



## **Tarheel East District Speech Tournament**

On March 19th & 20th, the Tarheel East District will be holding the second portion of the NSDA District Tournament. We will be hosting the Speech Qualifier online via NSDA Campus & Tabroom.com. This tournament determines who competes in all Speech and Debate from our district at the NSDA National Tournament held in Louisville, Kentucky during June 12th through 17th, 2022.

Due to the nature of school entry limits, we ask that you update your students' NSDA points through the NSDA's Point Application at least 10 days prior to the tournament. Students must have a minimum of 25 NSDA points on record, as well as be registered individually through the NSDA website to be eligible to compete at the District Tournament.

Additionally, all fees must be paid with the NSDA prior to competing at the tournament. Any school with outstanding NSDA fees will not be allowed to compete until those fees are paid in full.

Registration will be held Friday evening via "Onsite Confirmation" and Zoom. This is in order to confirm that we have the most accurate representation of your competitors and judges. All of your paperwork will need to be organized and signed. Please help us begin on time by having this done ahead of time. (Paperwork is discussed in detail later in the document)

Each school must complete a District Tournament Registration Form. This form is automatically completed for you after you enter and complete your registration on Tabroom. This form must be fully completed, printed, signed, and turned into Crawford Leavoy by March 19th, 2022 (per NSDA rules).

Please send to:

Crawford Leavoy  
103 Nuttree Way  
Durham, NC, 27713

In accordance with new rule changes, we will permit changes to registrations after the seven day deadline, but the registration must be received by the March 18th date to insure entry into the tournament. All students and judges must be concurrently registered for the tournament on the Tabroom website as well. We must have both the electronic and hard copy version of your registration.

Please be sure to read the information on this website to ensure that you properly register.

Cordially,

Crawford Leavoy, District Chair - Durham Academy

Michelle Boswell - Cumberland Polytechnic HS

Patrick Jessee - Cary HS

Brittanie McNeil - Massey Hill Classical HS

RJ Pellicciotta - Cary Academy

## Schedule

**Saturday, March 18th, 2022**

	<b>SPEECH</b>
8:30AM	Judge Meeting
9:00AM	USX - Extemp Draw
9:30AM	USX - Round One
10:45AM	IX - Extemp Draw
11:15AM	Speech - Round One
1:00PM	USX - Extemp Draw
1:30PM	USX - Round Two
2:45PM	IX - Extemp Draw
3:15PM	Speech - Round Two
4:30PM	USX - Extemp Draw
5:00PM	USX - Round Three
6:00PM	
6:15PM	IX - Extemp Draw
6:45PM	Speech - Round Three
8:45PM	
9:15PM	<i>Speech Semifinalists Posted</i>



## **Schedule (continued)**

**Sunday, March 20th, 2022**

	<b>SPEECH</b>
8:00AM	
8:30AM	Speech Events - Semifinals
9:30AM	
10:00AM	USX - Extemp Draw
10:30AM	USX - Finals
11:00AM	
12:00PM	IX - Extemp Draw
12:30PM	Speech Events - Finals
2:00PM	
3:30PM	
5:00PM	

- Awards will occur on Sunday evening as we finalize all events and audit results.
- The District Committee will post updates throughout Sunday as that time becomes known.
- This schedule is subject to change
- **All judges are obligated throughout the tournament.**

## **Topics & Topic Areas**

### **Extemporaneous Speaking Topic Areas**

The National Office of the NSDA will be providing questions for both the United States and International Extemporaneous Speaking divisions.

These topic areas will be announced the Monday prior to the tournament.



## **Rules**

The speech portion of the District Qualifier will follow the guidelines that are in the Pilot District Tournament Operations Manual. The Tournament guidelines can be found on pages 10 through 12 of the Pilot District Tournament Operations Manual. The Event guidelines can be found on pages 44 through 53 of the Unified High School Manual.

### **School Fee**

There will be no school fee for the 2022 District Tournament.

### **Double Entry Guidelines**

- Students may double enter in any two of the speech events they desire.
- Students may enter only one speech event, if they plan to enter one debate event at the District Debate Qualifier.
- Any student who wishes to double enter in more than one partner event must have the same partner for both events (This applies to Public Forum, Policy and Duo).
- Students may enter two events in addition to Congress, but no student may compete in more than 2 events if one is not Congress, and no student can compete in more than 3 events under any conditions. *This provision does not include Big Questions debate or applying for World Schools.*

