

## Southern California District NSDA 2020 District Qualifying Tournaments

Speech and Debate Events: March 21-22 at Bonita Vista High School, Chula Vista  
Student Congress: March 28 at Claremont High School, Claremont

Schools who are chartered and affiliated with the Southern California District of the NSDA are cordially invited to enter and participate in the **Southern California District Tournament** at the above locations and dates. Qualifiers to the National Tournament will be based on actual entries competing in each event. However, our District may earn bonus entries based on our total number of Member Degrees (currently our District has three qualifiers per event, provided we meet the minimum number of entries). Please enter all of your NFL points in a timely fashion, to avoid a mad scramble as we prepare to send our students to the 2020 National Tournament held June 14-19 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### **Procedures and Deadlines for Entry:**

Schools must complete both On-Line entry and Paper entry.

1. Enter all competitors online at: **Tabroom.com** which is now active. If you have not previously used this entry site, click on the “Create a New Account” link and register your school. Next, click on the link to “Tournaments” and then find the Southern California District Tournament. You are responsible for meeting all entry limitations and requirements. Online Entry deadline is Saturday, March 14 at 11:59 pm for the IE/Debate tournament and Monday, March 23 at 11:59 pm for the Congress tournament.

2. You may record drops online without paying a penalty until 6 pm on Thursday, March 19 for IE/Debate and until 6 pm on Thursday, March 26 for Congress. Any drops after these deadlines will still be charged a full entry fee.

3. Official Paper entry must be brought to the first day of the tournament prior to the first round of competition.

Note: this official entry should match your online entry, with the exception of any late drops. A complete entry will include all of the following;

- A) all necessary entry forms for Debate, IE and Congress with appropriate signatures,
- B) Proof of NFL membership for all contestants,
- C) speech manuscripts which meet current CHSSA guidelines,
- D) Double Entry “Letter of Intent”,
- E) all entry fees.

4. Tournament manuals for the IE/Debate tournament and the Student Congress tournament are available to all NSDA members on the [speechanddebate.org](http://speechanddebate.org) website in the “District” section find the link to “Tournament Manual”.

### **Make Checks**

**Payable To:** Southern California Speech League, NSDA

**IE/Debate****March 21-22 Bonita Vista High School****751 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista, CA**

**Events:** Team Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Original Oratory, Foreign Extemp, United States Extemp, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation and Informative. We will also host a division of Big Question Debate.

**Student Congress****March 28 Claremont High School****1601 N. Indian Hill Blvd, Claremont, CA****Events:** Student Congress (House/Senate)

**Fees:** All NSDA dues and outstanding NSDA charges must be paid before any school may participate. District dues (which is the \$50.00 tournament fee) and event entry fees must also be paid. No student may compete without the required fees being paid. Purchase orders are NOT accepted. Itemized tournament fees:

School Membership fee:	\$50.00 (one annual payment of \$50 included with your entry fees)
Policy Debate (per team)	\$40.00
Public Forum (per team)	\$30.00
Lincoln-Douglas	\$25.00
Big Question Debate	\$25.00
IEs	\$10.00
Duo	\$20.00
Congress	\$10.00

**Judges:** Every effort will be made to recruit qualified judges from area college programs. Each school must provide one qualified adult judge for every five (5) IE entries and one qualified adult judge for every two (2) debate entries. On the Congress weekend, each school must provide one qualified adult judge for every five (5) Congress entries. Your judges MUST be available to judge THROUGHOUT the tournament. You must meet your judging commitment on Saturday as well as all day Sunday. It is imperative that you meet your commitment, as we will be using two judges in each of the preliminary rounds of IEs. Please make every effort to bring qualified judges. If your team does not have the required number of judges, your entry will be reduced. Schools entering in debate must bring debate qualified judges.

**Student Congress:** This one day event will be held on March 28th at Claremont High School, separate from the other District Tournament. The Registration deadline for this tournament is 3/23. Check-in will begin at 8:00 am and rounds will commence at 9:00 am. Congress entries are independent from the formula used to determine all other entries. Our district must have at least 8 schools willing to participate in the Senate to seat a Senate. The number of chambers of the House will depend on the number of entries. We need at least 30 competitors in the House to seat two chambers. Please check the NSDA Congress Manual to determine your Student Congress entries. (See page 60 of the District Tournament Operations Manual)

Congress legislation will be available no later than March 14 on the Tabroom website.

**If your school would like to submit legislation for consideration for use in this year's tournament, please email a copy of the bill to the District Chair by March 7th.** (gosborn@helixcharter.net)

**Rules:** The NSDA pilot format will be used for individual events and debate. For individual events, there will be 3 preliminary rounds and we will break a number of competitors to be determined by the District Committee to break rounds. For Debate, there will be 4 preliminary rounds and all undefeated and one loss teams will break to a double elimination bracket. We will **not** be using NSDA pilot rules for use of internet in Debate, Extemp or Congress. Rules for events are available in the [NSDA District Tournament Operations Manual](#). Please read all rules in the manual before coming to the tournament. Violations of the rules may result in disqualification. Each coach is responsible for adhering to the rules and seeing that his/her students and judges are also aware of them. The following are some important notes:

