

Dear NSDA colleague,

In this letter, I would like to give you the details for our NFL Student Congress and Big Questions tournament that will determine our district's qualifiers to the National Student Congress and Big Questions. If you have any intention of competing in Congress or Big Questions, please read this letter carefully. Previous participation in the district tournament does not preclude participation in either Congress or Big Questions. Students who competed in 2 events over the past 2 weeks may still compete in either Congress or Big Questions.

We will have our NFL Student Congress and Big Questions qualifier on Saturday, April 13 at Chaminade.

1. Please take note of the following procedures:

A. SENATE: all schools may send two students in Senate. As long as 8 schools send a senator, our district can qualify one to Nationals.

B. HOUSE: schools may send a proportional representation to House (check the webpage at www.nflonline.org). If 30 students participate, we will have two chambers and may qualify two representatives; if we have 61 participants, we will have three chambers and may qualify three representatives; if we have 91 participants, we will have four chambers and may qualify four to Nationals. Each school will have to spread out its representatives evenly in whatever number of House chambers we qualify for. It is therefore to every school's advantage to increase its number of degrees on record at the national office and to send your full quota of representatives.

C. BIG QUESTIONS: Due to new NSDA rules, Big Questions will be a double down system. Please bring 1 judge for every 2 BQ debaters. The top BQ debater will qualify for Nationals.

C. JUDGES: We will have to hire judges to fit into the chambers. We ask everyone to bring 1 judge if you have students in either House or Senate. We will try to use your judge in Congress. If we cannot use your judge in Congress, your judge will judge Big Questions.

2. We do not need a "Green Sheet." Please fill out the School Consent Form.

3. So that we can prepare for the Congress, I ask that you send me your legislation no later than March 19. You may submit one or two pieces of legislation for House prelims and one for House Finals. All 3 bills may be used at any time in the Senate. Please designate the House Finals bill. If the legislation does not meet NFL specifications, it will not be accepted. You may access all legislation at www.lifa.org on March 21.

ONLY LEGISLATION POSTED ON March 21 MAY BE USED AT THE CONGRESS.

4. FEES: As you know, in the past, we never charged for Congress, because judges have purchased lunch at nearby fast food places. Because of newer requirements, we will have to hire neutral judges to serve as parliamentarians, and we will be providing lunch for judges. To offset these costs, we will have a \$10 school fee and a fee of \$15 per contestant.

5. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Registration: 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.
Session I: 9:00 a.m. (House and Senate schedules differ)
Awards: 6:00 p.m.

Round 1 of Big Questions will begin at 9 am.

Sincerely yours,

Eric DiMichele

Chair, NYCNFL