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Dates:
May 23 - May 24, 2020

The First Quarantine Congress Invitational

April 2020

Dear Speech and Debaters:

We are thrilled to invite you to the first Quarantine Congress Invitational, which will be held from May 23rd, 2020 to May 24th. The tournament will consist of Congressional Debate only.

As the Coronavirus pandemic continues, we have seen the cancellation of many tournaments across the US. Thus, we would like to offer middle school and high school competitors an additional opportunity to compete in Congressional Debate. Additionally, as the NSDA National Tournament has officially moved online, we believe that this tournament will allow competitors to get a feel for online competition beforehand.

There is no entry fee for this tournament. Additionally, we are donating money to underprivileged speech and debate communities. **The tournament champion will receive \$500 to donate to an underprivileged school of their choice, and competitors placing 2nd-6th will each receive \$250 to donate to an underprivileged school of their choice.**

The information provided within this invitation and on our [tournament website](#) should answer any questions that you may have about our tournament. If you need additional assistance, please contact us at this email address: quarantinecongresstab@gmail.com.

Best of luck,

Quarantine Congress Tabulation Staff

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Note: Please read the entire invitation. All rules are subject to change at the discretion of tab. The tournament will make participants aware of any such changes as soon as possible.

General Information

National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) rules and procedures determine advancement and placing based upon cumulative ranking by judges. Key tournament information will be listed below. For more details, please read the Student/Judge Information packet posted on our [tabroom website](#).

- (1) All rounds will be held via Zoom. You must have a Zoom account in order to compete.
- (2) Internet access will be allowed.
- (3) Presiding Officers will be provided by the tournament administration, and will not be competing.
- (4) Direct cross examination will be used throughout the entire tournament.
- (5) Each sponsor and first negative will give a 2-minute final appeal speech – with no questioning – when debate concludes on their legislation, which will be scored as a final addition to their speech, but not count for precedence/recency.
- (6) Updates for competitors and judges will be released on Remind and our tabroom website. All competitors and judges **must** join the Remind channel.
- (7) Chamber assignments and postings will be posted on our [tabroom website](#).

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- The deadline to register for the tournament is **Wednesday, May 20, 2020** (11:59 PM EST).
- The tournament will be held from **Saturday, May 23rd to Sunday, May 24th, 2020.**

Registration:

- Competitors may register for the tournament using [this form](#). There is an initial cap of 72 entries, which will be updated based on judge entries. Entries are on a first-come-first-serve basis.
 - Only students currently in middle school or high school may compete.

Judge Information:

- Judges may register on a voluntary basis using [this form](#).
 - Judges must have graduated from high school, and must have a Zoom account.
- Judges must fill out their ballots through a Google Form after the round is completed. Judges will rank the top 8 students, and will also have the ability.

Legislation

- Legislation will be provided by the tournament directors. The legislation packet will be uploaded to our [tabroom website](#).

Vital Stats:

- Prelims: 2 sessions
- Semifinals: 1 session
- Finals: 1 session

Note: Depending on entries, we may break straight to finals

Technology Requirements

Because this is an online tournament, each competitor and judge will need a few things in order for their experience to be as smooth as possible. Everyone who registers must own a:

- Zoom Account (registered with their first name and last name)
- Computer or Laptop
- Webcamera
- Speaker to secure stable audio (headphones are fine!)

Tournament Schedule (EST)

Saturday May 23, 2020

10:00 AM - Chambers Posted on Tabroom

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM: Preliminary Session 1

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Preliminary Session 2

Sunday May 24, 2020

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM: Semifinal Session

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Final Session

Awards hosted ASAP

Note: Competitors and judges should aim to join their chambers 10 minutes before the starting time in order to prevent technical difficulties.

Remind Information:

- Please join our Remind channel by texting “@qcong2020” to 81010. Announcements from tab will be sent on this channel.

Fundraising

- We are raising money for underprivileged speech and debate communities! The tournament champion will receive \$500 to donate to an underprivileged school of their choice, and competitors placing 2nd-6th will each receive \$250 to donate to an underprivileged school of their choice.
- Donations are not mandatory, but are greatly appreciated! You can donate [here](#).

Additional Information

- Wearing a suit is recommended but not required. Competitors will not be penalized for their attire.
- Competitors should not use a virtual background while competing, and should try to remove distracting details from the background (flashy lights, etc).
- Competitors should have a placard for recognition.