



# TEXAS FORENSICS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER SPRING 2006 (STATE TOURNAMENT EDITION)

## IT'S TOURNAMENT TIME!!

Many of you are attempting to get those last few students qualified for the state tournament. This newsletter will give you some very important information for you to consider when making plans to attend that tournament. Please read the information carefully so that your (and our) state tournament experience is a positive one. Ignorance of rules and procedures means you still are accountable. Same as if you are speeding in an unposted speed limit zone. Ever gotten out of that ticket? If you have questions, hold them until the end of the reading of this newsletter. When you are finished with reading the newsletter, you may then contact the relevant person to ask your question.

## TOURNAMENT DATES AND SCHEDULE (WHERE/WHEN)

If you examine the TFA calendar, you know that the tournament will be taking place at PSJA High School in San Juan, Texas on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 2-4, 2006. This is a first for these folks to host the state tournament. They have promised to do an outstanding job of providing hospitality for students and coaches. They are well prepared and promise the same efforts as past state tournaments have offered.

A tentative tournament schedule is included with this newsletter. The schedule should help you with your arrival and departure plans. Remember, the final tournament registration will take place on the morning of Thursday, March 2. Please make sure that you make plans so that you are able to complete the registration process.

The registration process will include the final payment of fees, receiving final tournament information, inspecting interp scripts for authenticity, confirming judge information in debate, and either confirming or completing judge strikes in IE's and the mutual preference sheet for debate. It is imperative that you take

care of registration in a timely fashion so that the tournament can run smoothly and in a timely fashion. Please notice that we are asking you to complete that process very early. That will allow us to begin the tournament at the scheduled time. If you have changes that need to be made after the website entry process has been closed (most likely on February 17<sup>th</sup>), please do not wait until the day of the tournament to make them. Please contact your region rep, who will then relay that information to the proper individuals so that appropriate changes can be made.

If you have questions about that procedure, please feel free to contact your region representative to discuss that with him/her.

We also remind you of the following. **No student may be entered in the tournament unless they are accompanied by an adult chaperone.** If a student is at the tournament unsupervised, they are in violation of TFA constitutional procedures and rules. Please do not put the executive committee in the position of restricting entry in the tournament because a student is at the tournament without an adult sponsor present.

## DEADLINES AND DEADLINES

Like other events, this tournament also has deadlines. Here are some of the important ones.

### **Congress Legislation**

The first deadline that you may have missed is the submission of Congress legislation. **If you are planning to bring a student to compete in the Senate part of the Congress and you did not submit legislation to Paul Byrne by December 15, please do not plan to enter a student in the Senate.** You must have submitted that legislation to be able to participate. Notification was given by the region representatives and the deadline has been

published in several places. We are sorry but we will be very steadfast in adhering to this policy.

**THE NEXT DEADLINE IS ONE TO WHICH YOU WANT TO PAY STRICT ATTENTION (YEP, IT'S IN BOLD BECAUSE THIS IS IMPORTANT; AND YEAH, IT'S REPETITIVE FROM OTHER THINGS WE PUT IN PAST NEWSLETTERS, BUT IF YOU DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION THEN, NOW'S THE TIME TO PAY ATTENTION, PLEASE)**

### **IQT Points Check**

As many of you know, all the submissions for IQT points are now taking place through an online system. As a result, you have been able at any time during the year to check on the accuracy of your IQT reports and the students you have qualified for the state tournament. We have also instituted new rules that make coaches and tournament hosts more accountable for the accuracy of those reports. **By February 14, we are asking that you check the website and determine the accuracy of the reports submitted for your students. This is the responsibility of the individual coach of the individual program to determine whether or not points have been reported accurately.**

**If you think that you have students qualified but they are not appearing on your report, please contact the IQT coordinator (Alicia Elliott) via e-mail with the following information:**

- Name of school and coach**
- Names of students whom you think are qualified**
- Tournaments at which they earned IQT points with their events and placings**

Our continued checks throughout the season should have helped in this regard. However, we need to remain concerned about the accuracy of those late season tournaments. A few things to remember before you contact Alicia:

- We changed the point system from past years. Make sure you are working with the current point system before you begin to ask questions about qualifications.**
- Without the information we ask you to provide, it is nearly impossible for us to find out the information that you wish. Please cooperate with us by providing the tournament information. Again, it is the coach's responsibility to figure out whether or not the qualified student is listed.**

