRAX, our local light rail.

Hotel RL - Salt Lake Downtown

161 West 600 South

Salt Lake City Utah, 84101

Reservations: Call Erik Shorter at 801-521-7373.

Be sure to mention the **Great Salt Lake Debate Invitational** to secure the discounted rate.

Rates: \$89 (up to quad occupancy)

Group Code: GSL0102G

RESERVATION CUT OFF: Wednesday, December 20, 2017.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 3rd

Registration (Schools w/ Debate & IES) 7:30-9:00 PM, Tournament Hotel Lobby

Great Salt Lake IE Classic

Friday, January 5th

IE Only Registration	8:00
Light Breakfast	8:30
Extemp Draw	9:00
RD 1A/LD 1	9:30-10:45
RD 1B/LD 2	10:45-12:00
RD 2B/LD 3	12:00-1:15
Lunch (on your own)	1:15-2:30
Extemp Draw	2:30
RD 2A/LD 4	3:00-4:15
Finals B/LD Elim	4:15-5:30
Extemp Draw	5:45
Finals A/LD Elim	6:00-7:15
Awards	7:30
LD Elims (as necessary)	

UTEP IE Classic

Saturday, January 6th

Light Breakfast	8:30
Extemp Draw	9:00
RD 1A/LD 1	9:30-10:45
RD 1B/LD 2	10:45-12:00
RD 2B/LD 3	12:00-1:15
Lunch (on your own)	1:15-2:30
Extemp Draw	2:30
RD 2A/LD 4	3:00-4:15
Finals B/LD Elim	4:15-5:30
Extemp Draw	5:45
Finals A/LD Elim	6:00-7:15
Awards	7:30
LD Elims (as necessary)	

Driving Directions

From the Airport: Out of airport, follow signs toward Park City/Cheyenne. You will pass through downtown on the freeway as it curves right and then left. When you arrive at 1300E, exit the freeway and turn left onto 1300E. Go north until you reach 100S and turn right at the northwest corner of campus. Follow this street onto the U of Utah campus. The street winds around the north side of campus (it changes as it winds, ending up as North Campus Drive). Take a right following signs to the Warnock Engineering Building (WEB). Warnock Engineering is the Tournament HQ. *Parking fees will be assessed by the University on Friday; the weekend is free in any lot, unless otherwise marked.*

From the Hotel: From the Hotel RL, turn right out of the parking lot onto 600 South. Follow 600 South and turn left onto State Street. Continue forward until you reach 400 South and turn right. Continue on 400 South, noting that it will curve to the right and then to the left as you head up the hill. When you reach the top, turn left onto 1300 East. Take 1300 East until you reach 100 South; turn right onto 100 South. Follow this street onto the U of Utah campus. The street winds around the north side of campus (it changes as it winds, ending up as North Campus Drive). Take a right following signs to the Warnock Engineering Building (WEB). Warnock Engineering is the Tournament HQ. *Parking fees will be assessed by the University on Friday; the weekend is free in any lot, unless otherwise marked.*

From Airport to Hotel: Exit the airport and head on I-80 east toward downtown/Park City/Cheyenne. You will curve through downtown reaching an exit for 600 South. Exit here. Immediately upon exit you will see the Hotel RL to your right as you head east on 600 South.

Tournament Facilitation

The tournament directors reserve the right to make any decisions necessary to facilitate the timely and accurate completion of the tournament.

Nondiscrimination and Accessibility:

The University of Utah does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, (which includes prohibiting acts of sexual harassment or acts of sexual misconduct) age, status as a disabled individual, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, genetic information or protected veteran's status, in employment, treatment, admission, access to educational programs and activities, or other University benefits or services. In addition, University policy and state and federal law, prohibit retaliation against a person who participates in the discrimination complaint process. Employees, students, and persons who participate in University programs are required to comply with the University non-discrimination policies.

Disability Accommodations

The University endeavors to provide reasonable accommodations and to ensure equal access to qualified persons with disabilities. Reasonable notice is required.

For inquiries concerning discrimination, sexual harassment, the University's complaint process or to request a disability accommodation, please contact the University of Utah's Director of Forensics. If required, or if you wish, you may also contact the University's Title IX/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator:

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