



## 2020 Asheville High Cougar Classic

### Legislation Packet

Please read these docket and procedural rules very carefully. They will be in effect for the duration of the tournament.

1. Each session (1, 2 and finals) will be assigned three main pieces of legislation. One backup piece of legislation is provided in case any session runs out early. There is only one backup for the entire tournament. After it is exhausted, there is no additional legislation to debate.
2. Chambers will decide among themselves by a majority vote of the chamber what order to debate the three main pieces of legislation assigned to each session.
3. The one piece of backup legislation may not be debated unless the three main pieces in a session have been fully debated and voted on. In fact, it is not even to be placed on the agenda unless it becomes needed.
4. The docket agenda can be amended at any time by a 2/3 vote of the chamber, but students may only move around the three pieces of main legislation for that session. **Legislation may not be moved from the session to which it is assigned under any circumstances.**
5. Each piece of legislation must have both one affirmative and one negative speech before previous question is called. Previous question may be called anytime within the hour. However, it MUST be called if debate is still going on at the one hour mark.

6. PRESIDING OFFICERS:

- Parliamentarians will use strawpoll.com or strawpoll.me to conduct virtual PO elections.
- Varsity and JV divisions will both elect Presiding Officers.
- There will be two Presiding Officers per session (total of four for the day) in the varsity chambers. Each will serve one half of a session. These elections will occur at the beginning of each session. Prior to the first session, an election is conducted and the winner chooses whether they would like to preside for the first or second half of the session. Then a second election must immediately be held with the winner of that election taking the other half of the session. Repeat this process at the beginning of session two.

7. Cross examination will use direct questioning with individual questioning periods of 30 seconds until the total cross examination time for the speaker has expired. The Presiding Officer will keep a separate recency chart for this and ensure that all competitors have an equal chance to ask questions.

## LEGISLATION DOCKET

The Cougar Classic will use the NSDA October legislation packet [available at this link](#).

**Session One (Chamber decides order):**

- A. A Bill to Close Guantanamo Bay
- B. A Bill to Create Domestic Jobs While Ending Offshoring Expenditures
- C. Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act

**Session Two (Chamber decides order):**

- A. A Bill to Grant Public Safety Workers the Right to Collective Bargaining
- B. A Bill to Repeal Oil Subsidies
- C. A Resolution of Support for Public Defense

**Finals (Chamber decides order):**

- A. A Bill to Amend the Jones Act
- B. A Bill for Emergency Relief for Somalia
- C. A Resolution to Ban Sororities & Fraternities at Colleges & Universities

**Backup Legislation (Only if a 4th piece becomes necessary in a session):**

A Bill to Institute a Sugar Tax

# **TENTATIVE CONGRESS SCHEDULE**

**Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to adjustment by the tournament at any time. Be prepared for updates.**

**8:45 AM: Technology Check in assigned room (mandatory for all students and judges)**

**9AM – 11:15 AM: Session 1**

**11:15 AM – 12:15 PM Lunch Recess**

**12:15 PM: Technology Check in assigned room (mandatory for all students and judges)**

**12:30 PM – 2:45 PM: Session 2**

**2:45 PM – 3:30 PM: Afternoon Recess**

**3:30 PM – 6:00 PM: Finals**