

# 2020 Summer Crisis Congress Classic

## Invitation Packet

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### Hosted by the Online Debate League

<https://onlinedebateleague.wixsite.com/website>

The Online Debate League is an organization that hosts online Speech, Debate, and Model United Nations competitions and provides resources and staffing for tournament directors.

## **WELCOME!**

Welcome to the **2020 Summer Crisis Congress Classic**, hosted by the Online Congressional Debate League. *(Not affiliated with VHSL, NSDA, UK, or etc.)* This tournament will be hosted **June 27th to June 28th**. We are an **OPEN** tournament, meaning anyone (Middle School and High School Congress Debaters) is welcomed to register and participate!

This is a **CRISIS TOURNAMENT**. - *A fuse of Model UN & Congressional Debate* - Prelim Session 1 will be run as a regular legislative session. Prelim Session 2 & ALL OUTROUNDS are **CRISIS SESSIONS**: Competitors will be called to a Google Meet and receive legislation ONE HOUR before session begins. They are to prepare and politic in session. Competitors are provided memorandums (in lieu of a legislation packet) which serve as briefs, or short messages on the possible issues. They will debate past, present and near future issues. **More info** [HERE](#)

## **FUNDRAISER**

This is a **FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT!** In these trying times, we wanted to use this tournament as a way to give back to those who are the most in need. Thus, we'll be raising money for the United Nations Children's Fund [UNICEF]. This tournament is a fuse of Congress & Model UN, so we're donating to the UN organization to help fight the global pandemic!

**If you can, we greatly encourage everyone to donate to UNICEF on our GoFundMe [HERE](#)!**

*All proceeds on GoFundMe are sent directly to UNICEF!*

In addition, for every entry we will donate \$1 to UNICEF!

**1 entry = \$1 to UNICEF!**

The **FIRST PLACE WINNER** will be awarded \$15 to donate to the charity of their choice!

## **TABROOM**

We're on Tabroom! Every ballot, updates, entry list, and tournament info will also be posted here. **Registration is NOT on Tabroom.**

[Accessible Here](#)

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## **SCHEDULE**

All competitors are expected to arrive at the competitor call and prep on the Google Meet.

**All Times EST**

**Date: Friday, June 26th, 2020**

- **11:00 AM - 1:15 PM: PRELIM SESSION 1**
  - Normal Legislative Session
- **1:15 - 2:00 P.M:** Break
- **2:00 - 3:00 P.M:** Competitor Call - PREP SESSION/Legislation Post
  - Crisis Session
- **3:00 - 5:15 P.M:** PRELIM SESSION 2

**Date: Saturday, June 27th, 2020**

- **11:00 - 12:00 AM:** Competitor Call - PREP SESSION/Legislation Post
  - Crisis Session
- **12:00 AM - 2:30 PM:** SEMIFINALS SESSION
- **2:30 - 3:30 P.M:** Break
- **3:30 - 4:30 P.M:** Competitor Call - PREP SESSION/Legislation Post
  - Crisis Session
- **4:30 - 7:00 P.M:** FINALS SESSION

## **REGISTRATION**

### **COMPETITOR REGISTRATION**

1. Fill out [this Google Form](#)
2. Join [this Discord](#)
3. Placard Template: [HERE](#)

### **JUDGE APPLICATION**

1. APPLY to Judge on [this Google Form](#)
2. Join [this Discord](#)
3. We will notify you via email & Discord ASAP if you are selected to judge. Thank you!

**Please consider donating to UNICEF or on our GoFundMe [HERE](#)**

## **UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

### ❖ **REMIND**

- Please **text to 81010** or **join the remind app** with the code: **@crisiscong**
- Or.... <https://www.remind.com/join/crisiscong>

### ❖ **Discord**

- **Every competitor and judge *must* join the Discord**, this is where all announcement and politics occurs: [HERE](#)

## **RULES & LOGISTICS**

### **CRISIS CONGRESS PROCEDURE**

**PRELIM SESSION 1** - Run as a NORMAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION with legislation provided by the staff. **PRELIM SESSION 2 & ALL OUTROUNDS - Crisis Session**

Legislation for Session 1 can be found [HERE](#)

Prelim Session 2 & ALL OUTROUNDS will be **Crisis Sessions**. Logistics Below:

1. All orders of the procedure are the same - motions, speeches, selecting speeches, amendments, CX, gaveling, etc.
2. In lieu of a compressive legislation packet, competitors are provided [memorandums](#) (message from the House/Senate) that briefs you on the current crises (topics). It is broad and does not specifically tell you what debate or legislation will be.

