



The Northland Christian Classic

January 6-9, 2021

Hi all,

We hope you will join us in January for the first TFA vIQT of 2021! We will offer all TFA events, as well as a variety of novice events.

All IEs, except extemp, will be asynchronous for prelims and semis with a live finals on Saturday. Duo/Duet will be asynchronous throughout the entire tournament; extemp will be synchronous throughout the entire tournament.

Recorded performances will need to be submitted on tabroom by Tuesday, January 5th at 6 pm. All entries without videos at that time will be dropped. All live events will be hosted on classrooms.cloud; the tournament will be tabulated and paired on tabroom.com.

We look forward to hosting you in January!

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EVENTS

Individual Events

Synchronous - Domestic Extemp, Foreign Extemp, Novice Extemp (*Students may only enter one extemp*)

Asynchronous in Prelims/Semis and Synchronous in Finals - Dramatic Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Original Oratory, Program Oral Interpretation, Poetry, Prose, Novice Oral Interpretation (Prose OR Poetry), Novice Performance (HI OR DI)

Fully Asynchronous - Duet, DUO

Video submissions for these events will be due at 6:00pm on Tuesday, January 5th.

Debate Events

Policy Debate, Novice Policy, LD Debate, Novice LD, PF Debate, Novice PF, World Schools Debate, Congressional Debate, Novice Congress

Contestants entered in debate events may not cross-enter with any other live events at the tournament (they may enter in "Asynchronous in Prelims and Semis" events). Non Advancing LD/PF/CX entries may re-register Friday night for Extemp by emailing the tournament director.

INDEPENDENT ENTRIES

The NCS Classic will not accept independent entries. All Texas students participating at TFA tournaments must be affiliated with and a representative of the schools they are attending. All competitors must have a school-approved adult representative present at all times during the tournament. As noted in the tournament best practices document, this means they must be either actively judging, in a judge pooling room, or assisting the tournament.

We require every team to be chaperoned by an individual who is either a school employee or has written authorization by the school to act and make decisions at the tournament on behalf of the school (this means, but is not limited to: carrying emergency medical information, to make decisions that can impact future attendance by the school - such as paying fines, etc. - anything a school employee would be expected to do). An acceptable alternative is an adult who has been background checked by the school and who has the approval of the school to assume full responsibility for the care of students of that school while at the tournament. Schools will be asked to list who that adult will be as a condition of final registration. **Any student found to be in violation of such policy will be removed from the pairings.**

ENTRY GUIDELINES AND WAITLIST POLICY

All event rules will follow TFA Guidelines found in the TFA Constitution.

The entry deadline is **Tuesday, January 5, 2020 at 6 PM**. After this date, the website will be closed and any adds/drops/changes will need to be approved by tournament directors via email before being moved off of the waitlist to ensure we have enough rooms and judging.

In order to make sure we can accommodate all entries, the following entry guidelines are in place:

No more than 4 CCX entries, with additional entries to be placed on a waiting list.

No more than 8 CLD entries, with additional entries to be placed on a waiting list.

No more than 8 CPFD entries, with additional entries to be placed on a waiting list.

DROP DEADLINES

Monday, January 4th, 2021, 6 pm: Entries charged

Monday, January 4th, 2021, 6 pm: Judges due

Tuesday, January 5th, 2021: Registration closes; all drops after this date will forfeit entry fee and incur a \$25 nuisance fee.

FEES

Individual Events: \$20

Congressional Debate: \$25

NLD - \$25

NCX - \$30

NPF - \$30

VLD - \$40

VPF - \$40

VCX - \$50

WSD - \$40

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

WSD – 2 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/ \$25/missing round

PF – 2 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/ \$25/missing round (3 entries/1 judge)

LD – 2 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/ \$25/missing round (3 entries/1 Judge)

CX – 3 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/ \$25/missing round (2 entries/1 Judge)

IEs - .5 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/ \$20/missing round (12 entries/1 judge)

Congress - .25 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 4 rounds/\$25/missing round (12 entries/1judge)

NLD/NPF - .5 rounds owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 6 rounds/\$15/missing round (12 entries/1 judge)

NCX – 1 round owed per entry. 1 judge can cover 4 rounds/\$15/missing round (4 entries/1judge)

All judges must have a tabroom.com account and a paradigm on tabroom.com. All schools should train judges they provide for the events they are judging. All school provided judges are required to be available one round past the elimination of their most successful competitor in the event that they are covering. Missing Round fees will only be used to hire judges.

Due to multiple school judges not picking up debate ballots in the past, we will be fining schools \$25 per round for any judge who either doesn't pick up a ballot, or who is so late in picking up a ballot that we need to reassign it to another judge. After two no-shows, the judge will be dropped from the

tournament and the school will be charged the full judge fee. Judges who are late to their round and require a replacement will count as a “no show”.

If a school’s judge no-show results in the tournament being short judges we will ask the school’s coach to either fill in or we will have to drop entries in order to have enough judging.

In a world of virtual debate and online ballots, it is important that your judges’ tabroom information (email and phone number) are up to date and that they are frequently checking their phone/email to ensure they do not miss a ballot. It is the obligation of coaches to ensure this info is up to date and to check pairings and ensure that their judges are prepared to judge.

DEBATE TOPICS AND CONGRESS INFORMATION

Brackets will be broken in debate events.

CX Debate – Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing.

LD Debate – January/February 2021 NSDA Topic

PF Debate – January 2021 NSDA Topic

We will use the NSDA pilot rules for PF.

Congress – TFA 2021 Spring Legislation

Prelims: 1-5

Finals: 6-10

Worlds

Round 1 – Impromptu

Round 2 – This House would end the European common currency (Euro).

Round 3 – Impromptu

Round 4 – This House supports "Ban the Box" laws.

INFO: A "Ban the Box" law is a law that is aimed at removing barriers to employment for individuals who have been convicted of a crime. "Ban the Box" laws prohibit employers from asking about an applicant's criminal record during the initial application process.

Quarters (if needed) – Impromptu

Semis – This House supports the use of military intervention in response to the Uyghur Muslim humanitarian crisis.

Finals – Impromptu

Extemp (will be announced in January)

FX

Prelims –

Semis –

Finals –

DX

Prelims –

Semis –

Finals –

NX will be a mix of each topic area for the specified round.

AWARDS

We will provide an award for the champion in each event. Trophies will be mailed at the conclusion of the tournament.

GENERAL RULES

We will break to Semifinals in all Individual Events unless entry levels warrant a break straight to finals. If entry numbers in an event are low, we will move to 2 prelim rounds and breaks directly to finals.

We will collapse novice events if numbers are low.

All ballots for Debate, IEs and Duet Acting will be made available as soon as possible after the completion of each round. Problems or questions should be directed to the tabroom as soon as possible.

An adult supervisor for each school must be immediately available to perform

necessary tournament duties if called upon. Failure to do so may result in the tournament making necessary decisions such as: removing a competitor, walk-over an entry, or adjudicating a protest. Frequent inability to make contact with a coach for tournament related matters may result in that school's students being removed from the tournament.