The 2021 Star Wars Classic
Student Congress Invitation Packet

Welcome, everyone to the 2021 Star War Classic. This will be an online tournament open to all students of any school. This is not an NSDA, NCFL, or state tournament. I want to personally thank everyone who will help me run the tournament. I want to also thank the Judges and competitors who will be involved with this tournament. We will be following NSDA rules and procedures.

<u>**Tournament Dates: May 1st-2nd, 2021**</u>
Tentative Schedule
(All times will be Eastern Standard Time Zone)

<u>Saturday, May 1st, 2021</u>
- ★ Note: Please try to be in your chamber 15 minutes before start time in order to work out any technical difficulties that may occur and go over any questions.

  - ★ 10:00 AM: Judge call
  - ★ 11:00 AM: Preliminary Session 1
  - ★ 2:00 PM: Preliminary Session 2
  - ★ 4:30 PM: Breaks to Semis
  - ★ 4:45 PM: Judge call for Semis
  - ★ 5:00 PM: Semifinal Session
  - ★ 9:00 PM: Breaks to Finals

<u>Sunday, May 2nd, 2021</u>
- ● Note: please be in your chamber 15 minutes beforehand to work out any technical difficulties

  - ★ 11:AM Judge Call
  - ★ 12:00 PM: Finals
  - ★ 4:00 PM: Awards Ceremony

- ❖ We will announce how long chambers will be once I know how many entries we have.

<u>Information about the Tournament:</u>

Entries Deadline: All competitor entries will be due by Wednesday April 28th, 2021, at 9:00 PM EST.

Competitor and Judge Must have the following in order to participate:
- ➔ Discord Account
- ➔ Tabroom Account
- ➔ Zoom Account (registered with their first name and last name)
- ➔ Computer/Laptop with charger

➔ Placard (we will be using a placard and the mute/unmute button to recognize speakers and questionnaires)
➔ Camera
➔ Speaker to secure stable audio (headphones and earplugs will work)
➔ Please Note that a suit is recommended but is not required for this tournament.

Rules & Procedure

a. Legislation Process/deadlines: This section is when legislation will be released and how the docket will be set.

➔ All prelim legislation will be due on Monday, April 19 at 9:00PM EST. Please email it to me at starwarscongresstab@gmail.com
   ◆ **PLEASE NOTE**: ALL competitors may submit up to 1 piece of legislation.
➔ The legislation packet will be released on Wednesday, April 21st by 9:00PM EST.
➔ Semi Finals and Finals bills will also be in the legislation packet. Topics are listed down below.
➔ The google doc discussion will be the only place where the final docket can be set. You can use the discord to discuss splits, presiding officers, etc. In addition, we will create a packet for all the bills that are going to be debated. Therefore, every competitor will only speak once for each preliminary round.
➔ The semifinal and final round will have two pieces of prewritten legislation which will allow all competitors to speak twice. Competitors may choose the order of legislation in elimination rounds.
➔ For Semis and Finals: Chambers are allowed to change the order that they want to debate the bills. This process will be done in the discord channels.
➔ Docket Discussion will be done in a google doc this year to allow for Tab to oversee the discussion.
➔ Bill for Semis and Finals will be released in the final bill packet.

b. Questioning Format: This section goes over types of questions allowed.

➔ Both Indirect and Direct questioning are allowed in all rounds. The chamber will choose which one they wish to use.
➔ All sessions will have a mandatory 2 minutes of questioning for the author/sponsor and the first negative speaker. All other speakers will have 1 minute of questioning. This may not be removed under any circumstances.

c. Parliamentary Procedure:

➔ Competitors will be referred to as "Representatives" in prelims and "Senators" in the breaking rounds.
➔ All other rules will follow NSDA parliamentary procedure and rules cannot be suspended under any circumstance.

d. Chambers Information:

➔ *All chambers will follow the same agenda. Chambers will be released by Friday*, April 23st by 9:00PM EST.

e. Presiding Officers:

➔ *Students will be allowed to be presiding officers for All Rounds.*

Competitor Registration:

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Semi-finals Topics:

- Climate Change

- Technology

Finals Topics:

- U.S Elections

- Covid-19

Tournament Director

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If you have any questions. Please email me at starwarsclassictab@gmail.com. Can't wait to see everyone again. As always, May the Fourth be with you.