

2025 EAST TEXAS NSDA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT ENTRY INFORMATION

District Tournament Schedule:

Congress/BQ: Friday, February 21st at Cypress Creek High School

Speech Prelims: Thursday, February 27th at Cypress Falls High School

Debate Prelims: Friday, February 28th at Cypress Falls High School

Speech & Debate Eliminations: Saturday, March 1st at Cypress Falls High School

Tournament Deadlines:

All entries must be entered on tabroom.com no later than:

Congress/BQ: Monday, February 17th at 8:00 PM

IE/Debate: Thursday, February 20th at 8:00 PM

Payment:

Checks should be made out to: **EAST TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE NSDA**

Checks should NOT be sent! THEY MUST BE BROUGHT TO REGISTRATION!

Checklist to enter the District Tournament

- I. All forms and payment are due by 2/27. Checks should be made out to East Texas District of the NSDA and brought to registration (If you have only Speech entries, registration is on Thursday. If you have only Debate entries, registration is on Friday. If you only have Congress entries, checks must be brought on 2/21).**

II. Registration Form (found under "NSDA Forms" on Tabroom.com)

This year you are to fill out and submit your registration form online. Your submission is due as part of your registration and must include the following information:

- A. NAMES (no Entry A, Team 1, etc.)
- B. Titles of Interp selections, authors, and PUBLISHERS and DATE must be included. Changes will be accepted at registration only and will not be considered after the first round of competition.

III. Single Entry Letter of Intent for any double entered students

This too is a fill in form online ([Single Entry Letter of Intent](#)). You are to fill out the form, print it, then get signatures before you upload the information. Be sure that all signatures are there. **NO DOUBLE ENTERED STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE WITHOUT A "SINGLE ENTRY LETTER OF INTENT."**

IV. Orations and Informatives:

- A. Typed copies of orations and informatives must accompany the entry.
- B. Script submission should include:
 - a. Cover sheet, containing the title, author and signatures of the student and the coach certifying authenticity.
 - b. Underline in RED or highlighted directly quoted words (150 word limit)
 - c. Changes will be accepted only through 3:00 pm on February 27th.

V. Scripts:

The original published source of any selection used in Dramatic, Humorous, or Duo, or if the source is unavailable, a microfilm or microfiche copy, must be immediately available as well as a complete script of the cutting used. The cutting must include: a photocopy of every page from which any line of the source is taken. Pages are to be in the order in which they are performed, all words used in the script should be highlighted, any word changes and/or additions must be indicated clearly in ink.

VI. Proof of Membership

Coaches must verify that all of their entries were paid members of NSDA, **seven days** prior to the contest.

VII. Legislation:

Legislation will come from the Spring TFA Docket. Specific Legislation will be published soon.

VIII. Student of the Year

If you would like to nominate a student for the Outstanding District student, please fill out the application and submit with your registration materials. **Student of the Year Nomination Form** The Committee will select the winner and announce the results before the completion of the tournament.

Fees

\$30.00 per Individual Event (including DUO and Congress) = \$40 per entry

\$10.00 per individual entry non-refundable judge fee

\$50.00 per LD, CX or Public Forum team TOTAL = \$60 per entry

\$10.00 per CX, LD, Public Forum entry non refundable judge fee

Double the entry fee for entries dropped after deadline (Feb. 20th after 8:00 pm)

\$10.00 per substitution not listed on the entry form

\$100.00 per school Chapter fee (All schools are required to pay this fee)

This year we will also be charging a \$250 judge bond. All schools are required to have 2 judges at the tournament for the entirety of the tournament (or one round past when the last round in which students are competing). At the completion of your obligation, your bond will be returned to you. If your judges should miss rounds, your bond will be forfeited. Further missing of rounds will result in your students being removed from the tournament.

The fees are calculated by combining entry and the non-refundable judge fee for each entry.

CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO: EAST TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE NSDA

PAYMENT If your check is larger than your entry fee, we will write a refund check at the end of the tournament. You can pay for District fees and Congress with the same check.

