

Yale High School Invitational - Congressional Debate Tournament Details

Legislation - As of 09/02/2020

- **Deadline for legislation submission has been changed to Monday, September 7, 2020.**
- The Yale Congress will be using Tabroom.com for legislation submission.
 - To submit your legislation in Tabroom, please register for Yale Congressional Debate on Tabroom.com
 - Legislation is tied to the entry. A student's full name must be entered in the event or the Legislation tab may not appear.
 - Select the Legislation tab and follow the prompts to submit your legislation.
 - We will be using the Microsoft Word based templates from CongressionalDebate.org. These templates are available in the Legislation tab.

Entry and Waitlist

- We will begin moving entries out of the waitlist this week. At this time, we will pull a maximum of 6 students per school.
 - We are accepting entries that are to be determined (TBD) into this pool.
 - Student names must be confirmed by Monday, August 31, 2020. After this date, any TBD entrants will be dropped and replaced with the first full name entry on the waitlist.
 - If your student(s) no longer need one of the spots, please drop them as soon as possible.

Judge Requirements

- Per the last update to the Yale invitation, Congressional Debate is being capped at 360 entries and will include a Quarterfinal round.
- To clarify the judging situation:
 - 1 judge per 5 entries is required.
 - Any school with 6 or more entries is required to provide a scorer and a qualified parliamentarian.
 - 1-5 entries = 1 judge
 - 6+ entries = 1 judge & 1 parliamentarian

Session Length:

- Prelim, Quarters, and Semi sessions will be 2.5 hours long.
 - The session time is inclusive of elections and recesses.
 - There is no base speech requirement.
- The Final session will be 3.0 hours long.
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Scoring

- Standard NSDA tabulation will be used.
 - Parli will rank the chamber at the end of Prelims, Quarters, Semis, and Finals.
- **Prelim to Quarter** sessions will have 1 Parli and 2 scorers per chamber.
- **Semis** will have 1 Parli and 4 scorers.

- **Finals** will have 1 Parli and 4 scorers.

Breaks

- The tournament is capped at 30 chambers with 12 students per chamber (360 competitors).
- **The top 4 out of each Prelim chamber** will break to Quarterfinals (120 competitors).
- **The top 4 out of each Quarter chamber** will break to Semis (40 competitors).
 - The 5th and 6th place finishers in each chamber will receive their TOC bid, but not advance to the Semi.
- **The top 3 out of each Semi chamber** will break to the Final (12 competitors).

Session Details

- A Presiding Officer will be elected in each session.
 - StrawPoll will be used for PO elections (to be run by Parli)
- Direct Questioning will be in effect for all rounds of competition.
- Recency and Precedence is determined by the Presiding Officer
 - The Presiding Officer must be ready to provide transparency to their documentation to the chamber, the Parli, Scorers, and Tournament Staff.
 - Recency and Precedence will reset each session.
- **Final Appeal:** For each piece of legislation, the Sponsor/Author of the bill will also have a 1 minute 30 seconds (minimal grace period) Final Appeal speech at the end of legislative debate.
 - The Final Appeal is triggered when the chamber moves to previous question.