



Carolina West Congressional Debate Tournament

**Senate will have TWO preliminary sessions and no finals.
House will have ONE preliminary session, followed by finals.**

Congress Tournament Schedule – April 14, 2024 (Virtual on NSDA Campus)	
8:30AM – 9:00 AM:	Opening Assembly
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM:	Senate Session 1 / House Preliminary Session
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM:	Lunch
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM:	Senate Session 2 / House Finals
TBA:	Awards

Congress Rules and Procedures

The Congressional Debate will follow the ranking and placement guidelines that are in the NSDA Unified Manual. The Congressional Debate rules are listed on pages 84-87. Listed below are some of the highlights as well as local district policies.

Legislation

Legislation will be chosen by the district committee and posted at <http://carolinawest.tabroom.com> by March 31, 2024. There will be three pieces designated for each session with two backup pieces of legislation that may be used only in the event that all legislation for a given session has been fully debated.

Entry Limits

The number of students you may enter to the Congressional Debate portion is determined by the members and degrees that your school has on record as of February 17, 2023 at 5 PM EST. Please enter all NSDA points prior to this date and time.

NSDA Degrees	Senate	House
1-20	2	2
21-35	2	3
36-55	2	4
56-75	2	5
76-100	2	6
101-150	2	7
151-200	2	8
201-250	2	9
251-300	2	10
301-350	2	11



Placement in Houses

Coaches may request which of their students are in the same chambers with each other as long as the students are evenly divided among chambers. Coaches may not, however, request that their students be placed in chamber with certain students from other schools.

Presiding Officers

There will be only one Presiding Officer per session.

- **At the beginning of Session One** of both Senate and House, the Parliamentarian will conduct the election.
- At the **end of the first Senate session**, this process is repeated to determine the Presiding Officer for the second session. No student may preside twice in Senate preliminary chambers unless no other student is willing to preside.
- **In the House Finals**, there will also only be one Presiding Officer. That election takes place using the same protocol as the preliminary session listed above. The Presiding Officer in House Finals may or may not have presided in the preliminary session.

Docket Setting

Each session will have three pieces of legislation that may only be debated in that session.

- The docket order ("agenda") for the first session will be set by a simple majority vote of the chamber is in agreement after one or more agendas are nominated and proposed.
- The agenda it may not be amended during the day without unanimous consent of the chamber. **However, any docket change cannot add legislation from another session. Only primary legislation for that session can be involved in a docket revision.**
- **SENATE DOCKET:** In the Senate, the docket order for the second session will use the same process and will be set at the end of the first session before the lunch recess.
- **HOUSE DOCKET:** The House Finals docket order will be chosen using the process described above at the beginning of the final session.

Cross Examination

The Carolina West District Tournament will be using direct questioning for cross examination where questioners are recognized for 30 second intervals in which a series of questions are asked before moving to the next questioner. This is an NSDA requirement and may not be suspended.

Establishing Precedence

A random list of students to be used as preset precedence will be provided by the District Committee. Questioning precedence will follow the reverse order of speaking precedence. This is an NSDA requirement and this may not be changed by the District Committee.



Senate Qualifiers

The Carolina West District is able to qualify **two** Senators for the district **as long as a total of at least 10 students from 6 different schools enter the Senate**. This is done through a standard two session Congress with a single Senate chamber. Top two finishers will qualify.

House Qualifiers

Based on previous years, we anticipate qualifying **four or six** Representatives. This is based on the number of entries as indicated in the chart below.

Session One is a preliminary session with two judges and a parliamentarian. We will have the corresponding number of chambers (according to the chart below) during Session One of House. At the conclusion of the preliminary session, we will advance the corresponding number of students to Finals with four judges and a parliamentarian. The chart below will determine the number of qualifiers.

