



Tarheel East District Congressional Debate Tournament

On Saturday, February 29th, the Tarheel East District will be holding the first portion of the NSDA District Tournament. We will be hosting the Congressional Debate Qualifier at Cary Academy in Cary, NC. This tournament will be held in conjunction with the Dogwood Speech & Debate League Novice Championship.

This tournament determines who competes in Congressional Debate from our district at the NSDA National Tournament June 14th through 19th, 2020, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Final registration will be held that morning. As registration finishes, we will begin competition immediately. All of your paperwork will need to be organized and signed. Please help us begin on time by having this done ahead of time. (Paperwork is discussed in detail later in the document)

Each school must complete a District Congress Tournament Registration Form. This form is automatically completed for you after you enter and complete your registration on Tabroom. This form must be full completed, printed, signed, and turned in prior to the beginning of competition. You may also mail it to Crawford Leavoy by February 25th, 2020.. Please send to:

Crawford Leavoy
103 Nuttree Way
Durham, NC, 27713

In accordance with new rule changes, we will permit changes to registrations after the seven day deadline, but the registration must be received by the February 22nd date to insure entry into the tournament.

All students and judges must be concurrently registered for the tournament on the Tabroom website as well. We must have both the electronic and hard copy version of your registration.

Please be sure to read the information on this website to ensure that you properly register.

Cordially,

Crawford Leavoy, District Chair - Durham Academy
Michelle Boswell - Cumberland Polytechnic High School
Patrick Jessee - Cary High School
Brittanie McNeil - Massey Hill Classical High School
RJ Pellicciotta - Cary Academy



Schedule

9:00 AM	Registration Begins	
9:15 AM	Registration Ends; Announcements & Chamber Assignments	
9:45AM	Congress	Session One (House & Senate)
1:00PM	Lunch	
2:00PM	Congress	Finals (House); Session Two (Senate)
5:30PM	Awards	

- All Congress teams must register at 9AM on Saturday, February 29, 2020
- Congress judges are required to be available all day
- This schedule is subject to change
- NSDA rules require a minimum of three full hours per session.



Rules

The Congressional Debate will follow the ranking and placement guidelines that are in the Pilot District Tournament Operations Manual from the NSDA. The Congressional Debate rules are listed on pages 6-12 and 23-25. You should review these rules and be familiar with them.

Legislation

Schools should submit 2 bills or resolutions and 2 alternate bills and resolutions. The school should prioritize these selection by the District Committee. **Legislation is due in Tabroom by February 5th at 5PM.** Templates are available under the “Legislation” tab of your Tabroom Registration page. These files can be uploaded on that page to be submitted. Legislation must be formatted correctly. The District Committee reserves the right to prioritize new legislation over legislation used throughout the year in NC competitions.

Legislation will be released by the District Committee by February 15th at the latest.

Entry Limits

The number of students you may enter to the Congressional Debate portion is determined by the members and degrees that your school has on record as of February 22nd, 2020 at 5PM EST. Please enter all NSDA points prior to this date and time.

NSDA Degrees	Senate	House
1-20	2	2
21-35	2	3
36-55	2	4
56-75	2	5
76-100	2	6
101-150	2	7
151-200	2	8
201-250	2	9
251-300	2	10
301-350	2	11
351-400	2	12
401+	2	13

Placement in Houses

Schools may place students in groups with other students from their schools. These do not convert to chamber assignments. Assignment of House chambers are determined by a random blind draw of groupings, as outlined on page 69-70 of the NSDA Unified High School Manual. The District Committee has elected to use this process over those allowed in the District Pilot Rules.



Cross Examination

The Tarheel East District Tournament will be using direct questioning for cross examination where questioners are recognized for 30 second intervals in which a series of questions are asked before moving to the next questioner.

Presiding Officers

There will be one Presiding Officer per session. No student may preside twice in Preliminary Sessions at Districts unless no other student is willing to preside.

Qualifiers

The Tarheel East District is able to qualify 2 senators for the district.