### **Judging obligation**

If you as a coach are not intending to judge, you still must provide judges for your entry. Please understand that you must complete a judge substitution petition and forward it to your region rep prior to being excused from a judging obligation. Judges must submit either a coach judge form or a hired judge form to be able to judge. The judge form includes the information necessary to complete the judges mutual preference form in the debate events. It is critical information for the persons competing in the tournament to make good decisions about mutually preferred judges. If your judges do not complete that information, then they will not be allowed to judge at the tournament. Please assist in that process by providing the necessary information.

As many of you know, schools are charged a judge bond when they enter the tournament. **Coaches who end up forfeiting their judge bond will have a letter sent to their principal letting that individual know that they have forfeited that bond.** Unfortunately, some individuals use the judge bond as a way to "duck" their judging obligation. Please do not plan to do so unless you wish to explain to your principal why the bond was forfeited.

### **Hired judging applications**

If you know of judges who would like to be considered to judge at the tournament, they will need to register for the tournament by going to the **Joy of Tournaments website** ([joyoftournaments.com](http://joyoftournaments.com)) and complete the application for hired judging. That can be done now but must be completed no later than **February 6**. If persons have not registered by that date, the person may not be considered to judge at the tournament. Hired judges will be paid at the rate of \$25 a round. Please encourage judges that you think are qualified to complete and submit their registration. It is imperative that we receive the forms by that date so adequate plans can be made on that weekend. Please cooperate by meeting those deadlines.

### **SPEAKING OF JUDGING—HERE ARE YOUR OBLIGATIONS**

Your school is responsible for the following judging obligations. The assigned judging obligations must be filled by the coach(es) at the school unless you have submitted a substitute judge petition and received approval. Judging

assignments for all coaches will be included in the registration packet for each school. It is the responsibility of the school coach to see that all assignments are met. **Failure to meet judging obligations will result in a loss of the \$300 judge bond and the potential disqualification of the school.**

Note: if a school has only one coach/sponsor, that person may cover both IE's and debate. However, they must be prepared to judge the required number of rounds in both areas. For the purpose of judging obligations, Congress and Duet will be considered as an individual event. A Congress session will count as three rounds of judging.

Schools cannot buy out of their total judging assignments. Schools must provide at least one judge to cover events in Debate and/or IE's. A judge philosophy form must be submitted for all coaches judging. The philosophy section may be completed as you register for the tournament on the Joy of Tournaments site. Again the process will be explained later in this newsletter. The formulas below should be used to calculate the number of judges you need to provide or hire. However, the Vice President in charge of judges has the authority to adjust judging requirements based on the needs of the tournament.

Formula for determining judging requirements:

#### **IE's and Duet**

1-8 entries	8 rounds (1 judge can cover)
9-16 entries	16 rounds (must have 2 judges)
17-24 entries	24 rounds (must have 3 judges)
25+ entries	32 rounds (must have 4 judges)

#### **CX Debate**

1-2 teams	8 rounds (1 judge can cover)
3-4 teams	16 rounds (2 judges can cover)
5-6 teams	24 rounds (3 judges can cover)
7+ teams	32 rounds (4 judges can cover)

#### **LD**

1-4 entries	8 rounds (1 judge can cover)
5-8 entries	16 rounds (must have 2 judges)
9-12 entries	24 rounds (must have 3 judges)
13+ entries	32 rounds (must have 4 judges)

Please note that the judge bond has increased to \$300. It is not a fee, but a deposit against any possible charges during the course of the tournament. If you and your representatives meet all of your obligations, then you will receive your bond back at the end of the tournament. **We will only take your judge bond if you fail to meet your assigned obligations.**

One of those obligations is to judge one round beyond the elimination of all of your students. At the very least, this obligates all judges to the first elimination round in both the IE and Debate events. Please don't ask to get out of an assignment for that round once it has been assigned. If you have made plans to leave before the completion of that round, you will need to designate a representative from your school as your designated judge. Failure to do so will make all of your judges eligible to judge and if assigned they will be expected to meet that obligation.