HOUSE SECTIONING AND QUALIFYING GUIDELINES FOR CAROLINA WEST DISTRICT

Participating Students (if virtual)	Participating Students (if in-person)	Preliminary Chambers	Students who Advance to Final Session per chamber	Qualifiers to nationals
16	16-20	1	2 nd prelim session instead of Finals.	2
17-29	21-29	2	6	2
30	30-36	2	6	4
31-45	37-54	3	4	4
46-58	55-58	4	3	4
59-60	59-72	4	3	6
61-75	73-87	5	3	6
76-87	-----	6	2	6
-----	88-90	5	3	7
-----	91-108	6	2	7
88 +	108+	7	2	7



Judges

Judge Quota and Judge Registration Requirements

1. All judges must have an active free account on Tabroom.com so please be sure that is taken care of before attempting to enter your judges.
2. Every school must provide one judge for every six Congress entries.
3. **Your Congress judges may be called upon to judge a Big Questions debate round.** This is a fairly easy debate to judge and our district committee members will be available to assist and train as needed. Please let your Congress judges know that they may also judge Big Questions.

Rules Concerning Judges

1. Judges must have an active account on Tabroom.com and know their login information.
2. **Judges must be able to judge either Big Questions or Policy debate. Please list this in the notes section of your registration for each judge.**
3. Judges must have graduated from high school.
4. First-year out judges may be registered, but must be designated as such. These judges are "free strikes." Failure to identify first-year out judges could result in the disqualification of the judge, a missing judge fee assessment, and the loss of your judge bond.
5. 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, untrained or unqualified to judge (as determined by the District Committee) your school will be assessed a missing judge fee.

Fees & Limits

Please pay all outstanding NSDA fees prior to April 5th. 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 entering the Carolina West District tournament series will pay \$30, regardless of the number of events that the student enters. If your student entered the LD/PF/Speech District Qualifier in March, there is no further charge, as their fee has already been paid. If Congress is the only event they entered, a \$30 entry fee will be assessed,



Paperwork to Submit

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

1. Tabroom Online Registration for Congress – **April 6th, 2024 at 4PM.**
2. School Consent Form Form
 - This is a form generated by Tabroom after you complete your registration Under the “NSDA Forms” tab..
 - Must be printed and signed by the coach.

Additionally, the National Tournament Single Entry Letter of Intent (for students who also entered the District Tournament held on March 14th and 15th) **MUST** be on file **PRIOR TO** the beginning of the first session..

How To Register on Tabroom.com

1. Go to www.carolinawest.tabroom.com
2. Logon in the top right-hand corner of the screen.
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). **Please 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 any event offered. 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 School Consent Forms are under “NSDA Forms” as well as your Single Entry Letter of Intent.
6. Under “Judges” you will enter the names of the required number of judges. **Judges must create Tabroom accounts for themselves if they don't have one already. (Or you may create an account for them and let them know the details.) Then you must add them to the Tabroom system if you haven't already. You may not enter judges who do not have Tabroom accounts. Tabroom will not accept them.** On the right-hand side, you'll find “Add Judge.” Type in the email address associated with the judge and if it exists in Tasbroom, they will be added as a judge. If they do not get added, they don't have an account yet and need to create one.



2024 CAROLINA WEST NSDA CONGRESS DOCKET

At the beginning of each session, the chamber will decide by simple majority which order to debate the three primary pieces for the session. The agenda is then locked and may only be changed by unanimous consent of the chamber. In no case may legislation be debated in a session other than the one in which it is listed. No secondary legislation is provided. If the chamber debates all three pieces of legislation assigned for the session before time expires, the session is over.

SENATE SESSION ONE AND HOUSE PRELIMINARY SESSION

Primary Legislation Docket

Chamber decides agenda order by simple majority.

- A Bill to Mandate Gender Mainstreaming to Offer a Pluralistic Public Policy Approach
- A Bill to Ease Gentrification
- A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Standardize Presidential Primaries

SENATE SESSION TWO AND HOUSE FINALS

Primary Legislation Docket

Chamber decides agenda order by simple majority.

- A Resolution to Condemn Gender Differentiation in School Team Names
- A Bill to Require Cultural Competence Training for Medical Schools
- A Bill to Ban Intracorporational NDAs



A Bill to Mandate Gender Mainstreaming to Offer a Pluralistic Public Policy Approach

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Gender mainstreaming shall be adopted as a mandatory process.

