

**Southern Wisconsin NSDA  
District Tournament – NSDA Campus**

**Congressional Debate: March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Speech Events: March 20<sup>th</sup>**

All Southern Wisconsin NSDA member schools are invited to enter and participate in the **Southern Wisconsin NSDA District Tournament** on the above dates. Qualifiers to the National Tournament will be based on actual entries competing in each event. We have two qualifiers in each speech division.

Schools must have any student membership fee balance paid for prior to the tournament or bring a check to cover any outstanding balance the day of the tournament. This is an NSDA policy – if the school has ANY outstanding balance with the NSDA on the day of competition, it must either be paid, or the school may not compete.

**Procedures and Deadlines for Entry:**

1. **ASAP-** Enter NSDA points for students on [speechanddebate.org](http://speechanddebate.org). For students to be eligible to compete, they must have 25 or more NFL points and an active student account at [speechanddebate.org](http://speechanddebate.org).
2. **Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** - All Legislation must be submitted in the correct format on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). Maximum 2 per school, however a school can submit additional legislation for a reserve docket to be available for debate only after main docket legislation has been addressed. The legislation also must be original work of the student submitting it. The committee reserves the right to remove repetitive legislation or legislation that does not meet the NSDA requirements. **Please see attachment regarding legislation policies for NSDA. If it is not in the correct format, coaches will be given 48 hours to correct.**
3. **Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm** - Enter all competitors online at: **tabroom.com**. After registration, please print the appropriate document on the “NSDA Forms” tab. Fees and judging obligations are locked as of this time. This means if you have drops on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, your entry fees and judge obligations will stay the same.  
Students can double enter in individual events but must complete a letter of intent (found on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com)). If a student competed in a debate qualifier, they cannot double enter in two speech events (they can only do one).
4. **Prior to the first round of competition** - Official Paperwork must be emailed to the District Chair, Stephanie King, prior to the first round. Students CANNOT compete without signed entry forms in hand.

**Note:** this official entry should match your online entry, except for any late drops/changes. A complete entry will include all the following; A) all necessary entry forms for Congress and IE, B) Interp selection bibliography\* (if completed on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com), that is sufficient), C) Double Entry “Letter of Intent” for any students who are double entered, (NOTE: Oratory/Informative

Manuscripts\*\* are not required to be submitted. However, if a challenge is raised, you must be able to produce it on-site).

\*Contestants are not eligible to compete in Interpretation unless the following information is supplied for each entry. The Original source of the Interpretation selection (or microfilm or fiche) must be available at the tournament in case of protest. Only one selection, the listed selection, may be performed in each tournament category. It shall be the affirmative duty of each coach and each student entered in NSDA Interpretation contests to determine absolutely that the cutting being performed meets NSDA rules. Plus include full MLA citation. (See NSDA Appendices)

\*\*Not more than 150 words of the oration may be direct quotation from any other speech or writing and such quotations must be identified in a printed copy of the oration supplied prior to registration. Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. The script must identify the quoted materials, state the number of quoted words, include a work cited page in A.P.A. or M.L.A. format, and both the orator and the coach must attest by signature that the oration is the original work of the contestant.

5. Please review the tournament manual and documentation. **This includes confirming IE pieces follow the NSDA rules.** It is your obligation to review the rules with your students. Please read the attached manual carefully. Letters of Intent can be found on the tabroom site. Please contact Stephanie King if you have questions about tournament operations, documentation required, etc.

### **Fees:**

#### **Congress Fees:**

\$75 Per School: This covers tournament hired judges. Schools do not have a judge obligation. This fee ensures unaffiliated judges for the whole night.

\$10 Per Student: This is the entry fee for the student.

If you have judges to recommend for hire – who you know to be unaffiliated with our district schools, send their names and email addresses to Stephanie King at [stephak88@yahoo.com](mailto:stephak88@yahoo.com).

#### **Saturday IE Tournament Fees:**

\$25 per entry, plus either:

A. One qualified judge for EVERY entry.

B. \$125 judge fee for each missing judge. Please request hired judges no later than March 13<sup>th</sup>, as late requests for judges CANNOT be easily accommodated

If you can bring a judge that is clean, that will count as bringing two judges. A clean judge is someone who does not personally know, coach, or is affiliated with any students or schools/coaches at the tournament. An alum of your school is NOT clean for your school unless they have been out of high school for four or more years without coaching or knowing any students on the team. Please notify Stephanie at [stephak88@yahoo.com](mailto:stephak88@yahoo.com) if you believe you have a clean judge.