#### **LEGISLATION IS RELEASED 1 HOUR BEFORE SESSION**

3. There is **ONE** memorandum (topics/legislation) per session, each with **THREE PIECES OF LEGISLATION** released 1 hour before session commences.
  - Competitors may select: how many you debate, which you debate and in which order, base 2, etc.
4. Prelim memorandums will all be **CURRENT** issues, SemiFinals and Finals issues will be **CURRENT, PAST** and **NEAR-FUTURE** issues. *We will highlight dates!*
5. If you are debating a **PAST** or **FUTURE** issue, you can use sources/info from **ANY** year **AND** analysis of that event in the present day. A date does not restrict your research, it only asks you act as if you were in Congress during that event.
  - *Ex. The memorandum will notify you the year is 1919 and that Germany has surrendered. You are a Congress in the year 1919, prompted whether or not to approve the Treaty of Versailles. Use present research and data, but speak as if you are debating this issue as it occurs.*
6. **ONE HOUR** before the session starts, competitors will be called to **JOIN THE GOOGLE MEET** and **ALL legislation for that session** will be released. At this time, you begin prepping and determining authorships, etc. **YOU MUST BE IN THE GOOGLE MEET** during this prep time.
7. After 1hr, the session will open. Debate the bill, give speeches, pass/fail, etc.
8. After you pass/fail a bill, the Parli will read the result or impact of your decision.

### **MEMORANDUMS & Session 1 Legislation**

For this tournament, **you will NOT submit legislation**. For **PRELIM SESSION 1** - **staff provided legislation**. For **PRELIM SESSION 2 and ALL OUTROUNDS** - **memorandums**, written by the staff, are briefs on the possible legislation you will debate. This legislation will be released **ONE HOUR** before session.

[Here](#)

## **CHAMBERS**

Chambers will be assigned randomly on Tabroom as you register.

Chambers List: [Here](#)

## **TOURNAMENT RULES**

Below are guidelines and regulations **ALL competitors and judges must follow** and refer to. This tournament will be run first by [NSDA 2020 Congressional Pilot rules](#), then [Robert's Rules of Order](#)

1. **ROUNDS: 2 Preliminary Rounds** (4 chambers) - **1 Semi-Finals Round** (2 chambers) **And ONE FINALS competition** (1 chamber)
2. **QUESTIONING: ALL ROUNDS** - questions will be **DIRECT**. Expository questions allowed. AUTHORSHIP/FIRST NEG = 4 mins, 30 sec per speaker. ALL OTHER SPEECHES = 2 mins, 30 sec per speaker.
3. **ETIQUETTE**: Competitors are Representatives for all Prelim Rounds and Senators for all outrounds.
4. **INTERNET ACCESS**: Per NSDA 2020 Pilot Rules, internet access *will be allowed*, however, we ask that competitors come prepared and don't rely solely on this privilege.
5. **SELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICERS: **PO WILL BE COMPETITOR FOR PRELIM and STAFF FOR OUTROUNDS!**** This will be determined in session, however, you may politic for POs before the tournament on [Discord](#).
6. **OUTSTANDING SENATOR**: Each chamber in preliminary, semi-final, and final rounds will vote for its "outstanding senator." Competitors will nominate peers. This will be conducted via strawpoll at the end of the round. *(does NOT affect score)*
7. **DRESS CODE: Competitors** - There is no specific dress code. HOWEVER, we highly suggest that in order to present as "senatorial" you dress in professional attire or business casual. **Judges** - optional business casual

### **Google Meet Instructions**

This tournament will be hosted on Google Meet. The meeting code will be sent via REMIND, TABROOM & DISCORD a few days before the competition and posted here:

**[Available here](#)**

## **BREAKS, SCORING AND RESULTS**

### **Breaks**

1. Our **4 Preliminary chambers** will have 13-15 competitors in it. Judges will rank the top 8 best debaters. In the event of a tie, the Parli ranking is the tie breaker.
2. **TOP 8** (depends on entries) WILL BREAK FROM EACH PRELIM CHAMBER TO SEMI FINALS
3. **TOP 8** WILL BREAK FROM EACH SEMI-FINAL CHAMBER TO FINALS

### Speech & Rank Scores

- ❖ Rank: Determines who breaks. Judges will rank top 1-8 competitors, while Parli ranks all competitors in a chamber. In the event of tie, Parli is tiebreaker.
- ❖ Speech: DOES NOT determine who breaks. As per [NSDA Scoring Guidelines](#) **all judges** will rank **every** speech from 1-6, with 1 being the worst and 6 being the best

### Results

- ❖ Results and breaks for Prelims, SemiFinals and Finals will be posted on Tabroom.
- ❖ Ballots will be sent via Tabroom ASAP after the tournament concludes.

## **CHECKLIST**

We know this is long and has a lot of information. Here is a tournament ready checklist!

- Did you...
  - ☐ Obtain a device with a working camera and microphone
  - ☐ Read the [rules](#) of the CRISIS CONGRESS CLASSIC and understand how the CRISIS tournament is run!
  - ☐ [Register!!](#)
  - ☐ [Join the Discord](#)
  - ☐ Sign up for our [remind!](#)
  - ☐ Read the [memorandums](#)
  - ☐ Read the [Google Meet Instructions](#) and familiarize yourself with the site.
  - ☐ Visit the [Tabroom site](#)
  - ☐ Have fun!

## **PARADIGM**

This is a link to Tabroom containing your Parliamentary and Judges paradigms/preferences. Please take a look at these to understand what your judges want to see in the debate.

[Will be Posted on Tabroom]

## **STAFF**

### **Directors**

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Please contact anyone from above with **ANY** questions, comments, concerns or **DROPS!**

## *Thank You*

Special thanks to our amazing judges who have helped out set up and run this tournament!

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