3 A. "Gender mainstreaming" shall be defined as taking a gendered perspective in
4 the process of assessing the implications all genders of any planned action,
5 including legislation, policies or programs, in all areas and at all levels of the
6 federal government with the goal of making all people's concerns and
7 experiences as an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring
8 and evaluation of policies and programs in all political, economic and social
9 spheres so that all genders benefit equally.

10 B. All international treaties must use non-gendered language.

11 C. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must provide gender-responsive
12 budgeting analysis for all executive programs.

13 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights shall oversee the implementation of this
14 legislation.

15 **SECTION 3.** This law shall go into effect the 1st of January next year.

16 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to Ease Gentrification

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Long-Term Home Ownership Tax Credit is hereby established. Any US
3 citizen who is a racial or ethnic minority who has lived in their home for
4 more than five consecutive years will be eligible to apply. This tax credit
5 will cover 100% of costs for increases in local, state, and federal taxes on
6 their home compared to the tax cost from five years after purchasing or
7 mortgaging the home, scaled for inflation. This tax credit will be a write
8 off for income tax, but will be equal in value to the increase in property
9 taxes scaled for inflation.

10 **SECTION 2.** A racial or ethnic minority shall be defined as a culturally, ethnically, or
11 racially distinct group from the majority, which currently in the U.S. is
12 Caucasian. Additionally, people who have inherited the home shall inherit
13 the tax credit as long as the person who passed it down to them qualified
14 for it.

15 **SECTION 5.** The Internal Revenue Service and US Department of Housing and Urban
16 Development shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be taken into effect starting in the current or
18 upcoming year.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Standardize Presidential Primaries

RESOLVED, That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE —

SECTION 1. All states, territories, and the federal district must hold primaries for presidential elections concurrently. The first Tuesday in May, in every presidential election year, is established as the official day for presidential primary elections, though early voting, vote-by-mail, and absentee ballots shall remain viable.

SECTION 2. During primary elections, each voter may cast a vote in the primary for one political party only, though a voter may decide which party as late as the election day, and voters need not be registered members of a given political party to choose to vote in that party's primary.

SECTION 3. Caucuses as a means of determining a party's presidential nominee shall henceforth be abandoned.

SECTION 4. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation

A Resolution to Condemn Gender Differentiation in School Team Names

1 **WHEREAS** Many schools continue to differentiate the names of their sports teams based on the
2 gender/sex of the players; and

3 **WHEREAS** This differentiation generally positions male players as the default (e.g. the Eagles) and
4 female players as the other (e.g. Lady Eagles); and

5 **WHEREAS** There is no logic to such differentiation, no more than there might be to calling the boys at a
6 school “students” and the girls “lady students”; now, therefore be it

7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that schools are directed to abandon any differentiation of
8 team names based on gender or sex; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages schools to consider how gender may be more fully
10 disregarded in athletics overall.



A Bill to Require Cultural Competence Training for Medical Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All medical schools receiving federal funding will be required to provide
3 cultural competence training to all students. This training must occur at
4 least once during a medical program. All training must be reviewed by
5 the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure compliance.

6 **SECTION 2.** Cultural competence training will cover implicit bias and communication
7 strategies designed to provide all medical students with an understanding
8 of how to better serve those from all ethnic and racial backgrounds.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will work with the
10 Department of Education to implement this legislation.

11 A. The Department of Health and Human Services will ensure the
12 content of the training is effective.

13 B. The Department of Education will oversee the implementation and
14 evaluation of the program. Any school found not in compliance may
15 lose access to federal funding until such time as they become
16 compliant with Section 1.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect two years after passage.

18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban Intracorporational NDAs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No employer may enter into a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with an employee
3 regarding information internal to that company. Contracts protecting information
4 connected with individuals outside the organization, such as customers or patients, are
5 unaffected by this ban.

6 **SECTION 2.** All employee NDAs of this type that are active at the time of implementation shall be
7 immediately nullified.

8 **SECTION 3.** Any employer found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$25,000 for each
9 infraction, with half of those funds to be turned over to the affected employee and the
10 other half retained to finance enforcement of this ban.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.

12 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

13 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