The Pilot District Tournament Operations Manual changes the qualification process for the House. In years past, we have been limited to 3 qualifiers in House. **The new rules will allow us to qualify approximately 6 Representatives.** Here is how it will work:

Session One is a preliminary session. We will have the corresponding number of chambers (according to the chart below) during Session One of House. Students will be balanced according to the Coaches' prefiled assignments. No prelim chamber will seat more than 29 students. At the conclusion of the preliminary session, we will advance the corresponding number of students to Session Two.

Participating Students	Preliminary Chambers	Students who Advance to Final Session
16-29	1	No Final Session
30-58	2	8-12
59-87	3	6-8
88-116	4	4-6
117-145	5	4-5
146+	6 or more	3-4

Session Two is a Final Session. At the conclusion, the corresponding number of qualifiers will be announced as qualifiers to the NSDA National Tournament.

Participating Students	Qualifiers
16-29	2
30-58	4
59-87	6
88-116	7
117-145	8
146+	9



Judges

Judge Ratios

Every school must supply judges in the following ratios:

- In Congress, 1 judge for every 4 entries (\$150 for missing judge quota)

Rules Concerning Judges

1. Judges must have graduated from high school. First-year out judges may be registered.
2. Judges must be aware of all NSDA rules regarding event procedures, scoring, and requirements of the event you have placed them in. If a judge is unfamiliar with the rules and regulations, or unfit to judge (as determined by the District Committee) your judge bond will be forfeited.

Judge Bond

A judge bond of \$100 is required. This judge bond will also be held for the Speech/PF/LD portion of the NSDA District Tournament. We will return your check at the conclusion of the Speech/PF/LD portion. In the event that your judges do not appear for all assigned rounds, the judge bond will be forfeited. Once you have forfeited your judge bond, a \$50 fine will be assessed for each round missed.



Fees & Limits

Please pay all outstanding NSDA fees prior to February 29th. You must pay the remaining balance at registration in order to be allowed to compete. You will not be able to compete without paying.

Please bring a check for entries in the following ratios:

- In Congress, \$30.00 per student

This must be paid for all students at this tournament; if your student is competing at the Speech/PF/LD portion of the NSDA District Tournament in March, there will not be an additional registration fee for that student.



Paperwork to Submit

The following items need to be turned in to the appropriate listed person by their respective due dates.

1. Tabroom Registration - **Due February 22, 2020 at 4PM**
2. District Congress Tournament Registration Form
 - This is a form generated by Tabroom after you complete your registration.
 - Must be completed, printed, and signed by the coach.
 - Any potential alternate who may replace a student who drops must also be an NSDA member at the school for which they are entered for at least seven days prior to the District Tournament.
 - Alternate substitutions must meet all qualifications as those originally entered on the form.
 - No student may compete that is not on that form. Drops must be removed and alternate substitutions must be added prior to the start of the tournament.
 - A hard copy of this form is due by registration.
3. National Tournament Single Entry Letter of Intent (for students who are double entering at the District Tournament held on March 23rd & 24th) - **Due at Registration on February 29, 2020**

How To Register on Tabroom.com

The following instructions are how to register on www.tabroom.com.

1. Logon in the top right-hand corner of the screen.
2. Search "Tarheel" in the top right-hand corner of the screen. After you do this the first time, the tournament will always appear in your login screen unless you drop completely from the tournament.
3. Click "Register" on the tabs of the tournament. You'll have to certify that the information you provide is accurate, and then make sure that you update your NSDA roster (this is pretty intuitive). **I would advise that you put in your points prior to this step so that you don't have to go back and do it. Remember, the number of entries you get is dependent on the number of degrees your program has.**
4. Under "Entries" you will find a drop-down menu on the right hand side. You can select House or Senate. Once you select an event, you will have a list of your students who are eligible for the tournament. Select their name and click "Add Entry." You may continue to add until all of your slots are filled.
5. Your "Greensheets" (printed registration forms) are under "NSDA Forms" as well as your Single Entry Letter of Intent. You'll find that you can rank Congress and Worlds currently. However, you will be able to resubmit for any student that is also competing in the March portion of the District tournament.
6. Under "Judges" you will enter the name of the required number of judges. You must add them to the Tabroom system if you haven't already. On the right-hand side, you'll find "Add Judge."
7. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Crawford Leavoy.