

District Congress Tournament - Feb 20, 2021 Tabroom.com

Dockets -

<u>District Congress Docket - 2021</u>

Chambers -

- Senate
 - In order to convene a Senate, we must have 8 schools participate in each district
 - 1st student entry must go in the Senate
 - o Additional entries are evenly distributed across House chambers
- House
 - There must be 8 entries from each district to convene a House chamber
 - o If there are more than 15 entries in each district we may convene 2 House chambers
 - o 16-29 entries = 2 House qualifiers
 - \circ 30 54 = 4 House qualifiers

Entries -

- Each school may enter up to two students in the Senate chamber
- Schools have a designated allocation of entries for the House chambers. A coach
 can check their number slots on the NSDA site by clicking on their district from their
 School Profile page.

Registration -

- We will be using Speechwire.com for registration and tabbing of all District Tournaments
- Registration will open on Feb 4
- Please submit your entries by Feb 15______

Fees -

• Entry fees are waived for this year's tournaments

Eligibility -

- Participation is open to schools who have registered and paid dues to NSDA prior to the start of the tournament
- Students must be paid members (having earned 25 points) prior to the district tournament entry deadline. All necessary fees must be submitted to the national office by this deadline.
- Students must be officially registered as an NSDA member user with a valid, unique email address on the organization website.
- Tip: In the days ahead, only add new NSDA members that are competing at this meet and pay promptly. Consider adding other new NSDA members after the 20th to avoid having to reconcile outstanding charges at the Congress meet.

Judges -

- You must supply one judge to cover your Congress entries
- Please remember that District Congress is happening at the same location as an invitational speech tournament. You must meet the judging requirements for each tournament independently (i.e., your speech judges don't count towards Congress, and your Congress judges don't count towards the speech tournament).

Tournament Structure -

- Chambers will be rotating Presiding Officers per bill, please review the procedures and responsibilities of the PO with your students prior to the competition
- NSDA Pilot Rules for Congress have been adopted into the <u>Unified Manual</u>