

Southern California District NSDA 2021 District Qualifying Tournaments

Speech and Debate Events: March 20-21 on Tabroom/NSDA Campus Online
Student Congress: April 10 at Tabroom/NSDA Campus Online

Schools who are chartered and affiliated with the Southern California District of the NSDA are cordially invited to enter and participate in the **Southern California District Tournament**. The tournament will be held online through Tabroom and NSDA Campus. Qualifiers to the National Tournament will be based on actual entries competing in each event. This year our District, so long as a minimum number of entries is met, will qualify 4 in most events. The District's level for next year will be determined by the number of degrees our District has this year. Please enter all of your NFL points soon. The number of spots that your school is allowed is determined by the entry deadline of each tournament.

Procedures and Deadlines for Entry:

Schools must complete online entry and paper entry (which will then be uploaded online).

1. Enter all competitors online at **www.tabroom.com**, which will be accepting entries starting February 20. If you have not previously used this entry site, click on the "Create a New Account" link and register your school. Next, click on the link to "Tournaments" and then find the Southern California District Tournament. All students and judges will also need to have a Tabroom account that is linked to your school. Competitor entry on the tournament website should be done by coaches only, and coaches are responsible for meeting all entry limitations and requirements. Online entry deadline is Monday, March 15 at 8:00 pm for the IE/Debate tournament and Monday, April 5 at 8:00 pm for the Congress tournament.

2. You may record drops online without paying a penalty until 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 17 for IE/Debate and until 8:00 pm on Wednesday, April 7 for Congress. Any drops after these deadlines will still be charged a full entry fee.

3. There will be no Official Paper entry this year, but there will be some online forms that must be printed, signed, scanned and uploaded to the tournament site by 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 17 for IE/Debate and by 8:00 pm on Wednesday, April 7 for Congress.

A complete entry will include all of the following:

- A) School Consent Forms (available under "NSDA Forms" tab on registration site),
- B) Proof of NFL membership for all contestants,
- C) Single Entry Letters of Intent (available under "NSDA Forms" tab on registration site),

In addition, all entry fees and outstanding fees with NSDA must be paid by these deadlines.

4. Tournament manuals for the IE/Debate tournament and the Student Congress tournament are available to all NSDA members on the speechanddebate.org website. In the "District" section, you will find the link to "Tournament Manual".

IE/Debate

March 20-21 Tabroom/NSDA Campus Online

All Debate and both Extemporaneous events will be live/synchronous.

All prepared Speech events (DI, HI, Duo, OO, Inform, and POI) will have asynchronous prelims and live/synchronous outrounds.

Events: Policy Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate
Original Oratory, Foreign Extemp, United States Extemp, Dramatic Interpretation,
Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation and
Informative. We will also host a division of Big Question Debate.

Student Congress

April 10 Tabroom/NSDA Campus Online

Events: Student Congress (House/Senate)

Fees: All NSDA dues and outstanding NSDA charges must be paid, to NSDA, before any school may participate. District dues (the \$50.00 tournament fee) and event entry fees must also be paid, to the Southern California District (Information below). No student may compete without the required fees being paid. Itemized tournament fees:

- School Membership fee: \$50.00 (one annual payment of \$50 included with your entry fees)
- Policy Debate (per team) \$40.00
- Public Forum (per team) \$30.00
- Lincoln-Douglas \$25.00
- Big Question Debate \$25.00
- IEs \$10.00
- Duo \$20.00
- Congress \$10.00

For accounting purposes, all schools should be making a single payment (not having students/families send checks/pay individually). Please make checks payable to:

“Southern California Speech League, NSDA”

And send to: Gregg Osborn
6540 Green Gables Ct.
San Diego, CA 92119

I will also be working on an online payment method. More information to follow.

Judges: Each school must provide one qualified adult judge for every five (5) IE entries and one qualified adult judge for every two (2) debate entries. On the Congress weekend, each school must provide one qualified adult judge for every five (5) Congress entries. Your judges **MUST** be available to judge **THROUGHOUT** the tournament. You must meet your judging commitment on Saturday as well as all day Sunday. It is imperative that you meet your commitment, as we will be using two judges in each of the preliminary rounds of IEs. Please make every effort to bring qualified judges. If your team does not have the required number of judges, your entry will be reduced. Schools entering in debate must bring debate qualified judges.

Student Congress: This one-day event will be held on April 10, separate from the other District Tournament. Congress entries are independent from the formula used to determine all other entries. Tabroom will let you know the number of entries you are allowed. You may also check the NSDA Congress Manual to determine your Student Congress entries. (See page 60 of the District Tournament Operations Manual) Our district must have at least 8 schools willing to participate in the Senate to seat a Senate. The number of chambers of the House will depend on the number of entries. We need at least 16 competitors in the House to seat two chambers.

Congress legislation will be available no later than March 27 on the Tabroom website.

