

Gregory-Portland TFA/NIETOC

4601 Wildcat Drive, Portland, TX 78374

Greetings!

Gregory-Portland High School would like to cordially invite you to our annual TFA and NIETOC Qualifier being held **In-Person** on Saturday, October 30, 2021. The following packet includes important information for schools who are considering attending our tournament.

We will be offering all TFA events except World Schools Debate. We are pleased to offer novice divisions of Extemp, Poetry, and Prose. If a novice division does not make, it will be collapsed into its varsity counterpart. A novice is defined as a student in their first year of High school competition.

TFA rules and time limits will be used for all events.

Awards will be given to the top six finishers in each of the individual events and Congress. In debate, the top four finishers will receive awards. Sweepstakes trophies will be given to the three-highest ranking Schools.

We will not break brackets in Debate.

Pre-packaged boxed meals will be available for students to purchase. Check back for order forms as we get closer to the date.

To limit paper distribution, we will be utilizing online ballots from tabroom.com, please make sure that all coaches and school judges bring an electronic device with them. A few laptops will be available in the A116, should a judge need one.

Wifi will be provided for the duration of our tournament.

Judging Obligations are as follows:

- CX Debate- 1 Judge per 3 teams

- PF/LD Debate- 1 Judge per 4 teams

- Congress- 1 Judge per 10 entries

- IEs- 1 Judge per 10 entries

The fee for missing debate judges is \$125 and \$100 for missing IE Judges. All judges **MUST** have a tabroom account and **MUST** know how to utilize tabroom.

PLEASE NOTE THAT BY REGISTERING FOR THIS TOURNAMENT YOU AND YOUR SCHOOL ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR THIS IN PERSON TOURNAMENT. FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT!

1. Masks – Competitors and sponsors are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to wear masks when not competing.
2. Social Distancing – Every effort will be made to provide adequate social distancing for schools. We will do our best to section off tables for each school in the cafeteria. It is the expectation of schools to stay in their designated areas when not competing.
3. Schools should not bring students that are COVID positive or who have exhibited COVID symptoms within 7 days of the tournament.
4. Although not required by TEA, if a student does contract COVID after the tournament, the school should contact Salena Pereida (Gregory-Portland coach) so that appropriate contact tracing can be performed.
5. Meals – We will be having some form of concession for students. Boxed meals from Chick-fil-a or McAlister's will be available for purchase. We hope to secure a food truck on the day of contest but should schools not utilize the boxed meal option, it will be the sponsor's responsibility to acquire meals for their students. A hospitality room will be provided for coaches and judges only. We will do our best to ensure that this is a pre-packaged meal option as well.
6. There should be a school-approved chaperone with students at all times.
7. Cross-entries – Students in IEs may cross enter at their own risk. Students participating in CX may not cross enter in other events.

Thank you for your interest in our tournament! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at spereida@g-pisd.org or mobrien@g-pisd.org. We look forward to hosting y'all on October 30th!

Salena Pereida and Madison O'Brien

Tournament Sponsors

GREGORY-PORTLAND TFA SCHEDULE

7:00AM - REGISTRATION IN THE FOYER OF THE G-P THEATER

7:30 AM - EXTEMP DRAW

8:00 AM - FX, DX, NX, DUET, OO, POI PRELIMS

8:30 AM – CX Round 1

**9:30 AM - HI, PO, NPO, DUO PRELIMS
LD and PF Round 1**

9:30AM UNTIL 12:30 - CONGRESS PRELIMS

10:30 AM - CX Round 2

11:00 AM - DI, PR, NPR, INFO PRELIMS

11:30 AM - LD and PF Round 2

**12:30 PM – DUET, DUO, POI, OO SEMIS
CX Round 3**

1:30PM - EXTEMP DRAW

2:00 PM - FX, DX, NX, HI, PO, NPO SEMIS

2:30 PM – CX SEMIS

**3:30 PM - DI, PR, NPR, INFO SEMIS
LD and PF Round 3**

4:00PM TO 6:00PM - SUPER CONGRESS

**4:30 PM – DUET, DUO, POI, OO, NPO, PO FINALS
CX FINALS**

5:30 PM – EXTEMP DRAW

6:00 PM – FX, DX, NX, DI, PR, NPR, INFO FINALS

6:30 PM - LD QUARTERS and PF SEMIS

7:30 PM – LD SEMIS and PF FINALS

8:30 PM – LD FINALS

**WE WILL NOT BREAK BRACKETS IN DEBATE! ROUNDS WILL BE
ACCELERATED IF POSSIBLE!**