**Failure to meet this obligation will result in the loss of the judge bond. If a designated judge fails to meet a school obligation a second time, all remaining students in the from that school will be disqualified.** If all students have been eliminated and the judge fails to meet a third assigned obligation, additional penalties may be assessed. We haven't quite figured that out yet, but trust that we are very mean people and will come up with something extremely bad.

Why are we being so adamant about this? First, please understand that we have raised the judge bond significantly. Yep, it's pretty darn high. We stress that if you do everything you are supposed to do and are available at the times we designate prior to the tournament, then you will get that money back. We promise. Cross our heart and hope to die, stick a .... You get the idea.

Please understand that we also have expenses we need to meet. Hired judges for the tournament will cost us at least \$200 to hire. Believe it or not, some persons have looked at the size of the judge bond, realized that it's less than for them to hire a judge, decide that they want to do something else besides judge rounds, and forfeit the judge bond on purpose. They know that their principal really doesn't care and they can make something up about why the bond was lost. Placing the bond at a higher level will discourage such practices.

We would also remind coaches of one final thing. This is the state tournament. Thank you very much, Captain Obvious. In other competitive events, efforts are made to get the very best officials to work at that event. We would like to make sure that the TFA state tournament is treated in the same fashion. We would encourage all coaches to bring qualified and experienced judges to the tournament to fill your required judge slots. We would hope that debate judges have seen some rounds on the current topic, that IE judges are familiar with the

rules to the event they are assigned to judge, and that overall, you would be happy to have the person(s) you have brought with you judge your own students. Please maintain the quality of the tournament by helping us create a qualified and experienced judge pool.

## **EVENT ENTRY DEADLINE**

So, by when do you need to have entered your students in the tournament? We are glad you asked. The process is going to remain significantly the same this year as it has been for the past two years. Please read the next section carefully.

We will maintain the **February 17 deadline at 5:00 p.m.** for event entries. Please make sure you have made your entry by that time.

**All entries this year for the 2006 TFA State Tournament will be made using the Joy of Tournaments website. You may enter the tournament by going to the following website:**

**[www.joyoftournaments.com](http://www.joyoftournaments.com)**

Many of you are now familiar with this website because a number of tournaments have gone to it for tournament entry. For those of you unfamiliar with the website, please understand the following. First, the site is maintained and the program run by an individual very familiar with the needs of tournament directors. Second, once you visit the site, you will notice that numerous tournaments have used the site for tournament entry. Finally, very clear and extensive directions are given on the site for tournament entry. We hope to make this as painless as possible for all involved.

As many of you know, Brent Hinkle and his Joy of Tournaments website has become the home of our website as well. When using the website, you normally will do the following. First, you must create an account including username and password. The program will also ask you to create the names of individuals on your squad. You then use the squad names to make tournament entries in appropriate categories. You do so by going to an individual student name and indicating the events in which that student will be involved. Finally, you will be directed to the printing of an invoice as well as a confirmation e-mail.

Entry for the state tournament will be a little bit different than the “normal” invitational tournament. First, you will log on like you normally would do. If you have not created an account, the website will ask you to do so. You may also designate one additional person who you may wish to enter in the Senate portion of the Student Congress. You may only do so if you have met the deadline for submission of legislation (see the previous item about that.) You then will be able to enter your qualified students in the State Tournament.

We will be checking on the tournament entries the week before the tournament. We will also make sure you have entered the tournament in an accurate fashion and that you have met all necessary deadlines.

Please notice that you must also enter all judge information as well. **This will not be done on the Joy of Tournaments site. You will indicate the number of judges you are providing so that the fee statement on the site is accurate.**

**Entering judge information: You may go directly to the Joy of Tournaments website to enter your judge information.** You will be asked to not only provide judge names but also the judge philosophy information that has been requested in the past. Please complete all portions so that we can accurately assign judges for the tournament. **Judges will not be eligible to judge at the state tournament unless they have submitted this information. This will include persons who are requesting to be hired by the tournament.** (That’s the second time we have mentioned this, but who’s counting.)

The site provides a great deal of very useful information. Tournament information will be available on that site as well as the TFA website. You will have plenty of places in which you access that data.

**You must use the website to enter the tournament.** We will be checking to make sure that all have entered the tournament properly. If you are not able to enter the tournament through the website, then please contact your region representative and we will make sure that we put you in contact with someone who can help you in that process.