NSDA INFORMATION

Formula for Determining the Number of Entries from the Members and Degrees (Chapter Strength) on Record

1 - 15 members and degrees 4 entries
16 - 20 members and degrees 6 entries
21 - 30 members and degrees 10 entries
31 - 40 members and degrees 12 entries
41 - 50 members and degrees 15 entries
51 - 60 members and degrees 16 entries
61 - 70 members and degrees 18 entries
71 - 80 members and degrees 21 entries
81 - 90 members and degrees 23 entries
91 - 100 members and degrees 24 entries
101-120 members and degrees 27 entries
121-140 members and degrees 29 entries
141-160 members and degrees 32 entries
161-180 members and degrees 33 entries
181-200 members and degrees 34 entries
201-230 members and degrees 35 entries
231-260 members and degrees 37 entries
261-300 members and degrees 38 entries
301-350 members and degrees 39 entries
351-400 members and degrees 40 entries
401-500 members and degrees 42 entries
501-600 members and degrees 43 entries
601+ members and degrees 44 entries

NSDA district tournaments qualify national entrants according to the number of ***actual participants*** in each event (participation in at least one preliminary contest round).

Speech, and L/D, Team Debate and Duo

We are a Level 3 Qualifier this year:

4-9 entrants - 2 qualifiers; 10-49 entries - 3 qualifiers; 50+ entries - 4 qualifiers

ENTRIES: To participate in the district tournament, a person must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Be a member of NSDA as a chapter or affiliate in good standing
- 2) Have not attended a secondary school for more than 9 semesters.

Coaches must verify that all of their entries were members of NSDA., **seven days prior to the contest (Feb 14, 2025 for Congress/BQ and February 20, 2025 for all other events)**

Student points and degrees must be on record in the national Office and are final on **Feb 14, 2025 for Congress/BQ and February 20, 2025 for all other events).**

Bonus Entries.

A school which enters two entries (two solo entries and two teams) in each and every NSDA category (2 Policy Debate teams, 2 Public Forum Debate teams, 2 Duo teams, 2 L/D, 2 IX, 2 USX, 2 OO, 2 DI, 2 HI) who actually compete (participation in at least one preliminary contest round) in the district tournament may enter 2 additional entries in the tournament but not more than 4 Policy Debate teams, 4 Public Forum teams, 4 Duo Interp teams and 4 students in each solo category.

Double Entry Policy

1. The District Committee may limit entry to one event in the District Speech/Debate Tournament Series.
2. Students that double enter in the District Speech/Debate Tournament Series are still eligible to participate in the District Student Congress.
3. The District Committee may choose to allow double entry in the District Speech/Debate Tournament Series with the following guidelines:
 - a. The District Committee is allowed autonomy in terms of double entry; however, no triple entry is allowed in the District Speech/Debate Tournament Series. A student who enters more than two of the following events (HI, DI, DUO, INFO, ORATORY, USX, IX, POLICY, L/D, PUBLIC FORUM), will forfeit national entry, district trophy points and individual District NSDA points.
 - b. **Students may only enter one team debate event at the District Tournament.** [Policy Debate or Public Forum]
 - c. If a student qualifies in a team event (PFD, Policy, or Duo) and a Solo event, the student must attend Nationals in the team event, unless he or she qualifies for provision d listed below.
 - d. If two students are entered in a team event as partners (and qualify for Nationals) and both also qualify in an individual event, these students may choose to enter the individual events at the National Tournament if pre-registered on the "Single Entry Letter of Intent" form prior to the ending of District Tournament registration. If two students are entered in a team debate event as **partners** (and qualify to Nationals) and **the same partnership** also qualifies in duo, these students may choose to enter **ONE** of the team events (**as partners**) at the National Tournament, if pre-registered on the "Single Entry Letter of Intent" form prior to the ending of the District Tournament in which the students will potentially double qualify.
 - e. A student who is double entered in two solo events at the District Tournament must be determine in advance, in writing, signed by the student, coach, parent/guardian, and principal, the solo event that s/he will enter at the National Tournament. [See Appendix TDA-44]
 - f. No student shall be denied entry into an event or denied participation in either the District Speech/Debate Tournament Series or the District Student Congress due to previous National Tournament qualification, unless the student is attempting to enter a second team event or that student has failed to fill out the "Single Entry Letter of Intent" form.
 - g. Violation of the above rules will result in disqualification from the National Tournament.

