

# District Tournament Info at-a-glance

## Your Districts Level

Your District has currently earned **Level Two** qualification level. Your District is entitled to two qualifiers in every event in which there are at least 4 entries. In addition, your District may take three qualifiers in any event that has 10 entries and four qualifiers in any event that has 20 entries.

## **New this year:**

1. We will be using the **Pilot District Tournament Rules** this year. This method matches more closely with how we run our local tournaments. We will NOT be using the 2 downs/out method this year. Instead, there will be 3 speech prelims and 4 debate prelims, followed by out-rounds (the number of entries advancing to out rounds will depend on the size of each event- it will not be the same across all events.
  - a. All speech events \*except IX & DX will be asynchronous. Coaches will upload video links as they have done all year. Judges will judge speech rounds March 27-31)
  - b. Extemp and ALL debate events will be conducted live online
2. **Congress will run concurrent with all other debate events.** Because of time constraints, the district committee voted to run congress at the same time as other debate events.
3. **Big Questions will run concurrent with all other debate events.** Your BQ entries will not count against your total entry counts- but students must still meet the 25pt requirement to compete at districts in this event. Please remember that all BQ entries at the District Tournament must be **SINGLE** student entries- there are no team BQ entries allowed at this tournament.

**Fees:** NSDA FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE YOU REGISTER. If outstanding fees are not paid prior to the start of the tournament, the school and its students are ineligible to participate.

**Entry:** An entry is defined as a registered unit in any event. In partnership events, each team counts as one entry. Only students who are NSDA members may enter the District Tournament. All new members must be registered on the NSDA website (there must be a star next to their name)

**Limits:** school may have no more than 4 entries in each event (except congress)

**Bonus:** If all categories have at least 2 entries a school gets 2 bonus entries- but the school still can't exceed the maximum of 4 entries per event

**Registration:** must be completed and submitted to JOY & to Christy Briggs no later than **5pm on March 19, 2021**

**Substitutions:** must be listed on the Alternates sheet & have principal sign off

**Double Entry:** students may double enter, in 2 IE's\* or in an IE and ONE debate event (PF, LD, Policy, BQ, Congress).

**\*Students entered in Extemp may NOT be entered in any other IE. No students can enter in IX & DX.**

**Triple Entry:** students may triple enter if they are in congress, and two speech events. No other triple entry will be allowed.

**\*Partnership Event Exception:** If two students qualify for the national tournament in a partnership event and both also qualify for the national tournament in their respective IE's, the students may choose to enter the national tournament in their IE's if indicated on their *Single Entry Letter of Intent*.

# Dates you need to remember 2021:

3/11: all legislation must be submitted to Christy Briggs (schools may submit 2 pieces each)

3/19: all forms must be in Christy's hands by 5:00pm (single entry letters of intent, district entry form, congress entry form, congress signature form). All of these will be populated through Tabroom this year- just make sure they are all complete on time.

3/23: Registration on Tabroom will close. All speech videos need to be uploaded by 5pm. Entries with missing videos will be dropped from the tournament. No changes to speech registration will occur past this date.

3/26: All debate substitution requests/entry changes must be called into Christy Briggs by 5pm

3/26: IX and DX topics areas will be released to us from the NSDA

3/26: Student of the Year nominations due via email to Christy Briggs  
Nomination link available on NSDA page:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/student-of-the-year-nomination-form/>

4/1: Extemp prep starts at 3:00pm

4/2: Rounds begin at 3:00pm

4/3: Rounds begin at 8:30am

# District Tournament & Congressional Debate

Below you will find information regarding how Congressional Debate will be tabbed at our District Tournament. It is different from what we have been doing all year, so I wanted you to have it ahead of time- to prep your kids. Some of it may not make sense to you- the most important things are in the “note” at the bottom.

**\*Chambers will be seated with between 8-15 students. Congress will run concurrently with all other debate rounds.**

## *Congress will be tabbed in the following way at the District Tournament:*

Scorer's ranks are inputted, with non-ranked students considered as ranks of 9. The parliamentarian will rank all students in the room, and those ranks will be entered into the software.