**FEES, FEES, FEES (SO WHAT IS THIS GOING TO COST MY SCHOOL?)**

The fees for this year's state tournament have been changed slightly from last year. Please use the following fee schedule to determine the cost of your state tournament entry:

CX team--\$60 per team  
LD entry--\$30 per entry  
Congress--\$25 per entry  
Duet--\$25 per entry  
IE's--\$25 per entry  
Supplemental events--\$15  
Hired judges—1-4 rounds covered-\$100  
5-8 rounds covered-\$200  
Judge bond--\$300 per school

For persons making last minute changes, there will also be a \$25 nuisance fee **per change** that must be paid before a school will receive its judge bond.

Payment of some form must be provided for you to enter the tournament. Payment may be in the form of a school check, a purchase order indicating that a number has been assigned, or we will hold a personal check until the coach can provide a school check in its place. Fees must be submitted to the TFA Treasurer, Bill Schuetz at Gregory Portland High School by the required deadlines. His mailing information may be found on the TFA website. All entry payments must be postmarked by February 17<sup>th</sup>.

All fees will be due prior to tournament attendance. An accounting of all fees must be made prior to students being eligible to compete in the tournament. The deadline for submission will be published on the Joy of Tournaments site as well as the TFA website.

**In addition, all schools must have paid all fees from any IQT that they have attended this year. Failure to pay fees at any IQT will render that school ineligible for the state tournament.** Tournament hosts will need to contact their region representative to demonstrate that they have attempted to collect those fees. Region representatives should be kept apprised of such delinquent schools or persons. They are not responsible for collecting those fees, but they will let the tournament committee know if a school is eligible to compete in the state tournament.

## **RULES? THERE ARE RULES TO THIS TOURNAMENT**

The most recent version of the TFA Constitution is available on the TFA Website. We ask that you take the time to read the Constitution on the

TFA Website prior to coming to the tournament. No hard copies of the Constitution will be available at the tournament site. **Please be prepared by printing a copy of the Constitution before you come to the tournament.**

We ask that you pay particular attention to the entry limitations and conflict patterns for your students. Please read the use of evidence in debate rounds and the procedures used to break ties in various events.

Much like other rules and regulations, ignorance will not excuse coaches and contestants from penalties if they indeed violate these rules and regulations. Please help us avoid potentially difficult situations by being knowledgeable about and adhering to various rules and regulations.

Familiarity with the rules will make your state tournament experience a much more positive one.

## **RULES FOR REGISTRATION AND THE TOURNAMENT OF WHICH YOU OUGHT TO BE AWARE (YEP, HERE ARE SOME OF THAT RULES STUFF THAT YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW)**

The TFA coach of record must be present at registration and throughout the tournament as long as their students are in attendance. **Petitions for substitute coaches** should be made to Dixie Waldo. Petitions must be submitted with your entry. The deadline for both is February 17<sup>th</sup>.

A **typed oration** for each student in that event must be submitted at registration to the Tournament Director, Wayne Paulus. If the oration is not available, the student will be disqualified from the event. All quoted material must be underlined in red. It may not exceed a maximum of 150 words. A **cover sheet** with the title, student's name and signature, coach's name and signature, and the school name must be attached to the oration.

**Titles of interp selections** must be submitted at registration. Once the titles are submitted, a change in selection will result in the student's disqualification. Separation of selections will begin in elimination rounds if feasible. **Please read the section following this one regarding the availability of original scripts.** Please cooperate so that we don't find ourselves in an

unfortunate situation of having to disqualify a competitor because the lack of availability of an original script.

In accordance with the TFA Constitution, the **CX debate topic** will be the national topic for this year (the **civil liberties** one). **The Lincoln Douglas topic shall be the March/April NFL topic.**

In **extemporaneous speaking, NO hand prepared notes or outlines** may be taken into or out of the draw room. Only published materials may be taken into the draw. **Extemp finals** will be conducted using the **cross examination format. No electronic retrieval devices will be allowed in the draw in accordance with the rules printed in the TFA Constitution.** There may be some confusion as to what an electronic retrieval device is and is not. Some persons will try to use retrieval devices as timers. **The executive committee has decided that a timer is an electronic device whose sole purpose would be used to keep time. Palm held devices, cellular telephones, laptop computers, and other electronic devices do not meet this definition, and therefore, will not be allowed in the extemp draw.** If a student is found using these devices, the student will be disqualified.