If you have judges to recommend for hire – especially those who you know to be unaffiliated with competing schools, send their names and email addresses to [stephak88@yahoo.com](mailto:stephak88@yahoo.com). Extra judges mean the day will go much faster and smoother. As most of our fees go to hire extra judges, providing extra judges can also offset fees; email Stephanie for details.

**Judge training requirement:** If someone is in the first two years of judging, they must complete the Adjudicating Speech and Debate training (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/adjudicating-speech-and-debate>). This roughly takes 1.5 hours. If someone has judged more than two years, they must complete the Cultural Competence training (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/2019-cultural-competence-course>). This roughly takes a half hour. Both trainings were created by the NFHS and NSDA jointly. Coaches will be notified if there are judges registered who have not completed the training.

**Make Checks Payable To: Southern Wisconsin District**

Mail to: Stephanie King  
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Milwaukee, WI 53222

**Schedules**  
**Congress Qualifier, Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Location:** Online via NSDA Campus

**Registration:** 3:00-3:30pm

**Session I Senate and Houses:**

Docketing committees will meet at 3:45

4:00-6:00 pm Session I

**Dinner Break:** 6:00-6:30pm

**Senate session II and Congress Supersession:** 6:30-8:30 pm

Brief award ceremony to follow via zoom.

We need a minimum of six school represented in the Senate. We need a minimum of 16 students represented in the House. The Senate will have two qualifiers. The number of qualifiers in the House will be at least two, possibly more depending on the number registered.

LEGISLATION FOR NATIONALS

The request by the National Office is to send 2 items, preferably one Bill and one Resolution. If any coaches have thoughts about which items we should forward on (either just the names of bills or specific discussion) please let Stephanie King know by March 19<sup>th</sup> so we can select our submissions.

**Individual Events Qualifier, Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Location:** Online via NSDA Campus (Duo see below)

Will be synchronous performances. Coaches may submit a link to an asynchronous performance using this form: <https://forms.gle/k1YK2okyimy35uRQ8>

Please note, the asynchronous performance videos will only be utilized in case of technology issues that cannot be fixed (similar to NSDA Nationals procedure). The district committee will not require the asynchronous videos and thus will not specifically remind coaches to submit them. Any video submissions must be uploaded prior to Rd 1 beginning.

**Duo:** Duo will be asynchronous with a split screen. This means that even if the Duo partners live in the same house, they must be in separate rooms on a split screen for their recording. Duo video links should be submitted on tabroom.com.

Pairing procedure – Each event will have three preliminary rounds and then break to elimination rounds if the numbers require it. Preliminary rounds will have two judges per section that are independent evaluators of the round. Elimination rounds will have three judge per section.

If there are less than 8 entries, there is no elimination round and the preliminary rounds decide the qualifiers.

If there are 8 or more entries, 25% of the event will clear to elimination rounds. If 25% is less than 4 entries, a minimum of 4 entries will advance. If 25% is more than 8 entries, the event will break to a semifinal round.

Based on number of entries in each event at the close of registration, the start times of events may be staggered to maximize judges. This means some events may have rounds off built in during the day.

**Extemp draw must be live.** This means that extemp students should be able to access a zoom room and keep their camera on during the prep process.

***A schedule will be released once it is finalized.***

### **World's Debate:**

The NSDA is offering World's Debate again. To be eligible a student must compete in at least one event (debate, speech, interp, congress) and not qualify. Being a "debater" is not a prerequisite- the USA Debate team includes students to identify as extempers and orators as well. A student may prefer World Schools debate on their Letter of Intent form.

We will be using a "method B" for selection- an open application process for any students. While the team (or teams if there is enough interest for us to request a second team) is a "district team" of 3-5 students the costs of the trip (registration, judge, travel, school approved chaperone) must be covered by the participating students or their schools.

Students must also be willing to commit to a preparation schedule in May and early June, so those needing to dedicate time to AP tests, finals, and NCFL prep should consider whether they have time to commit an additional event, as missing practice or not contributing to research is unfair to both those not selected and their teammates.

IF INTERESTED please email [stephak88@yahoo.com](mailto:stephak88@yahoo.com) with the names of all interested students along with a summary of their forensics/debate history/accomplishments, and what strengths they would bring to the team by March 26<sup>th</sup>.

If multiple students from a school apply and spaces are limited, their coach may be asked the order in which they would select them for the team.