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Salt Lake NCFL Qualifier

This tournament will be held on NSDA Campus.

Debate, Individual Events, and Congressional Debate Tournament
The Juan Diego Catholic High School Speech and Debate Team invites you to the Salt Lake NCFL Qualifier. The tournament is on February 19th and 20th. Debate and Congress will begin on the 19th, IE's will begin on the 20th. Please see below for information on double entering.

First and Second in each event will qualify to compete at this year's NCFL Grand National Tournament. Below you will find important information for specifics of the tournament. **Very important information is highlighted.**

TOPICS

MARCH topics will be used for LD and PF

EVENTS AND RULES

To the extent it is possible, the tournament will follow rules and guidelines as established by the NCFL **with the exception of Congress (see below)**. **It is the responsibility of the team coach to ensure entries to the NCFL qualifier abide by NCFL rules. The tournament director and league moderator do NOT review entries unless a question is raised during the qualifier.** At that point, the director or moderator will only determine if an entry can continue competition at the qualifier. The NCFL rules and guidelines can be found here: <http://www.ncfl.org/NCFLnew/pages/ncfl-events.html>. Please read the documents titled "master ballot" and "critique sheet" for more details.

There is one exception to qualifying events - Impromptu is offered at this tournament but it is **not** eligible for NCFL qualification. This is to provide students an opportunity to get practice in the event in preparation for region and state tournaments.

Declamation -

This event is STRICTLY 9th and 10th grade competitors. Do not register 11th or 12th grade students. Just. Don't.

Oral Interpretation of Literature

According to the NCFL, students in oral interpretation of literature will alternate between prose and poetry. For this reason, expect the following format for that event:

round 1 - poetry

round 2 - prose

round 3 - poetry

round 4 - prose

Final round (if necessary) - Poetry

2021- as this will be an asynchronous event, please have your students record their poetry and then prose pieces as ONE RECORDING with a very clear visual indication they are moving to the new piece. IE break out a massive poster board and write "POETRY" on one side and "PROSE" on the other and have it in the background, flipping it to prose when they move to the other piece. Judges will be given instructions to find the correct piece for the round we are on.

If your student's recording makes it difficult -- it may impact their scores and I will have no way of knowing that was the reason behind the score.

Congressional Debate

For congress, we will follow normal Utah conventions for running the chambers. In other words, we will not adopt the NCFL standards mentioned on their website.

QUALIFICATION AND ELIMINATION IN DEBATE

In the interest of advancing the tournament and accomplishing our goal of determining qualifiers, we will do things a little different in debate. Be sure to take note:

- We will eliminate debaters after two losses after round three and each subsequent round
- After five rounds, undefeated debaters will qualify outright
 - In the event that there are more undefeated teams than there are qualifying spots, speaker points will be used to determine undefeated qualifiers and order of alternates
- Subsequent rounds will take place to determine the remaining qualifiers and alternates. These rounds will have a three judge panel
- Debaters eliminated on Friday can sign up to do IEs on Saturday, effectively giving them another opportunity to qualify
- These rules will be changed and adapted if the size of the tournament necessitates doing so. Remember, the goal is 1. determine out who gets to go to the Grand Tournament and 2. have a good, pre-state competition.

CONGRESS DOCKET

Congress Docket will be announced closer to the tournament. It will come from NSDA Congress Bills.

SCHEDULE

The official schedule will be posted in Tabroom based on entries. Ideally, debate rounds begin 4:00 on Friday and run every 90 minutes with LD and PF double-flighted. Saturday rounds will

begin 8:30 (again, ideally) with extemp draw starting at 8:00 -- the run time for rounds on Saturday is entirely dependent upon entries, so I hesitate to make a call on this right now. The blessing here is that we are usually waiting around for Oratory, which will run asynchronously. I imagine it will be Extemp we are waiting on.

All of that to say, schedule will be posted on Tabroom and I will email it out as well.

DOUBLE ENTRY PROTOCOL

~~Students doing IEs can enter in no more than two events.~~ **For 2021, we are removing the 2 IE entry rule. However, the trade off here is that your student will need to declare their intended event within 24 hours of being notified they qualify for the Grand Tournament. This is NOT a commitment to go - rather if they qualify for Oratory and are an alternate in Declamation, they will need to declare what event they intend to compete in at GT if they decide to go within 24 hours of the tournament. This makes a HUGE difference for me notifying coaches.**

Students doing congress cannot do debate events.

Another weird part - Debaters cannot enter in speech, however, if they are eliminated after three rounds on Friday, they can enter in a speech event for Saturday. ~~DO NOT register for IE's until you have been eliminated on Friday.~~ *******If your debater is scheduled for rounds on Saturday, they will NOT be allowed to drop out of debate to be entered into Speech events***** For 2021, I would ask that you DO enter any debate and async IE entries. Do NOT enter debate and synchronous entries. A Debate entry CAN be added Friday night to a desired synchronous IE event IF AND ONLY IF they are eliminated from debate. I will NOT drop a debate entry and add them to a synchronous IE event.**

FEES

~~School Fee \$30~~

~~Entry fees are \$4. Duo teams, PF teams, and policy teams are \$8.~~

~~Drops after March 5th at 5 pm \$10~~

~~Judge No Show Fee \$10 per round~~

~~Uncovered Judge \$60 per day~~

For 2021

There will be NO School Fee

Congress, LD, PF, and Policy - \$4 per person (that makes PF and CX \$8 per team)

Asych IE's - \$2 per entry (Interp - HI/DI, Duo, OI, Dec, Oratory)

Synch IE's - \$4 (EXT, IMP)

Judges are ALWAYS an issue. I am sincerely hoping, given the online platform, having sufficient judges will not be an issue. However, *If you are missing judges (either you do not have sufficient judges entered OR you have judges entered that do not exist at the tournament) your entries will be dropped. Please only enter actual judges who will be 'present' at the tournament.* It's always a terribly awkward conversation the day of the tournament, if you need to hire judges let me know in advance and I will try to utilize the JD Parent Association or Alumni.

TABULATION AND SCORING

Competitors will be ranked. The ratings system (S,E, G, F) will not be used.

Competitors will all be ranked, with no ties. This also means that there will be no ties for 5th place.

The tournament director will determine who advances to finals and semi-finals based on cumulative ranks from preliminary rounds.

Finals rounds will be judged by a panel of three judges, except where entry in the event is fewer than 14 total entries.

All IE Events will have at least 3 rounds with a final round as necessary.

AWARDS

There will be awards for all debaters qualifying for nationals and impromptu speakers in the final round. These will be mailed to your school.

JUDGES

IE and Congress Judges

One judge is required for every eight entries or portion thereof.

Policy

One judge is required for every two entries in each event or portion thereof.

LD and PF

One judge is required for every four entries

FOOD

We wish you well with your endeavors to acquire food this year.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Yes.

Random 2021 Things

I am living dangerously and putting this at the bottom. If I have forgotten anything on this invite, please email me. I will do my best to get all important information out as quickly as possible, however I am human and things slip through the cracks.

NCFL hopes to hold the Grand Tournament in person this year, but does have a plan to move online if that becomes necessary

I cannot check all the links for IE's - please make sure the links you enter are for the correct student AND that the link is accessible

Let's all think happy 2021-22 thoughts for our debate community. This online thing has been a blessing and a curse, but I am more than ready to see all of you in person!!

I am probably missing information on here. Please tell me what you need and I will get it.

--Ashley