

# Rice University Classic Swing

Dear Colleagues,

Rice Speech and Debate and the George R. Brown Forensics Society Alumni cordially invite you to the annual Rice University Classic Swing, Saturday and Sunday, September 28-29, 2024. The swing is open to all intercollegiate competitors. Both halves of the swing will be held in person on the Rice campus in Houston, TX. The tournament will offer all 11 AFA-NIET individual events and NPDA/NPTE debate.

We will have one debate tournament with 5 (or appropriate number) preliminary rounds of NPDA debate with appropriate elimination rounds. There will be only one division offered.

We will have two individual events tournaments with all 11 AFA-NST Individual Events. There will be only one division offered.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: We are happy to announce that both debate and IEs will be on Saturday and Sunday this year.**

## ENTRIES:

-IEs: Entries will be registered through [Speechwire.com](https://speechwire.com)

-NPDA: Entries will be registered through [Tabroom.com](https://tabroom.com)

**-Fees will be calculated at 10:00pm (Central) Tuesday, September 24.** All changes must be made before that time.

-Adds, drops, or substitutions after the deadline are subject to regular fees plus a \$10.00 per change nuisance fee.

-Judges dropped after the deadline will incur a \$100.00 nuisance fee plus all fees for uncovered slots.

-All drops after the deadline must be emailed directly to [dworth@rice.edu](mailto:dworth@rice.edu)

-Students may enter no more than three events per pattern. There is no limit on the number of students a school may enter per event.

-No cross-entry between NPDA and IEs.

## JUDGES:

As the cliché goes, we would MUCH rather have your judges than your money.

-Judges may NOT cover both debate and IE commitments. You must be in one pool or the other because the schedules conflict.

-IEs: One judge covers 6 individual events per pattern.

-Judges must be available for all elimination rounds.

- All schools entered in IEs must have at least one judge entered.

-Debate: Each debate judge covers two (2) debate teams. A very, very limited number of hired judges will be available for uncovered slots/teams, but we ask that people try to cover their entries.

-All schools entered in debate must have at least one judge entered.

-Debate judges must have a reliable electronic device that can access Tabroom.

-Debate judges are committed through Elim 2 and after that for one round past the elimination of their teams

## **FEES:**

-IE entry fees are \$10.00 per slot per half. Uncovered slots are \$15.00 each.

-NPDA fees are \$75 per team. NPDA judging fees are \$150.00 per uncovered team.

-Adds, drops, or substitutions after the entry deadline: Regular fee plus \$10.00 nuisance fee for each drop.

**-Unreported drops and/or no-shows to rounds will result in a \$50.00 nuisance fee for each instance.**

-Judges dropped after the entry deadline will incur a \$100.00 nuisance fee plus all fees for uncovered slots.

**-Failure to pick up a ballot: \$50.00 nuisance fee for each instance. This includes e-ballots.**

-Payment: Cash or check accepted. We cannot accept credit cards.

-Please make checks for both halves of the tournament payable to "George R. Brown Forensics Society."

**-NOTE: Payment for all registration fees is expected at registration.**

## **TOURNAMENT RULES**

Debate: NPDA guidelines will be followed when possible at the discretion of the tournament director.

IEs: AFA-NST rules, guidelines and event descriptions will be followed when possible at the discretion of the tournament director. No prepared event may have been used in competition prior to this academic year.

Students entered in multiple events are responsible for notifying their judges. Judges will not wait past the scheduled times for students who are cross-entered.

**Students may not substitute entries (go to someone else's round for them).** Any substitution not approved by the tournament director will be considered an unreported drop. The fee for this (\$50.00) must be paid before students from the offending school can advance to elimination rounds.

JUDGES WHO FAIL TO PICK UP THEIR BALLOTS WILL RENDER ALL CONTESTANTS FROM THEIR SCHOOL INELIGIBLE FOR ELIMINATION ROUNDS.

SUBSTITUTION OF JUDGES FROM THE SAME SCHOOL IS NOT ALLOWED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED A FAILURE TO PICK UP A BALLOT. This fee must be paid before students from the offending school can advance to elimination rounds.

**Debate Prep Rooms:** Please respect your prep room. Damage to prep rooms will result in immediate removal of a school's teams from the tournament and your home institution will be billed for damage.

Please respect the people who will be competing and judging in your room. You **MUST** move items to the back of the room at the end of prep.

You are responsible for all personal items in your prep room.

### **SMOKING ON CAMPUS**

While not smoke-free, our campus restricts smoking to designated areas. Please note that the policy prohibits smoking outside in areas within 25 feet of entryways, exits, wheelchair ramps serving as entries or exits, outdoor air intakes or operable windows. The use of tobacco, including smoking, is restricted to 13 designated outdoor areas on campus. The approved locations are marked with a sign that reads "Designated Tobacco-Use Area" and are within a five-minute walk from any building. We also ask that smokers take the time to place cigarette butts into the appropriate containers in the designated areas.

### **LODGING**

In previous years we have had trouble fulfilling room block commitments so we do not have a tournament hotel. Houston offers a wide variety of lodging options. There are some that are within walking distance of campus in the Texas Medical Center area. Otherwise the Galleria area is a short drive from Rice.

### **PARKING**

There are several options, but, unfortunately, there are no free options. We plan to headquarter the tournament in the Sewall/Rayzor Hall area. There are paid visitor lots near there (Founder's Court and Duncan Hall lots) that max out at \$12.00/day and a parking garage at Entrance 3. These are the closest. Beyond that, any visitor lot is fine, but all will charge. West Lot 1 is a bit cheaper but is a 6-8 minute walk to the tournament area. Greenbriar Lot, West of the stadium, is the least expensive, but is about a 12-minute walk. There are also paid lots across Main St. from campus in the Texas Medical Center.

See the map for lot and building locations: <https://www.rice.edu/campus-maps>

NOTE: All lots require credit card payment for entry and exit.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE. This may change depending on entries, etc.**

**Individual Events**

**IE Swing Part One**

**Saturday**

8:00 am	Extemp Draw
8:30 am	Round 1 Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA)
9:45 am	Round 1 Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS)
11:00 am	Extemp Draw
11:30 am	Round 2 Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA)

12:45pm	Round 2 Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS)
2:00 pm	Extemp Draw
2:30 pm	All Semis and Finals for Pattern A
3:45 pm	All Remaining Finals
ASAP	Awards Ceremony

**IE Swing Part Two  
Sunday**

8:00 am	Extemp Draw
8:30 am	Round I Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA)
9:45 am	Round I Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS)
11:00 am	Extemp Draw
11:30 am	Round 2 Pattern A (EXT, POI, PER, DUO, POE, CA)

12:45pm	Round 2 Pattern B (IMP, PRO, INF, DI, ADS)
2:00 pm	Extemp Draw
2:30 pm	All Semis and Finals for Pattern A
3:45 pm	All Remaining Finals
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**NPDA/NPTE Debate**

**Saturday**

8:15 am	Registration/Check in
9:00 am	R1

10:30	R2
12:00	Lunch
1:00	R3
3:00	R4
5:00/ASAP	R5

### **Sunday**

9:00 am	Elim 1
11:00 am/ASAP	Elim 2 (ALL judges committed through E2)
ASAP	Awards
ASAP	Elim 3
ASAP	Elims continue as needed