In accordance with the new rules adopted at the fall meeting, **laptop computers will be allowed to be used in the debate events.** Please read the rules in the TFA Constitution to make sure you are adhering to those new rules.

**Consolation events—Students eliminated from all tournament events** are eligible to enter **one consolation event.** Students not advancing to Congress semi-finals are also eligible to enter. Consolation slots must be reserved on the official entry form. A school may reserve **3 slots in each event, the fee is \$15 per slot.** **Registration is required on Friday** for students who actually compete. The student or coach must re-register. Re-registration must take place during the scheduled time. No exceptions will be made. There will be no late registration. Fees for unused slots will not be refunded.

**Judge strikes and preferences** We will have a new procedure for the completion of mutual preference sheets in the debate events this year. Please read the following instruction carefully to make sure you understand the new procedure. It is significantly different (and easier) than the procedure we have followed in past years.

**Judge information and strike sheet will be made available on the Joy of Tournaments website on the Monday prior to the tournament.** Instead of receiving an e-mail has been done in past years, coaches will complete the mutual preference sheet directly on the website. Instructions will be posted on the Joy of Tournaments website so that coaches will know how to complete the form. Dave Huston, the TFA Secretary, will post a notification on the TFA website and the region reps will send to all coaches an e-mail including instructions for completing a mutual preference sheet for CX and Lincoln Douglas judges. Judge preferences and strikes submitted by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. will be in effect by Round 1 on Thursday afternoon.

Coaches will be asked to confirm their submitted preference sheets at registration on Thursday. We will work with the region representatives to help notify you about that. If you prefer to complete your mutual preference sheet at that time, you may certainly do so. Judge preferences and strikes submitted at that time may not be in effect until after Round 1 of the tournament.

We will most likely have a supplemental mutual preference sheet at registration as well. We will ask that all judges on that sheet will have submitted philosophies. They will either be available on the TFA website or in hard copy. Rather than permit free strikes, we will most likely request that you mutually prefer these judges just like the other judges on the form. Please be prepared to do so.

## **REMINDER OF SCRIPTS FOR THE INTERP EVENTS (AND ORATORIES)**

**By a vote from the Executive Council, all competitors in the interp events (Duet Acting, Humorous and Dramatic Interp) must provide the original source of their interp scripts including the ISBN number. This check will begin at registration.** Coaches and/or students must provide the script or the student will not be allowed to compete in the tournament. Those scripts will be checked at registration. Please have the scripts available at that time. Failure to produce the script at that time may render the student ineligible to compete.

The script must be the original. It can not be a fax or photocopy of the script. Please comply so

that your students can compete with no problems in the tournament.

## **CONGRESS ANNOUNCEMENT (PLEASE READ IF YOU ARE ENTERED OR ARE CONSIDERING ON ENTERING)**

**The preliminary, semifinal, and Super Congress sessions of Congress will be held at PSJA High School.**

Please be aware that in order to bring a representative in the Senate to the 2006 State Tournament, schools were **REQUIRED** to submit legislation by the December 15, 2005 deadline. The legislation is being reviewed by a regionally balanced committee. The legislation is being judged by blind submission and will be ranked according to its merits.

**The preliminary, Semifinal, and Super Congress calendars of legislation will be posted on the TFA website no later than February 1. A list of entered schools will also be posted. IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE LIST, PLEASE DO NOT BRING A STUDENT AND EXPECT THEM TO BE SEATED IN A CHAMBER.** Unfortunately, we can not accommodate such individuals no matter what the reason.

We have close to 120 schools entered, and the cap is 30 per Senate. **There is no waiting list, and there will be no additions.**

Sorry that we have to be so firm on these issues, but we must have strict deadlines and submissions for the Congress to be a successful endeavor. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Please remember the following as well:** The TFA Constitution allows students who are qualified in Congress to enter up to two Individual Events. Please examine the TFA constitution to read the rules for that process. Please make sure you are taking that into account when entering the tournament.

## **CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION (LIKE WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND AND OTHER STUFF)**

We are again in the process of updating the website. You will not only find a copy of this

newsletter on the website but you will also find links to the tournament entry.