If your school would like to submit legislation for consideration for use in this year's tournament, please email a copy of the bill to the District Chair by March 20. (gosborn@helixcharter.net)

Rules: The NSDA pilot format will be used for individual events and debate. For individual events, there will be 3 preliminary rounds and we will break a number of competitors to be determined by the District Committee to break rounds. For Debate, there will be 4 preliminary rounds and all undefeated and one loss teams will break to a double elimination bracket. Rules for events are available in the [NSDA District Tournament Operations Manual](#). Please read all rules in the manual before coming to the tournament. Violations of the rules may result in disqualification. Each coach is responsible for adhering to the rules and seeing that his/her students and judges are also aware of them. The following are some important notes:

1. Each coach must check the NSDA membership for each student listed on the entry.. *(Note: the NSDA only credits degrees for your students who have officially registered and joined online. They will have a blue check mark in the "Districts Eligible" column.)*
2. A school may enter no more than the maximum number listed on the Chapter Entries Formula from the Tournament Manual. If qualified, a school may enter up to two bonus entries.
3. Each school may, within their maximum number, enter no more than four debate teams, four Public Forum teams, four Lincoln Douglas competitors, four Big Question debaters, four Duo teams and four competitors in each Individual Event.
4. A student may double enter in the IE/Debate tournament with the following restrictions:
 - A student may only enter one team/partnership event.
 - A student entered in one of the two extemporaneous events may not enter in another IE.

All students double entering must declare in advance in which event they will attend nationals. This declaration must be uploaded to Tabroom by the deadline listed above. Students who qualify in a team/partnership event and a solo event MUST attend nationals in the team/partnership event unless both members have qualified in a solo event and have indicated on the "Letter of Intent" that they prefer their solo event. Finally, since Student Congress is held at a different time and location, it may be a student's third event. Remember, a school's number of congress entries is determined independently of debate and IE entries.

If a student prefers to be considered for a spot on one of the district World Schools teams, they may/must mark that on their Letter of Intent form. This year our District will be allowed to field 3 World Schools teams.

6. We will not be collecting manuscripts this year. However, all students and coaches are responsible for ensuring that the speeches following all NSDA rules can be accessed in the [NSDA High School Unified Manual](#) (check rules for events, updates are highlighted). In addition, Interp source material and properly cited Original event manuscripts must be available at the District tournament in the event of a protest.

7. We will feature Big Question Debate at this year's qualifying tournament. However, all entries must be single student only and each school is limited to only four (4) entries.

8. Debate Topics:

Team 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.
Lincoln Douglas	Resolved: The United States ought to guarantee universal child care.
Public Forum	Resolved: On balance, the benefits of creating the United States Space Force outweigh the harms.
Big Questions	Resolved: Mathematics was discovered, not invented.

10. We are able to send three (3) World School Debate Teams to Nationals. As they have in the past, the first alternates in Public Forum Debate, LD Debate, International Extemp, US Extemp will all receive spots on the teams, with some of the remaining participants chosen from a list of applicants submitted by coaches. The process for submitting applications will be sent. As we have an extra team this year, the District Committee will be discussing how the extra spots will be filled.

11. This year, the District Committee will be reaching out to coaches to work as tournament staff. For all other coaches, you are welcome to judge to meet your requirement. As not all coaches will be part of the tournament staff, there will be a coaches' review posted directly after the preliminary rounds.

As the tournaments approach, we will send out more information regarding further logistics of the tournament (submission of videos for asynchronous events, accessing Tabroom and NSDA, Campus, etc...).

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me via telephone or email. It makes for a much smoother tournament if we work to resolve any problems in advance of the tournament. I look forward to seeing you at the tournament and I hope you will join my effort to provide a memorable competitive experience.

Look forward to seeing you and your teams,
Gregg Osborn
Southern California District Chair
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619-840-6076

Southern California IE/Debate Qualifier

Saturday, March 21

Registration	9:00-9:30 am
Debate 1:	9:30-11:15 am (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Draw 1:	11:15 am
IE 1:	11:30-1:00 pm (DX, FX, DI, HI, Duo, OO, POI, Inf)
Lunch Break	1:00-1:30
Debate 2:	1:30-3:15 pm (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Draw 2:	3:15 pm
IE 2:	3:30-5:00 pm (DX, FX, DI, HI, Duo, OO, POI, Inf)
Debate 3:	5:00-6:45 pm (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Dinner Break	6:45-7:15
Draw 3:	7:15 pm
IE 3:	7:30-9:00 pm (DX, FX, DI, HI, Duo, OO, POI, Inf)

Sunday, March 22

Debate 4:	8:30 – 10:15 am (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Draw Semis:	10:15 am
IE Semis:	10:30-12:00 n (DX, FX, DI, HI, Duo, OO, POI, Inf)
Lunch Break	12:00-12:30 pm
Debate Qtrts/Octas:	12:30-1:45 pm (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Draw Finals:	1:45 pm
IE Finals:	2:00-3:30 pm (DX, FX, DI, HI, Duo, OO, POI, Inf)
Debate Semis/Qtrts:	3:30- 4:45 pm (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Debate Finals/Semis:	4:45-6:00 pm (CX, LD, PuFo, Big Question)
Debate Finals:	6:00-7:00 pm (if needed)
	***Given the nature of double elimination brackets, more rounds will be added as necessary.
Awards	8:00pm or earlier if possible

Southern California Congress Qualifier

Saturday, March 28

Registration	8:30-9:00 am
Session 1:	9:00 am
Lunch Break	12:00-12:30 pm
Session 2:	12:30 pm
Finals/Session 3:	4:00 pm (if needed)
Awards	ASAP