### **Rules Concerning Judges**

1. Judges must have graduated from high school. First-year out judges may be registered, but are free strikes.
2. Judges must be aware of all NSDA rules regarding event procedures, scoring, and requirements of the event you have placed them in. If a judge is unfamiliar with the rules and regulations, or unfit to judge (as determined by the District Committee) your judge will be removed from the tournament and the school charged for a missing judge.
3. Judges need to be available throughout the tournament. They should not leave the tournament until all rounds are completed. This is necessary because the elimination rounds require multiple judges and we cannot use “dirty” judges.
4. Judges may be in both the Speech pool and Debate pool
5. Each judge must register for a minimum of 1 pool in each event (Debate - LD, PF, CX; Speech - Platform, Interpretation)

### **Judge Ratios**

Every school must supply judges in the following ratios:

- In Speech Events, 1 judge per 5 entries; \$100 for missing quota



### **Judge Bond**

There is no judge bond for the 2022 District Tournament. In the event that your judges do not appear for all assigned rounds, a \$50 fine will be assessed for each round missed.

### **Judge Strike System**

On March 16th, each school will be given the opportunity to strike two judges in the tournament. These are universal strikes. Therefore, you can strike Sam Higgins from judging your school in every event, but you cannot only strike Sam in OO, but not Extemp.

In the event that the District Committee has to add a judge to the judging pool after the list of judges is published, we will offer them to you as a free strike. This means that you can strike them whether you have used your strikes or not.

Strikes must be submitted by 8:30 AM on Saturday, March 19th, 2022.

### **Scripts & Manuscripts**

This year, we will not be collecting scripts & manuscripts for all scripted speech events per NSDA requirements. **However, it is the expectation of the District Committee that every manuscript in Interpretation, Oratory and Informative is available within 20 minutes of being requested. These scripts and manuscripts should be in your possession and transmittable to the District Committee.**

For all Interpretation events, each entry should have:

- The original book/manuscript/play in which each page being used in competition is clearly marked.
- Each page should also be copied, and words actually spoken should be highlighted while each word not being used is clearly crossed through.
- Any transitional phrases should be written where they appear in the text and the introduction should also be included.

For Informational Speaking and Original Oratory, each entry should have:

- The student's original speech with correctly formatted MLA citations for all sources should be included.

For any electronic sources that can not be printed, the coach should have the source on an electronic device during the days of the district competition.

Please note, the only reason a script/manuscript will be requested is if there is a challenge to a competitor's piece. If requested, the competitor/coach must produce the script or manuscript in a timely manner. If the competitor/coach cannot produce the script or manuscript in a timely manner, the protest will be upheld.

## **Pilot Speech Rules**



The 2022 Tarheel East NSDA District Tournament will utilize the new Pilot Rules for District Tournament in speech. The speech portion of the District Qualifier will follow the guidelines that are in the Unified High School Manual. The Tournament guidelines can be found on pages 88 through 91 of the Unified High School Manual. The Event guidelines can be found on pages 44 through 53 of the Unified High School Manual.

### **General Rules**

1. Minimum Rounds - At least three preliminary rounds must be held in all speech events.
2. Number of Judges - One, two or three judges may be used in preliminary rounds, as determined by the District Committee. All sections of an event must have the same number of judges as all other sections in a round throughout the tournament. Elimination and final rounds must use three or more judges per section. All elimination round judge panels must consist of odd numbers of judges, and no elimination or final round may use fewer judges per section than any previous round.
3. Judges - should rank each entry in order, best to worst, 1-7. Ties are not permitted; points are not necessary

### District Committee's Stipulations

- 1) We will hold 3 preliminary rounds in all speech events
- 2) We will utilize 2 judges in each preliminary round in speech.

### **Preliminary Rounds**

Preliminary round sections are assigned with at least four and no more than seven entries each; the ideal is sections of six. The priorities for paneling these rounds, in order, are:

1. Avoid entries from the same school in the same section
2. Avoid entries competing against each other multiple times
3. Avoid schools competing against each other multiple times

Speaker order is varied within preliminary rounds so that every entry's average speaker position is as equal as possible to all other entries in the same event. Each entry should speak early in a round (first 2 speakers) and late in a round (last 2 speakers) at least once during preliminary rounds.

In all cases, the computer should be primarily used to create pairings to ensure impartiality and true randomness where necessary; however, the speech tabulation staff should check the computer to ensure pairing priorities are correctly followed.

If there are sections with uneven numbers of students, students receiving the lowest rank in the larger section will have their rank truncated. That is, if section A has 6 students and section B has 5, both the fifth and sixth ranked students in section A will receive a rank of 5.

### **Preliminary Round Breaks**



After the preliminary rounds are concluded, the entries are ordered by rank total, lowest being best. If each entry is given four or more scores (if there are four prelims with one judge, or three prelims with two judges each, etc.) then the worst (highest) rank score is dropped from their rank total.