Important tournament information will also be communicated on the website. Please check there for information.

There will also be a link to the entry process for the tournament on the website. Check it often for tournament updates and information.

The website address is:

[www.txfa.org](http://www.txfa.org)

## **WHAT'S THE CONNECTION BETWEEN TOURNAMENT T- SHIRTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS?**

Attached to this newsletter you will also find a form that asks you to order T-shirts. This year's shirt will be classy and stylish. It will certainly be the envy of your fellow faculty members and your students' peers. Please pre-order and pre-pay for the shirts so that we can have them available for you at registration.

Why buy a T-shirt? As many of you know, the TFA awards scholarships each year to deserving seniors. Those scholarships go to Texas high school students who have distinguished themselves in TFA events and in the classroom. They are always well deserving. The scholarships are paid directly to the student.

The scholarships are funded by the T-shirt sales. If you are generous, then we can indeed raise a great deal of much needed funds. Please consider the buying of a T-shirt to help us raise these monies.

If you have a student interested in applying for a scholarship, you and they may complete the scholarship application form. The form will have been included in numerous tournament packets. It can also be found on the TFA website as well.

## **HOTEL INFORMATION IS ON THE WEBSITE**

The title says it all. If you are looking for information about hotels in the Pharr, San Juan, McAllen area, please check the TFA website.

The tournament hosts are encouraging schools to stay at the hotels in the Pharr area. Those hotels are working closely with the Pharr Chamber of Commerce to offer a number of amenities for the

tournament. Please be supportive of those efforts by considering staying at those properties.

Besides, they are the closest ones to the tournament site. That's always nice and a consideration when one is looking at transportation back and forth to the tournament.

## **SPECIAL INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS**

Within the next few weeks, we hope to post an early tournament packet on the website. It will hopefully answer a number of questions you will have about the location of the school and where you can park and arrangements for various modes of transportation.

School officials at PSJA High School are asking that we arrive at the school no earlier than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Rounds will begin on both days at 1:00 p.m. so that should give persons plenty of time to get to rounds on time.

The schedule features three rounds of debate on Thursday with one round of IE's occurring after the second debate round and the second IE round occurring after Round 3 of debate on Thursday. On Friday, we again begin with a debate round, but then alternate IE's and debate for the rest of the day. We are hoping to complete the double octafinal rounds for CX and the partial triple octafinals of LD debate before we leave for the evening on Friday.

Please be aware that we will continue to try to accelerate the schedule as much as possible on Saturday. The IE schedule will remain virtually the same, but we may try to "speed up" the debate schedule if we can. Hopefully, the schedule will also accommodate those students who are competing in both an individual event and one of the debate events.

The proposed/tentative schedule is included with this newsletter. Please be aware of when things are going to occur so that you can make your travel plans accordingly.

Other special event information will be posted on the website. Please check there for tournament updates and information.

## **HONOR CREW MEMBERS**

One of the things that is needed at the tournament are students willing to serve as runners and ballot distribution personnel. If you have a student or students interested in such a role, please nominate them for the honor crew. You may place their names in nomination by contacting the TFA President. Two members from each region will be chosen. Please understand that the expense to travel to the tournament, housing, and meals must be borne either by the school or the individual student. The student must also have an adult supervisor with them as well. We hope that you consider for nomination students who do deserve to attend the tournament, but for some reason have failed to qualify. They will receive a tournament T-shirt in recognition of their contribution.

Nominations must be submitted no later than **February 1**. Nominations should include a statement from the coach as to why the student is deserving of the nomination and the student's t-shirt size.

The honor crew will be named on **February 5**. Coaches may not substitute students in the event that the nominee qualifies for the state tournament or can not attend. An alternate will be named for each region and that student will be asked to attend. We encourage you to submit the names of your deserving students for this honor.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE—TFA STATE TOURNAMENT 2006

### THURSDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Registration
1:00 p.m.	Round 1 Cross-Examination and Lincoln Douglas Debate, Duet Acting
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Congress Session 1A (Qualifying House and the Senate)
3:00 p.m.	Round 2 Cross-Examination and Lincoln Douglas Debate, Duet Acting
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Congress Session 1B (Qualifying House and the Senate)
5:30 p.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking—Draw Begins
6:00 p.m.	Round 1 Individual Events
7:45 p.m.	Round 3 Cross-Examination and Lincoln Douglas Debate, Duet Acting
7:45-9:45	Congress Session 2A (Both Qualifying House and the Senate)
9:45 p.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking—Draw Begins
10:15 p.m.	Round 2 Individual Events

