

## New Year's Congress Small Schools Scrimmage Invitation

Damonte speech and debaters of any level and experience encouraged to participate, must be registered with the team and with the NSDA to enter. Other teams with less than 5 competitors will be invited to compete (Spanish Springs, Wooster, Pioneer). Each competitor will get NSDA points for participating, on the condition that they give a speech in-round.

Legislation Entries Due 1/20 by 3pm to [damontedebate@gmail.com](mailto:damontedebate@gmail.com)

Legislation winner and docket for competition released 1/21

Competition 9am 1/29 at Damonte Ranch High School

The competition will be comprised of two parts, with three winners/prizes

1. Legislation - \$15 cash prize and authorship/top of recency for competition
2. Overall winner - \$25 cash prize, ranking system no pref balloting
3. Second place - \$20 cash prize

### Purpose of Competition

As we head into the second half of our school year, we highly anticipate the Districts tournament which ends our regular competition season in April. The Districts tournament, hosted by Reno High School, qualifies students to the National tournament in the summer. Traditionally, only 2 students in each event qualify to Nationals - thus only two winners of this scrimmage. The purpose of this tournament is preparation for districts as well as to sharpen our competitors' basic public speaking skills which are transferable to any event - eye contact, pacing, utilizing a speaking stage, volume and pitch - and debate skills such as cross examination and clash. Seeing as there will not be an in-person tournament for January, we foresee a drop in participation that we intend for this scrimmage to supplement.

### Legislation

Each student competitor may enter one (1) piece of legislation, with no limit per school. Both resolutions and bills will be accepted as legislation. Legislation must meet NSDA standards of formatting, complete with: heading, numbering, whereas clauses/sections of bill, resolution, and author school/district. Heavy favor to legislation that is debatable on both sides, content heavy, and relevant for future tournament experience. Winner will be decided by the Damonte judge panel - Jill Whitbeck (Head coach and head of panel) and Jade Whitbeck (assistant coach). Deadline of submission is **Thursday the 21st of January by 3pm** with the winner announced as the legislation docket for the competition will be released the following day. Legislation should be emailed to [damontedebate@gmail.com](mailto:damontedebate@gmail.com) with the first and last name, and school, of the competitor.

### Competition details

PO - Jade Whitbeck

Parlay - Jill Whitbeck

Judge Panel - Jill Whitbeck head of panel, alumni and other coaches encouraged to join panel

Docket will be preset, the legislation will be sent out in the same order that it will be debated with no ordering of the docket in round allowed. Number in docket will be curtailed to the number of competitors, with the goal of each competitor having the opportunity to speak twice in the round. Prepare for a two hour session. Direct questioning will not be utilized. We'll use speech cards (to help prep the kids for local tournament procedures), but judge feedback will be given separately like on national ballots and judges will rank competitors - not pref balloting.

Food and feedback for all :)