If there are less than eight entries, no elimination rounds are required. Any event with eight or more entries must break to elimination rounds.

The District Committee may choose how many entries will advance to elimination rounds in each event. The break point for elimination rounds must meet the following standards:

- Number of entries that will advance in each event will be announced prior to the start of round 1.
- A minimum of 25% of an event's entry total (rounded up to the nearest whole number) must advance in each event. No final may be smaller than four entries. For example, an event with twelve entries must clear a minimum of four students to finals.
- All entries whose rank totals are tied with an advancing entry also advance. For example, if the target to advance is six, but a rank total tie exists between sixth and seventh, the top seven entries advance.

### **Elimination Rounds**

If more than seven entries advance, section a quarter or semifinal round. Sections should have no fewer than four and no more than seven entries. If more than 21 entries advance, quarterfinals must be held. If 15-21 entries advance, semifinals in three sections are held unless the District Committee has set and communicated a lower threshold for quarterfinals. Ranks are not truncated in elimination rounds.

### **Snaking Sections**

Elimination rounds are snaked: the top placing entry is placed in the first section, and the next entries are assigned in order by the rank totals going into the round until the number of sections is exhausted. The next entry is placed in the last section and the rest filled in up to the first section. Then, the next entry is placed in the first section and filled in to the last, and so on.

#### SAMPLE SNAKED ELIMINATION ROUND

Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
Seed 1	Seed 2	Seed 3	Seed 4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13
17	18	19	

Sections are then adjusted by swapping entries with the same rank total to avoid entries from the same school competing in the same section, where possible.

### **Speaker Order**

Speaker order in elimination rounds is determined by totaling the entries' past speaker orders and ordering the section by the reverse of their previous speaker position totals, so the entry with the highest total of past orders speaks first, the next highest speaks second, and so on. Speaker order may be adjusted to accommodate double entry.

### **Advancing from Elimination Rounds**

After each elimination round, placement order is determined first by lowest total ranks in all preliminary rounds, dropping the worst (highest) preliminary round rank for each entry whether or not each entry received four or more scores in prelims. Then add the total of all ranks earned in elimination rounds multiplied by two. Ties are broken by the lowest rank totals from the last elimination round only.

Six entries advance out of a semifinal round (an elimination round with two or three sections), together with any entry tied with an advancing entry on both overall rank total and ranks in the previous elimination round. Twelve entries should advance out of a quarterfinal, together with any entries tied with an advancing entry on both overall rank total and ranks in the last elimination round. Advance the top overall entries, not equal numbers from individual sections. If more than seven entries are tied to advance to finals from semifinals, or more than 14 are tied to advance to semifinals from quarterfinals, then all entries tied for the last spot on both scores are excluded from advancing.

### **Final Round**

If the number of entries clearing to finals is equal to or lower than the number of slots the district will send to Nationals, it may be skipped; otherwise, finals must be held. Speaker order in finals is determined by the same method as elimination rounds. Final round judge panels should consist of an odd number of at least three judges and should never be smaller than the number of judges used in any previous round of that event.



### Determining National Qualifiers and Alternates

**If elimination rounds were held:** Qualifiers are determined by the cumulative scores of finalists based on the factors below. After finals, the order of placement overall is determined by, in order:

1. The last round competed in. This means that when determining the overall final rank of every student in an event, a finalist places better than a semifinalist, a semifinalist places better than a quarterfinalist, etc.
2. Lowest total overall ranks score, dropping the worst prelim rank and multiplying elimination and final round ranks by 2.
3. Highest total reciprocal of all ranks, dropping the worst prelim rank, and multiplying elimination and final reciprocals by 2.
4. Lowest total ranks in the final round
5. Judge's preference (head-to-head) in the final round
6. Highest total reciprocal of ranks in the final round
7. Judge's preference (head-to-head) in elimination round(s)
8. Judge's preference (head-to-head) in prelim round(s)

If ties still exist for a spot to Nationals, hold a run-off round with three judges. The winner of the run-off, on ranks, judges' preference, then reciprocals, wins the tie.

**If no elimination rounds were held:** The order of placement overall is determined by, in order:

1. Lowest total overall ranks score (do not drop any ranks)
  2. Highest total reciprocal of all ranks
  3. Judge's preference (head-to-head) in prelim rounds
- If ties still exist for a spot to Nationals, hold a run-off round with three judges. The winner of the run-off, on ranks, judges' preference, then reciprocals, wins the tie.

