



**Pine Tree High School**  
**Jolly Roger**  
**TFA Invitational Qualifying Tournament**

**February 1, 2025**

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We cordially invite you to join us in Longview for a fun last-chance tournament! We are excited to offer TFA qualifying events, UIL events, and NSDA Big Questions Debate as well as great food, and a festive atmosphere!

**We take pride in running organized tournaments that run on schedule and offer students quality competition and feedback in addition to another opportunity to earn experience and qualifying state points. We are offering the following events:**

CX Debate  
TFA LD Debate  
UIL LD Debate  
Congress  
US Extemp  
International Extemp  
UIL Informative Extemp  
UIL Persuasive Extemp  
Original Oratory  
NSDA Informative Speaking  
Humorou  
Dramatic  
Duo Interpretation  
Program of Oral Interp  
UIL Prose  
UIL Poetry  
Impromptu  
Declamation  
NSDA Big Questions Debate

**All TFA events will follow TFA rules;** scripts for interp and prepared speaking events must be available to the tournament directors in the event of a protest. TFA rules can be found at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EsJ0R8pIIATiVgWXpHE9nEyTcEiCTJY9/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs>

**Declamation** - 7 minute performance of a published speech using a performance binder (like prose/poetry); 30-second grace-period; script must be available to the tournament director in the event of a protest.

**UIL Prose/Poetry** - 7 minutes with no grace period, reader's choice, no documentation requirements but scripts must be available to the tournament director in the event of a protest.

**UIL Informative & Persuasive Extemp** - 7 minutes with no grace period; we will NOT enforce the no internet rule to reduce confusion with TFA extemp events.

**Impromptu** - 2 minutes prep; 5 minutes to speak with 30-second grace period.

**NSDA Big Questions Debate** - see information here:

[https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/BigQuestionsDebate-JudgeTraining\\_2023-11-03.pdf](https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/BigQuestionsDebate-JudgeTraining_2023-11-03.pdf)

**REGISTRATION:** Please register all entries through TABROOM: <http://pinetreejollyroger.tabroom.com/>. Any questions about registration may be directed to Melissa Witt at [mwitt@ptisd.org](mailto:mwitt@ptisd.org) or Christopher Dickson at [cdickson@ptisd.org](mailto:cdickson@ptisd.org).

#### **DEADLINES:**

Registration Opens October 1

New entries due **January 28, 2025**

Judge Registration due **January 28, 2025**

Fees & Judging Obligations freeze **January 28, 2025**

Drops and name changes due **January 31, 5:00 PM**

Drops after **January 31, 5:00 PM** will incur loss of entry fees

Drops on **February 1, 7:30 AM** will incur drop fees

#### **JUDGING OBLIGATIONS:**

**Debate**, 1 judge for every 4 LD/BQ contestants or 2 CX teams, or part thereof.

**Individual Events & Congress**, 1 judge for every 8 participants or part thereof. **We prefer judges over fees.**

**MINIMUM** - speech/debate team coaches **MUST** serve as judges.

**ENTRY FEES: Please mail payment to:** Pine Tree High School UIL, % Lee Branson, PO Box 5878, Longview, TX 75604

**CX Entries: \$30 per team**

**LD Entries: \$20**

**Big Questions Entries: \$10**

**Duo/Duet Acting \$20 per team**

**All other Speech Events: \$10**

**NOTE:** All entries will be waitlisted in order to offer opportunities for all interested schools to attend. As entrants are removed from the waitlist, coaches will be notified.

**CROSS ENTRIES:** It is the responsibility of the competitor to get to rounds on time. Restrictions on cross entries are as follows:

- Students in Debate events (including Congress) may cross enter in Big Questions Debate, those who advance to debate (including Congress) elimination rounds will be dropped from BQ in the tabroom
- Students entered in only Pattern A events may enter Big Questions Debate, those advancing to Finals will be dropped from Big Questions in the tabroom.
- Students May enter 2 events in Pattern A and 2 Events in Pattern B if they are competing in individual events only

#### **AWARDS:**

1. Awards will be provided for all placings earning TFA points
2. Sweepstakes formula will mirror the UIL point system: 1st - 15, 2nd 12, 3rd 10, 4th 8, 5th 6, 6th 4

#### **TOPICS**

**CONGRESS:** We will use the Spring 2025 TFA Docket

Prelims Order - 5, 7, 13, 19, 1

Finals Order - 17, 2, 10, 8, 11

**CX DEBATE:** Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.

**TFA LD DEBATE:** RESOLVED: The United States ought to become party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and/or the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

UIL LD DEBATE: UIL Spring 2025 Topic

Big Questions Debate: Resolved: Creativity is a more powerful force than intelligence.

US Extemp:

- Round 1 - Healthcare
- Round 2 - Politics
- Semis 3 - US Foreign Policy
- Finals - Economy

International Extemp:

- Round 1: Asia & Oceania
- Round 2: Europe & Middle East
- Round 3: Latin America & Canada
- Finals: Africa & Global Organizations

Impromptu:

- Round 1: Wind beneath our Wings (inspirational quotations)
- Round 2: We've Gone Country (country song titles)
- Semis: Out of this World (science fiction quotations)
- Finals: Red, White, and Blue (patriotic themed quotations)

**HOSPITALITY:** Everyone loves our hospitality. We provide a full breakfast and lunch to sponsors and bus drivers with snacks and drinks offered throughout the day.

**CONCESSIONS:** Concessions will be offered, and schools may order ahead of time. Local restaurants include Little Caesar, Pizza Hut, and Domino's. Please see the concessions menu.

**PARKING:** Map and parking directions will be posted closer to tournament date.

**RESULTS:** Results for our tournament will be published on Tabroom.

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**TFA Invitational Qualifying Tournament Schedule**

**Saturday, February 1, 2025**

**Individual Events**

**Pattern A: USX, FX, Poetry, Dramatic, Oratory, Impromptu, Duo**

**Pattern B: PX, IX, Prose, Humorous, POI, Declamation, Prepared Informative, Duet**

7:30 am - Registration

8:00 am - TFA Extemp Draw

8:30 am - Round 1 Pattern A

10:00 am - TFA Extemp Draw

10:30 am - Round 2/Semis Pattern A

1:00 pm -UIL Extemp Draw

1:30 pm - Round 1 Pattern B

3:00 pm - UIL Extemp Draw

3:30 pm - Round 2/Semis Pattern B

5:30 pm - Extemp Draw

6:00 pm - Finals - Pattern A

7:00 pm - Extemp Draw

7:30 pm - Finals Pattern B

**Debate Events\*\***

8:00 am - Round 1

9:30 am - Round 2

10:00 am - Congress Prelims (until 12:30)

11:30 am - Round 3

1:30 pm - Elims 1; Big Questions 1

2:30 pm - Big Questions 2

3:30 pm - Elims 2; Big Questions 3

4:30 pm - Big Questions 4

5:30 pm - Elims 3 (as needed); Congress Finals

\*\* Elimination rounds of Debate will be accelerated when possible; Big Questions Debate will offer 4 rounds to all entrants.