Each individual chamber is tabulated independent of the others. Legislators with the lowest cumulative rank advance to the next level of competition, employing the following tie-breakers:

1. Judges' preference
2. Reciprocal fractions
3. Adjusted cumulative rank total after dropping highest and lowest ranks
4. Reciprocals of adjusted cumulative rank total
5. Rank by the parliamentarian

-All tabulation will be conducted with the Tabroom.com software. The tie-breaking methods above are a part of Tabroom and will be figured automatically as part of the program.

## **Important things to note for your kids:**

- Speech points will still be calculated on a 1-8 scale with 8 being the highest.
- Ranks will be determined by each judge at the conclusion of each session- students want to be part of the top 8 that are ranked.
- Base will not be used at districts.
- The point is to give strong speeches and to make a positive impression on the judges...just as it has always been.
- Total points may or may not be taken into account when a judge ranks the top eight students.

-Christy Briggs, Sagebrush District Chair

# 2021 Sagebrush District Tournament

## **Asynchronous Speech Event: March 27-April 1**

March 27-30: Speech Round 1

March 27-30: Speech Round 2

March 27-30: Speech Round 3

March 31: Speech Finals

## **Live Online Event: April 1-3**

### **Thursday, April 1:**

3:00-3:30 prep

3:30-4:30 Extemp Round 1

5:00-5:30 prep

5:30-6:30 Extemp Round 2

7:00-7:30 prep

7:30-8:30 Extemp Round 3

### **Friday, April 2**

3:00-3:30 prep

3:30-4:30 Extemp Finals

5:00-7:00 Debate Round 1/ Congress Committees/Round 1

7:00-9:00 Debate Round 2

### **Saturday, April 3**

8:30-10:00 Debate Round 3/ Congress Round 2

10:30-12:00 Debate Round 4

12:30-2:00 Debate Round 5- Out round 1/ Congress Finals

2:30-4:00 Debate Round 6- out round 2

\*Only if needed for alternate run-offs

4:30-6:00 Debate Round 7- out round 3

6:30-8:00 Debate Round 8- out round 4

8:30-10:00 Debate Round 9- out round 5

On Saturday, we will continue until all competition is finished.

The awards ceremony will be held immediately after the last round of debate.

**Northern Nevada Sagebrush District  
Debate Tournament  
April 1-3**

This is your opportunity to be involved in the Sagebrush District Speech and Debate Tournament. This tournament will be held live online. Don't worry if you have never done this before—it's a great experience and there will be people available to give a bit of on-site training.

Please mark each block in which you are willing to judge.

**Thursday, April 1**

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| ( ) Extemp R1: | 3:15 – 4:45 |
| ( ) Extemp R2: | 5:15 – 6:50 |
| ( ) Extemp R3: | 7:15 – 8:45 |

**Friday, April 2**

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| ( ) Extemp R4: | 3:15 – 4:45 |
| ( ) Debate R1: | 4:50 – 6:45 |
| ( ) Debate R2: | 6:50 – 9:00 |

**Saturday, April 3**

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| ( ) Debate R3: | 8:15 – 10:15  |
| ( ) Debate R4: | 10:20 – 12:15 |
| ( ) Debate R5: | 12:20 – 2:15  |
| ( ) Debate R6: | 2:20 – 4:15   |

**To sign up:**

1. go to Tabroom.com and create an account.
2. Click on your email address in the upper right side of the screen.
3. Find "Offer Hired Judging Rounds" under "Judging" in the panel on the right side of the screen.
4. Then search for the "Sagebrush District Tournament."
5. Click the "Judge Sign-up" tab and select a category: "Live (Online) Judging" and/or "Speech- Asynch Judging."
6. For the live judging, please select the time blocks you are available to judge.
7. In the Special Requests/notes section, please list the names of students you KNOW and CANNOT judge.

\*If you are signing up for both asynch & live, please make sure you have entered both pools.

**On the days of the tournament, please log into Tabroom, and navigate to the "Jude Pool" video icon. Join that room & we will assign rounds to you from there.**