1. Each coach must offer proof of NSDA membership for each student listed on the entry form, including alternates and reserve entries. The easiest way to provide proof of NSDA membership is to include a printed copy of your membership list from the NSDA webpage. (*Note: the NSDA only credits degrees for your students who have officially registered and joined online. They will have a blue check mark in the "Districts Eligible" column.*)
2. A school may enter no more than the maximum number listed on the Chapter Entries Formula from the Tournament Manual. If qualified, a school may enter up to two bonus entries.
3. Each school may, within their maximum number, enter no more than four debate teams, four Public Forum teams, four Lincoln Douglas competitors, four Big Question debaters, four Duo teams and four competitors in each Individual Event.
4. No notes may be used in Extemp Speaking, a student may not leave the prep room without permission of the Extemp Proctor, a student may not consult any other individual during preparation time, students may only consult approved published materials. Violation of the above rules may result in disqualification. Final round of Extemp will NOT include cross-examination. We will **not** be using the NSDA pilot rules for use of internet in Extemp.
5. A student may double enter in the IE/Debate tournament with the following restrictions:
  - A student may only enter one team/partnership event.
  - A student entered in one of the two extemporaneous events may not enter in another IE.

All students double entering must declare in advance in which event they will attend nationals. This declaration must be presented to the District Chair prior to the start of competition. A copy of this "Letter of Intent" form is included in your invitation and should be copied and completed for all necessary competitors. (Please note the form requires Parent and Principal signatures and must be completed prior to arriving at the tournament.) Students who qualify in a team/partnership event and an solo event **MUST** attend nationals in the team/partnership event unless both members have qualified in a solo event and have indicated on the "Letter of Intent" that they prefer their solo event. Finally, since Student Congress is held at a different time and location it may be a student's third event. Remember, a school's number of congress entries is determined independently of debate and IE entries. If a student prefers to be considered for a spot on one of the district World Schools teams, they may/must mark that on their Letter of Intent form.

6. Current California manuscript procedures will be followed. Therefore, with all speech entries you must submit a copy of your California manuscript, provided they meet NSDA rules. These must be submitted at registration, and can be picked up at the conclusion of the tournament. Coaches are responsible for ensuring all scripts follow NSDA rules. Any Interpretation material that is sourced online must be from the [NSDA Approved Websites List for Interpretation Events](#). All Interpretation competitors must have available at the tournament the original published source of their cutting or the web address for the original published source.

7. Properly enter all student names on the entry form and have all students legibly sign the entry form. Student signatures must appear as they do on the NSDA membership form. (take a moment to double-check how student names are listed with the NSDA)

8. We will feature Big Question Debate at this year's qualifying tournament. However, all entries must be single student only and each school is limited to only four (4) entries.

9. Debate Topics:

**Team Debate**                      **Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of arms from the United States.**

**Linclon Douglas**                **Resolved: Predictive policing is unjust.**

**Public Forum**                    **Resolved: The United States should increase its use of nuclear energy for commercial energy production.**

**Big Questions**                 **Resolved: Objective morality exists.**

10. We are able to send two (2) World School Debate Teams to Nationals. The Southern California District will select its 8-10 qualifying students with the following criteria. First alternates in Public Forum debate, LD debate, International extemp, domestic extemp with the remaining participants chosen from a list of applicants submitted by coaches. The process for submitting applications will be discussed at/after the District Tournament.

11. This year, the District Committee will be reaching out to coaches to work as tournament staff. For all other coaches, you are welcome to judge to meet your requirement. Tab room will however be closed to coaches not asked to work the tournament. There will be coaches review posted directly after the preliminary rounds.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me via telephone or email. It makes for a much smoother tournament if we work to resolve any problems in advance of the tournament. I look forward to seeing you at the tournament and I hope you will join my effort to provide a memorable competitive experience.

Look forward to seeing you and your teams,  
Gregg Osborn  
Southern California District Chair  
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619-840-6076

## Southern California IE/Debate Qualifier

### Saturday, March 21

Registration	9:00-9:30 am
Debate 1:	9:30-11:15 am (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Draw 1:	11:15 am
IE 1:	11:30-1:00 pm (DX, FX, DI, HI, Duo, OO, POI, Inf)
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1:00-1:30</b>
Debate 2:	1:30-3:15 pm (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Draw 2:	3:15 pm
IE 2:	3:30-5:00 pm (DX, FX, DI, HI, Duo, OO, POI, Inf)
Debate 3:	5:00-6:45 pm (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
<b>Dinner Break</b>	<b>6:45-7:15</b>
Draw 3:	7:15 pm
IE 3:	7:30-9:00 pm (DX, FX, DI, HI, Duo, OO, POI, Inf)

### Sunday, March 22

Debate 4:	8:30 – 10:15 am (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Draw Semis:	10:15 am
IE Semis:	10:30-12:00 n (DX, FX, DI, HI, Duo, OO, POI, Inf)
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12:00-12:30 pm</b>
Debate Qrtrs/Octas:	12:30-1:45 pm (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Draw Finals:	1:45 pm
IE Finals:	2:00-3:30 pm (DX, FX, DI, HI, Duo, OO, POI, Inf)
Debate Semis/Qrtrs:	3:30- 4:45 pm (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Debate Finals/Semis:	4:45-6:00 pm (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Debate Finals:	6:00-7:00 pm (if needed)
	***Given the nature of double elimination brackets, more rounds will be added as necessary.
Awards	8:00pm or earlier if possible

## Southern California Congress Qualifier

### Saturday, March 28

Registration	8:30-9:00 am
Session 1:	9:00 am
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12:00-12:30 pm</b>
Session 2:	12:30 pm
Finals/Session 3:	4:00 pm (if needed)
Awards	ASAP