

## South Oregon NSDA District Tournament

It's time once again to test ourselves and decide who will represent our district at Nationals in June! This year, you will notice several changes to our "normal." Please check over this invitation carefully and email or call me with questions.

### Participant Requirements:

Both schools and competitors must be members of the NSDA 7 days prior to the tournament date. The number of entries allowed is based on the formula as of that date, which you can find by clicking on the District Info tab in your NSDA Account. Big Question (BQ) and World Schools have unlimited entries. Note that all competitors in the BQ qualifier must also be NSDA members.

### Entries Required per Qualifier (updated for 2021 only):

This is for IE/Debate. Congress remains the same

National Qualifying Level	2 Qualifiers	3 Qualifiers	4 Qualifiers
Level 2	At least 4 entries	10 entries	20 entries

### Student of the Year:

Each school attending the NSDA tournaments may nominate one senior for the honor of South Oregon District Student of the Year. Please complete this [form](#) available on the NSDA website. All submissions are due March 8th to the Speech and Debate portion of the series.

### Coach of the Year:

Please use this [link](#) to nominate a South Oregon Speech Coach for the honor. This is due March 8th.

Fees:

NO school fee

\$5.00 per entry

Judging fees: \$15 per uncovered speech, debate (including BQ) entry

Please make checks payable to:

South Oregon NSDA

c/o Marshfield High School

10th & Ingersoll

Coos Bay, OR 97420

**If you owe fees to NSDA National, please be sure you this is paid a week prior to the start of the tournament.**

Judging:

Please bring qualified judges with you.

- Congress, Speech and Debate Expectations: 1-6 entries: 1 judge, 7-12 entries: 2 judges, 13+ entries: 3 judges (congress judges may wind up judging BQ if they are affiliated with a team).
- BQ Expectations are 1 judge per 2 entries.
- Coaches are expected to judge. Please make yourself available for all rounds your students advance to, plus 1 round after. For both judging and official reasons, please check with the tournament director if you need to leave for any reason.

Committee Members:

Kayla Crook, Marshfield High School, Chair  
Brandon Johnson, South Albany High School  
Caroline Campbell, South Medford High School  
Kristen Sullivan, Crater High School  
Jan Pizzo, Summit High School

## Congress

Date: March 11-12

Register by: Monday, March 7 at 8:00 p.m.

Qualifiers: Top 2 in the Senate, and top 4 in the house (6 if we have 59 or more entered).

Temporary Chairs: Please email me requests by the date of registration, March 5.

New Rules:

The House will have a preliminary session (2 or 3 chambers are likely), breaking to a final chamber from which the national qualifiers will be determined.

Legislation:

Each school should upload up to 2 pieces of legislation by Noon on March 1. When you send legislation, please indicate if you would like it to be used for prelims or finals (which only really matters in the House). That legislation will be posted on this website, and then placed on the docket in each chamber. Any speaker from your school may present the authorship speech in the chamber. One of those bills will be selected to represent South Oregon at the National Tournament. Any legislation I receive after March 1 at Noon will not be considered a school bill and will not be posted, though individual speakers may submit legislation from the floor (it will be eligible for debate after the school bills). Please carefully write and format school bills. Click [here](#) for templates. Bills should be the original work of the school. *The committee reserves the right to reject improper legislation.*

Judging:

1. Congress: We will need a total of 3 people to judge in each chamber (9 total). If you have no speaker in a chamber, you may be asked to be a scorer or parliamentarian. If you think you can bring a scorer or parliamentarian, please notify Kayla Crook. As per the NSDA, we must use *unaffiliated judges* in each chamber.

## 2. General Notes:

1. Students will qualify in Congress based on Judge Ranking.
2. Please note that speakers who have already qualified in Congress will be allowed to compete, and perhaps even qualify, in the Speech and Debate qualifiers.
3. If you have students who choose to compete in the Congress and a speech or debate event, you need to have a completed [Single Entry Letter of Intent](#) for each (yes, even if they have no real chance of going).
4. During the congress, we will have coaches create our World School qualifier rankings.

