

## Southern Wisconsin NSDA District Tournament

**Congressional Debate: March 17<sup>th</sup> VIRTUAL on NSDA Campus**

**Speech Events: March 18<sup>th</sup> IN PERSON at Marquette University High School**

All Southern Wisconsin NSDA member schools are invited to enter and participate in the **Southern Wisconsin NSDA District Tournament** on the above dates. Qualifiers to the National Tournament will be based on actual entries competing in each event. We have two qualifiers in each speech division.

Schools must have any student membership fee balance paid for prior to the tournament or bring a check to cover any outstanding balance the day of the tournament. This is an NSDA policy – if the school has ANY outstanding balance with the NSDA on the day of competition, it must either be paid, or the school may not compete.

### **Procedures and Deadlines for Entry:**

1. **ASAP-** Enter NSDA points for students on [speechanddebate.org](http://speechanddebate.org). For students to be eligible to compete, they must have 25 or more NFL points and an active student account at [speechanddebate.org](http://speechanddebate.org).
2. **Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** - All Legislation must be submitted in the correct format on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). Maximum 2 per school, however a school can submit additional legislation for a reserve docket to be available for debate only after main docket legislation has been addressed. The legislation also must be original work of the student submitting it. The committee reserves the right to remove repetitive legislation or legislation that does not meet the NSDA requirements. **Please see attachment regarding legislation policies for NSDA. If it is not in the correct format, coaches will be given 48 hours to correct.**
3. **Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm** - Enter all competitors online at: **[tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com)**. After registration, please print the appropriate document on the “NSDA Forms” tab. Fees and judging obligations are locked as of this time. This means if you have drops on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, your entry fees and judge obligations will stay the same.  
Students can double enter in individual events but must complete a letter of intent (found on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com)). If a student competed in a debate qualifier, they cannot double enter in two speech events (they can only do one).
4. **Prior to the first round of competition** - Official Paperwork (NSDA Form and Letters of Intent-only for double entered students) must be emailed to the District Chair, Stephanie King, prior to the first round. Students CANNOT compete without signed entry forms in hand.

***Coaches do NOT need to submit copies of the manuscript or original source materials for speech pieces. However, these materials MUST be available at the qualifiers in case of a rule's violation concern. If there is a rules concern and the required materials are not available, then it will be presumed the rule has been violated. Additional information can be found in the Interpretation***

***rules in the NSDA manual. It is the affirmative duty of each coach and each student entered in Interpretation contests to determine absolutely that the cutting being performed meets all rules for material.***

5. Please review the tournament manual and documentation. **This includes confirming ALL pieces follow the NSDA rules.** It is your obligation to review the rules with your students. Please read the attached manual carefully. Letters of Intent can be found on the tabroom site. Please contact Stephanie King if you have questions about tournament operations, documentation required, etc.

**Nationals Note: Reminder that nationals is in person. Please register your entries with this in mind.**

**Fees:**

Congress Fees:

\$75 Per School **PLUS \$25** Entry Fee per student: The school fee covers tournament hired judges. Schools do not have a judge obligation. This fee ensures unaffiliated judges for the whole night.

If you have judges to recommend for hire – who you know to be unaffiliated with our district schools, send their names and email addresses to Stephanie King at [stephak88@yahoo.com](mailto:stephak88@yahoo.com).

Saturday IE Tournament Fees:

\$25 per entry, plus either:

- A. One qualified judge for EVERY entry.
- B. \$150 judge fee for each missing judge. Please note, there is a very limited number of tournament hired judges.

**Make Checks Payable To: Southern Wisconsin District**

Mail to: Stephanie King  
3608 N 98<sup>th</sup>  
Milwaukee, WI 53222

Bringing an unaffiliated judge counts as two judges. An unaffiliated judge is someone who does not personally know, coach, or is affiliated with any students or schools/coaches at the tournament. An alum of your school is NOT neutral for your school unless they have been out of high school for four or more years without coaching or knowing any students on the team. Please notify Stephanie at [stephak88@yahoo.com](mailto:stephak88@yahoo.com) if you believe you have a clean judge.

If you have judges to recommend for hire – especially those who you know to be unaffiliated with competing schools, send their names and email addresses to [stephak88@yahoo.com](mailto:stephak88@yahoo.com). Extra judges mean the day will go much faster and smoother. As most of our fees go to hire extra judges, providing extra judges can also offset fees; email Stephanie for details.

Please review the reasons for recusals posted to [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). This is provided by the NSDA. Please notify Stephanie before the tournament begins if there is an entry a judge should be recused from judging. It is much easier to proactively put a block in than after rounds have been paired.

**Judge training requirement:** If someone is in the first two years of judging, they must complete the Adjudicating Speech and Debate training (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/adjudicating-speech-and-debate>). This roughly takes 1.5 hours. If someone has judged more than two years, they must complete the Cultural Competence training (<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/2019-cultural-competence-course>). This roughly takes a half hour. Both trainings were created by the NFHS and NSDA jointly. Coaches will be notified if there are judges registered who have not completed the training. If your judge completed this in a prior year, they do NOT have to complete it again. If you'd like to check on a judge's status, just email Stephanie.

Judges may self-identify as diversity enhancing. We don't, and won't, seek to define what it means to enhance diversity. During the tournament, the computer will use that information when placing judges. We do not publish the list of judges who have identified themselves as diversity enhancing and leave it totally up to you as an option.