<u>Event</u>	<u>'21</u> <u>Entri</u> <u>es</u>	<u>Elim</u> <u>?</u>	<u>1st</u> <u>Elim</u>	<u>In</u> <u>Elim</u>	<u>'20</u> <u>Entri</u> <u>es</u>	<u>Elim</u> <u>?</u>	<u>1st</u> <u>Elim</u>	<u>In</u> <u>Eli</u> <u>m</u>	<u>'19</u> <u>Entri</u> <u>es</u>	<u>Elim</u> <u>?</u>	<u>1st</u> <u>Elim</u>	<u>25%</u>
DI	10	Yes	Final	6	6	Yes	Final	6	38	Yes	Semi	10
DUO					4	Yes	Final	4	14	Yes	Final	4
HI	10	Yes	Final	6	9	Yes	Semi	9	18	Yes	Final	5
INF	18	Yes	Final	6	11	Yes	Semi	11	19	Yes	Final	5
IX	11	Yes	Final	7	6	Yes	Final	6	14	Yes	Final	4
OO	16	Yes	Final	7	8	Yes	Semi	8	38	Yes	Semi	10
POI	11	Yes	Final	6	7	Yes	Semi	6	12	Yes	Final	4
USX	16	Yes	Final	7	7	Yes	Semi	6	19	Yes	Final	5



## **Protests & Decorum**

We ask that you remind your judges and students that due to the nature of the District Tournament, emotions are typically high, and tempers short. We ask that students, judges and coaches work to maintain proper decorum throughout the tournament.

We ask that you are very aware of all rules in the NSDA Unified Manual. You should submit a protest only when you are sure that a rule has been violated. We will respond with serious attention. Protests are accusations. We want everyone to feel respected and honored as we conduct this tournament. Please handle the protest with tact, discretion and dignity. Do not involve a student in an unnecessary dispute.

Some notes from the manual:

- **Harassment:** Harassment, in any form, at any contest is prohibited and is grounds for disqualification.
- **Disputes:** The District Committee has the full power to adjudicate disputes or interpretation of rules, but may not change the rules. The District Committee is authorized to determine how a rule is to be interpreted or applied in a specific dispute or critical question of procedure. If the District Committee cannot resolve, the National Office or acting Tournament Referee must be phoned for a ruling
- **Protests:** Judges assigned by the tournament committee shall be final unless protested before the tournament has begun. If a judge(s) is added to the judge pool after the tournament has begun, any protest must be made prior to the session in which that individual(s) is assigned to judge. If protested, the District Committee shall hear the protest, and its decision will be final. Members of the District Committee involved should recuse themselves.
- **Protest Committee:** If a member must recuse themselves, the coach will be replaced by a District Chair from outside of the District, if present at the tournament.
- **Proxies for Tab Officials:** Due to their nature as tabulation officials, members of the District Committee may not file protests at the District Tournament on behalf of their students. They must appoint a proxy prior to the beginning of the tournament with the District Chair who will file all protests on their school's behalf.



## **Awards & Recognition**

### **District Student of the Year**

With the level of integrity, intellect and character that is among the student population in each district, the NSDA is proud to announce the implementation of the NSDA District Student of the Year award.

Each coach may nominate one student who exemplifies the leadership practices and positive qualities set forth by the National Speech and Debate Association.

The award will be based on coach nominations only. Nominations should be in the form of a 500-word (or fewer) essay about the nominee and his or her service, passion and dedication to the district, the NSDA, and the activity of forensics. Nominations will be collected and reviewed by the District Chair and his or her committee. Whoever receives the strongest nominations for the award should receive the award.

The winner of the District Student of the Year award will receive a plaque from the National Speech and Debate Association during the Awards Ceremony of the District Tournament. His or her District Chair will present the award.

To nominate, each nominee should reflect the following standard:

- A nominee must be an NSDA member in his or her senior year of high school.
- The nominee should uphold the NSDA Code of Honor.
- The nominee should demonstrate strong academic standards.
- The nominee should demonstrate participation in a wide array of community involvement and service.
- The nominee should exhibit dedication and commitment to the NSDA and forensics.

The nomination form can be found here:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/student-of-the-year-nomination-form/>

**To be considered, your form must be submitted by March 27th.**



## **Awards & Recognition (Continued)**

*All Nominations Need to Be Submitted Prior to March 27th*

### **District Coach of the Year**

“The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in speech and debate. Students should be treated with the utmost respect, and their welfare should be considered in decisions by coaches at all times.” The Nomination Form can be found here:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/high-school-coach-of-the-year-nomination-form/?fbclid=IwAR30sk25D3R1zvpxTibAUer4aYjdHjd-TzGBHv3nlHb6CiT4CShMW6G9I>

### **Alumni Achievement Award**

"The Alumni Achievement Award showcases a speech and debate alumni from your district who has utilized their speech and debate talents to achieve success for themselves and the speech and debate community. "

Please send a letter of nomination to [tarheeleastdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:tarheeleastdistrict@gmail.com) by March 14th.