## **Asynchronous Speech/Debate/Extemp**

Asynchronous Date: March 8-13

Debate: March 13

Extemp: March 12

Register by: March 7th at 5:00 pm

Asynchronous Video Links DUE: March 8th at 5 pm

Limits: 4 per event up to your NSDA limits based on Chapter Strength (see [speechanddebate.org](http://speechanddebate.org))

Qualifiers: Top 2 in all events, Top 3 if we meet 10 entries in team events or solo events

### Entry Policies:

1. Solo or Partnered events each count as 1 entry.
2. Team limits are based on your Chapter Strength. Log in to your account on [speechanddebate.org](http://speechanddebate.org), then check District Info under your school name on the left.
3. No competitor may enter more than 2 speech/debate events plus congress (3 total).

4. Double Entry Policy: NSDA does not allow double entry at the national tournament, but does allow each district to set its own rules regarding double entry. This is ours:
  - A. A competitor may enter only 1 team event, and a student who qualifies in that event must attend Nationals in that event *unless* the competitor enters a duo and a debate with the same partner. Both partners must list their events in the same order on their [Single Entry Letter of Intent](#).
  - B. We will follow the NSDA policy regarding competitors who both qualify in an individual and a team event.
  - C. A competitor may enter any combination of two different events except U.S. Extemp and Foreign Extemp, or more than one type of debate (Policy, PF and LD).
  - D. All students are allowed to enter Student Congress, regardless of participation in this tournament (potentially giving them a "third" event).
  - E. Big Questions and Worlds entries are not part of this formula and do not count against entry in other events.

Oratory, Informative Entries: Prior to March 8, create and share a copy of the speech through Google Docs with SouthOregonNSDA@gmail.com. Please upload a signed copy of the script with any quoted words highlighted. By signing, you and your competitor testify that it is the original work of the student. We encourage all coaches to be pro-active and verify this is advance.

Interpretation Event Entries: Please upload a signed copy of the script with any quoted words highlighted. You must also present a copy of the original source material and have it with you throughout the tournament. Digital material must meet the current NSDA digital publication guidelines.

Proof of Publication: All interpretation material must be published according to the rules found in the Competition Events Guide. BE SURE YOU HAVE RECORDED YOUR PUBLICATION INFO IN TABROOM.

## Big Questions Debate

Location: Online

Date: 4/3

Register by: 3/27

Qualifiers: 1 in Big Question

Entries Allowed: 4 BQ

1. All entries in Big Question must be NSDA members.
2. In the event a qualifier in BQ also qualifies in an NSDA main event, they must relinquish their BQ slot.

### Big Question Notes:

1. We are scheduled for 6 total rounds, including finals. If entries warrant it, we will add an extra round and go longer in the evening. This will be a traditional bracket with elimination rounds.
2. All entries in BQ are solo (no partners).
2. Only our top qualifier will be eligible for the National Tournament.
3. Schools must provide a judge for their competitor at Nationals. You cannot "buy out" of judging BQ at the National tournament.
4. District BQ qualifiers are not eligible for the Templeton grant dollars.

## World Schools Debate

There will be no debate competition in WSD. Nominations will be the only way onto the WSD team. Use this [Nomination Form](#).

We will use our traditional nomination and discussion process to determine all members of the South Oregon WSD team. All nominees must have a WSD Nomination form completed by March 8th, whether completed by the student or the coach. Anyone who is placed on the WSD nomination list through the online form will be ranked first by the school's coach. All district coaches will have access to the applications of nominees prior to the district congress where all available coaches will discuss and tier the candidates.

Please check out the South Oregon WSD [expectations](#) prior to registering in this event.

Time and interest permitting, we will organize an afternoon WSD workshop and scrimmage for congress and BQ competitors who have been eliminated in the morning.

## South Oregon National Qualifiers Schedule

### Thursday, March 11

4:00 Congress and Judge Orientation and Swearing In

4:30 Session One Senate and House

7:30 End of Session One Senate and House

Tournament reserves the right to move times forward if needed.

### Friday, March 12

8:30 Congress Check In

9:00 Congress Session 2-- Supercongress and Senate

12:00 End of Session Two of Congress

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Extemp Draw

1:30 Extemp Rd 1

2:30 Extemp Draw

3:00 Extemp Rd 2

4:30 Extemp Draw

5:00 Extemp Rd 3

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Saturday, March 13

8:00 Judge orientation

8:30 Round I PF and LD Debate (not flighted if possible)

10:00 Round II PF and LD Debate (not flighted if possible)

11:30 Extemp Draw

12:00 Extemp Finals

1:00 Round III PF and LD Debate (not flighted if possible)

2:30 Round IV PF and LD Debate (not flighted if possible)

4:00 Semi-finals PF and LD

5:30 Finals PF and LD

7:00 Awards

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