



2019 UCF Knights Joust

Dear Colleagues:

We are excited to invite you to the UCF Knights Joust being held at the University of Central Florida main campus September 21st and 22nd. This early season tournament is designed to maximize experience but minimize time. It will be a Saturday/Sunday 3 round tournament and the goal is to contain everything to one flight of finals if the schedule allows.

We would love for you to join us in beautiful Orlando, Florida to open the season. We will have all 11 AFA/NFA individual events. Awards will be given to the top six speakers in all individual events as well as the top 3 in individual sweeps (quadrathon) and 3 team sweepstakes awards. We will also recognize top non advancing novices in each of the events.

It is our goal to hold a smooth and competitive tournament offering the opportunity for both personal growth as well as successes. Below you will find attached the tournament schedule and fee structure. We will be utilizing SpeechWire.

Sincerely,

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Each even will have 3 preliminary rounds plus a final as entries allow. Events that have over 50 entries will go to semi-final. Schools can have unlimited entries in each event. Material must not have been used by the student before September 1, 2019. Competitors may enter no more than three events in a flight.

FLIGHT PATTERNS:

Flight A – Extemp, Informative, POI, Prose

Flight B – Impromptu, Persuasion, DI

Flight C – Poetry, ADS, CA, Duo

FEES: \$10.00 per covered IE slot. An additional \$12 in judge fees per uncovered slot. One judge covers 6 IE slots. Please make checks payable to The University of Central Florida. If for whatever reason these costs make attending less affordable, please contact the tournament director.

JUDGES: All judges must either, have forensics experience as a coach or competitor, possess an advanced degree relatable to forensics or have other experience as determined by the tournament director. All school judges are obligated to judge all rounds.

DEADLINES: All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 17th. Drops can be made until Wednesday September 18th at noon. After this time we will impose a late-drop fee of an additional \$20.00 per slot, and \$50.00 per judge dropped. Entry drops made the day of registration will be \$50.00 per slot and judge drops will be \$100.00. ALL drops will be added to the original entry fee.

All entries, need to be entered on speechwire.com. We will be using speechwire to register and administer the tournament.

AWARDS: Individual event awards will be presented to all finalists in each event with recognition for top non-advancing novices. Team Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top three schools. In addition to the top three in Individual Sweepstakes taking into consideration a student's top 4 events.

Team Sweeps Scoring

7 pts: 1st place in final

6 pts: 2nd place in final

5 pts: 3rd place in final

4 pts: 4th place in final

3 pts: 5th place in final

2 pts: 6th place in final

1 pt: non-advancing semifinalist or 7th place in final

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

1. Ranks
2. Speaker Points
3. Majority of First Place Rankings
4. Judges' Preference
5. Should a tie persist we will default to majority of second, then third place rankings

Saturday Schedule

8:30 (8:15 draw)	Rd 1 Flight A Extemp, Info, POI, Prose
10:15 (10:00 draw)	Rd 2 Flight A
11:45 (11:30 draw)	Rd 3 Flight A
1:00	Break
2:00	Rd 1 Flight B Impromptu, Persuasion, DI
3:15	Rd 2 Flight B
4:30	Rd 3 Flight B

Sunday Schedule

8:30	Rd 1 Flight C Poetry, Duo, ADS, CA
9:45	Rd 2 Flight C
11:00	Rd 3 Flight C
1:00 (Draw 12:30)	Finals
2:30	Awards

Schedule and flighting may be adjusted based on entries. The intention is to contain everything to one flight of finals.