### **Administrator of the Year**

“The National Speech and Debate Association annually recognizes outstanding high school administrators who have succeeded in providing high-quality opportunities for students in speech and debate programming as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession.” The Nomination Form can be found here:

[https://www.speechanddebate.org/high-school-administrator-nomination-form/?fbclid=IwAR2ninJl-jKTYRU-HmgLIHkAIK7OY8Wq\\_vBaZTTqNFwGwZiDD5--HW3yIB4](https://www.speechanddebate.org/high-school-administrator-nomination-form/?fbclid=IwAR2ninJl-jKTYRU-HmgLIHkAIK7OY8Wq_vBaZTTqNFwGwZiDD5--HW3yIB4)

### **New Coach of the Year**

“Each District Committee may award a District New Coach of the Year to a deserving member coach in their district, and from those district-level award winners, a National New Coach of the Year is selected.” The Nomination Form can be found here:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/new-coach-of-the-year-nomination-form/>

### **Assistant Coach of the Year**

“Each District Committee may award a District Assistant Coach of the Year to a deserving member coach in their district, and from those district-level award winners, a National Assistant Coach of the Year is selected.” The Nomination Form can be found here:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/assistant-coach-of-the-year-nomination-form/>

### **Volunteer of the Year**

"The Volunteer of the Year Award showcases a speech and debate volunteer from your district who has utilized their talents to assist the speech and debate community in an exceptional manner. "

Please send a letter of nomination to [tarheeleastdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:tarheeleastdistrict@gmail.com) by March 27th.



## **Fees**

Please pay all outstanding NSDA fees prior to March 13th. You must pay the remaining balance at registration in order to be allowed to compete. You will not be able to compete without paying.

Each student will incur a fee of \$30.00 for the District Tournament, regardless of the number of events that they enter. This must be paid for all students at this tournament; if your student is competed at the Congressional Debate portion of the NSDA District Tournament in February, there will not be an additional registration fee for that student.

There will be no entry fees for students representing a new NSDA school.

## **Limits**

A school's entry to the District Tournament is based around their **degree strength** on file with the NSDA. Tabroom will automatically show you the number of allowed entries based on strength.



## **Paperwork to Submit**

The following items need to be turned in to the appropriate listed person by their respective due dates.

1. Tabroom Registration - **Due March 18th, 2022 at 4PM**
2. District Tournament Registration Form
  - This is a form generated by Tabroom after you complete your registration.
  - Must be completed, printed, and signed by the coach.
  - Any potential alternate who may replace a student who drops must also be an NSDA member at the school for which they are entered for at least seven days prior to the District Tournament.
  - Alternate substitutions must meet all qualifications as those originally entered on the form.
  - No student may compete that is not on that form. Drops must be removed and alternate substitutions must be added prior to the start of the tournament.
  - A hard copy of this form is due on **March 18th , 2022 at 4PM**
3. National Tournament Single Entry Letter of Intent (for students who are double entering at the District Debate Tournament held on March 26th & 27th) - **Due at Registration on March 19, 2021. You should also file this via Tabroom.com under “NSDA Forms.”**

## **How To Register on Tabroom.com**

The following instructions are how to register on [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com).

1. Logon in the top right-hand corner of the screen.
2. Search “Tarheel” in the top right-hand corner of the screen. After you do this the first time, the tournament will always appear in your login screen unless you drop completely from the tournament.
3. Click “Register” on the tabs of the tournament. You’ll have to certify that the information you provide is accurate, and then make sure that you update your NSDA roster (this is pretty intuitive). **I would advise that you put in your points prior to this step so that you don’t have to go back and do it. Remember, the number of entries you get is dependent on the number of degrees your program has.**
4. Under “Entries” you will find a drop-down menu on the right hand side. You can select House or Senate. Once you select an event, you will have a list of your students who are eligible for the tournament. Select their name and click “Add Entry.” You may continue to add until all of your slots are filled.
5. Your “Greensheets” (printed registration forms) are under “NSDA Forms” as well as your Single Entry Letter of Intent. You’ll find that you can rank Congress and Worlds currently. However, you will be able to resubmit for any student that is also competing in the March portion of the District tournament.
6. Under “Judges” you will enter the name of the required number of judges. You must add them to the Tabroom system if you haven’t already. On the right-hand side, you’ll find “Add Judge.”
7. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Crawford Leavoy.