### FRIDAY, MARCH 4

1:00 p.m.	Round 4 Cross-Examination and Lincoln Douglas Debate
1:00 p.m.	Quarterfinals Duet Acting
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Congress Session 2B (Qualifying House and the Senate)
3:00 p.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking—Draw Begins
3:30 p.m.	Round 3 Individual Events
5:00 p.m.	Round 5 Cross-Examination and Lincoln Douglas Debate
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Congress Semifinals Session A (Qualifying House and the Senate)
6:00 p.m.	Postings for all Individual Event Elimination Rounds
7:00 p.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking—Draw Begins
7:30 p.m.	Quarterfinals Individual Events
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Registration Consolation Events
8:00 p.m.	Postings for Double Octafinal Participants in All Debate Events
9:00-11:00 p.m.	Congress Semifinals Session B (Qualifying House and the Senate)
9:00 p.m.	Double Octafinals Cross Examination Debate
9:00 p.m.	Partial Triple Octafinals Lincoln Douglas Debate (if necessary)
9:00 p.m.	Semifinals Duet Acting

### SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 a.m.	Octafinals Cross Examination and Double Octafinals Lincoln Douglas Debate
9:00-11:00 a.m.	Super Congress Session A (Qualifying House and the Senate)
9:30 a.m.	Preliminary Round Consolation Events
10:30 a.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking—Draw Begins
11:00 a.m.	Semifinals Individual Events and Duet Acting
12:00 p.m.	Quarterfinals Consolation Events
1:00 p.m.	Quarterfinals Cross Examination and Octafinals Lincoln Douglas Debate
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Super Congress Session B (Qualifying House and the Senate)
2:30 p.m.	Semifinals Consolation Events
3:00 p.m.	Quarterfinals Lincoln Douglas Debate
3:00 p.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking—Draw Begins
3:30 p.m.	Finals Individual Events and Duet Acting
4:00 p.m.	Semifinals Cross Examination Debate
4:30 p.m.	Semifinals Lincoln Douglas Debate
5:00 p.m.	Finals Consolation Events
6:00 p.m.	Finals Lincoln Douglas Debate
7:00 p.m.	Finals Cross Examination Debate
8:00 p.m.	Awards Assembly

Note: LD elimination rounds will be accelerated at the point where no cross entries with IE's remain. Please check each posting for notice of start times. Cross examination debate elims will continue back to back with breaks as needed. All teams will remain in the room in which they have just competed and await results tabulations. Oral critiques may be delivered during this time. The next round's information will be brought to the rooms when tabulation is completed.

**TFA STATE TOURNAMENT 2006  
PSJA HIGH SCHOOL  
PHARR, TEXAS**

**TOURNAMENT T-SHIRT ORDER FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_ High School would like to order the following number of t-shirts  
(School Name)

for the Texas Forensic Association State Speech & Debate tournament for 2006. We understand that we will held **financially accountable** for the number of shirts that we order. We also understand that they will be **available** to us **at registration**. We also understand that the **profits** from the sale of these shirts will go towards the **funding** of **TFA Scholarships** to worthy student competitors in the state of Texas.

As coach of the above named high school, I would like to order the following t-shirts. My signature below indicates my willingness to present payment for the shirts upon delivery.

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of **Small** T-shirts ordered @ \$12 a shirt= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of **Medium** T-shirts ordered @ \$12 a shirt= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of **Large** T-shirts ordered @ \$12 a shirt= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of **X-Large** T-shirts ordered @ \$12 a shirt= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of **XX-Large** T-shirts ordered @ \$12 a shirt= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of T-shirts ordered @ \$12 a shirt=  
(This is the total number of T-shirts that have been ordered  
and the full amount owed)

\_\_\_\_\_ authorizing payment for these shirts.  
(Coach Signature)

Please make checks payable to the **Texas Forensic Association**

**Payment and order form should be sent to the following no later than February 17:**

**Ofelia Pena  
PSJA High School  
805 W Ridge Rd  
San Juan, TX 78589**