### Schedules

#### Congress Qualifier, Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Online – NSDA Campus through [tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com) Coaches should check in online via tabroom if you have no changes. Any changes must go to Stephanie.

**Registration:** 3:00-3:30pm

**Session I Senate and Houses:**

Docketing committees will meet at 3:45

4:00-6:00 pm Session I

**Dinner Break:** 6:00-6:30pm

**Senate session II and Congress Supersession:** 6:30-8:30 pm

Brief award ceremony to follow.

We need a minimum of **TEN students from SIX** schools represented in the Senate. We need a minimum of 16 students represented in the House. The Senate will have two qualifiers. The number of qualifiers in the House will be at least two, possibly more depending on the number registered.

The schedule above is subject to change if numbers are small (thus session times would be shortened).

**NEW in 2023:** We will utilize present, randomized recency and direct questioning. See the NSDA manual for additional information.

If an event needs multiple chambers, students will be assigned by the tabulation software.

## Individual Events Qualifier, Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Marquette University High School 3306 W. Michigan Street, Milwaukee, WI 53208

Check in with the tabroom once all your students and judges are physically at Marquette.

Entry Requirements: Every event must have at least four entries representing two schools. If there are any events that do not meet this requirement, I will email the district to see if anyone has extra students who could attend qualifiers in order for the event to occur. If on Saturday morning an event does not meet this requirement, that event cannot occur.

Pairing procedure – Each event will have three preliminary rounds and then break to elimination rounds if the numbers require it. **Preliminary rounds will have two judges and elimination rounds will have three judges. Judges will render decisions independent of each other.**

If there are less than 8 entries, there is no elimination round, and the preliminary rounds decide the qualifiers. If there are 8 or more entries, 25% of the event will clear to elimination rounds. If 25% is less than 4 entries, a minimum of 4 entries will advance. If 25% is more than 8 entries, the event will break to a semifinal round.

Based on number of entries in each event at the close of registration, the start times of events may be staggered to maximize judges. This means some events may have rounds off built in during the day. ***A final schedule will be released after registration closes. It changes based upon which events will need an elimination round and how many students are multiple entered. However, to aid in planning transportation, previous qualifiers had registration 7:30-8a, opening meeting 8-8:30, and rounds 9am – 5pm. It is anticipated that this year's qualifiers will be similar to this.***

***Online balloting*** will be used for this tournament, so judges should bring a laptop or tablet to submit ballots electronically. Please share this [training video](#) with any judges who are new to electronic judging on Tabroom. It is recommended that judges type their feedback into a Word document during the round, and then paste their comments into Tabroom at the end of the round. In case of wifi troubles, this method ensures that judges' hard work is not lost. It is also critical that judges triple check they are entering the right feedback and rank to the right entry – the tabs are not guaranteed to be in performance order.

***Round Assignments via Tabroom Dashboard or Text:*** There will be no paper postings for round assignments. Students can see their round assignments on their tabroom.com dashboard. They may also opt in to receive text updates during the tournament, which eliminates the need to check their dashboard.

***Food for Judges:*** Prepackaged breakfast and lunch items will be available for coaches, judges and drivers in the judges' lounge (Cannon Commons on the ground level). If vegan or gluten free options are desired, please email Stephanie.

***Food for Students:*** Students may bring a bag lunch or preorder a lunch for \$8. Each lunch includes a sandwich, chips, drink, and a dessert. Sandwich options are ham, turkey, salami, roast beef, or veggie. Lunch orders should be placed on tabroom.com. This will populate the cost straight to your

invoice for the tournament. If vegan or gluten free options are desired, please email Stephanie.  
**MEALS MUST BE ORDERED BY MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 8PM.**

**Maps** of Marquette University High School are [here](#).

**Parking/Drop-off Info:**

Buses: **Drop off on Michigan Avenue** (not Wisconsin Ave.) between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets. **Buses should not enter the parking lot or circle drive.** Bus parking is available in the student lot on the southwest corner of 34<sup>th</sup> and Michigan. **No entry at the Wisconsin Avenue doors.**

Cars/Vans: Drop off in the circle drive on Michigan Avenue between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup>. Park in the faculty/staff lot adjacent to the circle drive. Enter the school through the glass doors on the circle drive. **No entry at the Wisconsin Avenue doors.**

## **Tournament Communications:**

Coaches and judges can: Text Stephanie, call Stephanie, email Stephanie, enter the tournament zoom and talk to the tournament staff in there (for congress tournament).

As part of the NSDA Equity Initiatives, Dan Hansen of Fort Atkinson will be the committee contact for any accommodation's participants (adults or students) may need for the tournament. Dan will communicate any requests with me so that we can ensure the competition is a successful day for all. Examples include, but aren't limited to, dietary needs, physical accessibility needs, space to breast feed/pump, etc. His email is [hansend@fortschools.org](mailto:hansend@fortschools.org). If for any reason it is more comfortable to communicate the accommodation to a female identifying coach, please feel free to reach out to me.

If there are equity concerns, the concerned individual can email [equity.swinsda@gmail.com](mailto:equity.swinsda@gmail.com) and the equity officers for the weekend will respond.

**Please direct all questions to Stephanie King via email at: [stephak88@yahoo.com](mailto:stephak88@yahoo.com) or cellphone: 414-202-5619**

We look forward to hosting strong competition!

Stephanie King, Rufus King, Chair  
Dan Hansen, Fort Atkinson  
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