General Information on Entries:

INFORMATION IS DETAILED IN THE NSDA TOURNAMENT MANUAL. Info for POI, Informative and Worlds Debate included at the bottom of this page.

A student in two events counts as two entries.

A cross examination or public forum debate team counts as one entry.

A duo team counts as one entry.

A student may not enter more than two events.

A student may enter both Humorous and Dramatic Interp.

A student may enter HI and DUO or DI and DUO, but must compete in DUO at the National Tournament unless both qualify in other events.

A student may not enter both IX and USX.

A student may not cross enter Public Forum, LD, and CX Debate.

A school may not enter more than four students in any event (with the exception of Congress).

A school may not enter more than four two person teams in CX Debate, Public Forum, or Duo teams

A school which enters two entries in each and every NSDA category (CX Debate, Public Forum, LD, IX, USX, OO, DI, HI, INFO, POI, and Duo) who actually compete in the District Tournament may enter 2 additional students in the tournament but no more than four students in any individual event or four teams in any team event.

World Schools Debate Information

World School Debate should be listed on the individual preference sheet to indicate whether a competitor prefers a national qualification in an individual or team event or whether they prefer a spot on the World School team. Students must participate in the district tournament in order to apply for the WSDC District team.

We will be allowed to send **2 teams to the national tournament.**

Students interested in applying for the Worlds Debate team should create an 8 minute video, upload it to Youtube, and send the link to ryan.hennessey@cfisd.net. All applicants must also fill out this google doc: [WSD APPLICATION](#).

Applicants will be judged on their analysis, use of support devices, speaking style, and overall presentation. **The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, April 4th at 11:59:59 pm.** The East Texas EC will review all applicants and choose the top 10 candidates and alternates. The team members will be announced on 4/13 at the Congress District Tournament. .

The motion is: (Will be released 2/1).

Students should prepare a.

East Texas NSDA District Schedule

February 27, 2025, Thursday

3:30 Extemp Draw 1

4:00 IE Round 1

5:15 Extemp Draw Round 2

5:45 IE Round 2

7:00 Extemp Draw 3

7:30 IE Round 3

February 28, 2025, Friday

3:30 LD/PF/CX Round 1

4:45 LD/PF Round 2

5:30 CX Round 2

6:00 LD/PF Round 3

7:30 CX Round 3

7:30 LD/PF Round 4

March 1, 2025, Saturday

8:30 Extemp Draw - Elim 1

9:00 IE Elim 1, CX Round 4

10:30 LD/PF Elim 1

11:30 CX Elim 1, Extemp Draw - Elim 2

12:00 - IE Elim 2

1:00 LD/PF Elim 2

1:30 CX Elim 2

2:30 LD/PF Elim 3

3:30 CX Elim 3 (if necessary)

4:00 LD/PF Elim 4 (if necessary)

HIRED JUDGES

If you would like to be HIRED to judge or if you are a school judge, fill out this form:

[JUDGE FORM](#)

Judging Requirements

Each school must provide two judges for each day of competition.

Your entry will not be accepted if you do not provide judges on tabroom and have them fill out the google doc listed above. Each judge should complete the NSDA Accreditation Level 1: Intro to Multicultural Competence as well as Level 1: Intro to Judging Speech, Debate, Congress or Big Questions (depending on what pool they are in). Good judges are the key to a good tournament. Take the time to recruit quality people that you would want judging your students.

East Texas will pay hired judges \$20 per round.

Schools are responsible for recruiting and contacting these judges.

Judge names and experience/philosophies must be submitted on tabroom.com by Feb. 24. **You will submit a strike list by Thursday February 27th @ 12:00 PM.**

Schools are responsible for recruiting qualified judges who are at least 2 years out of competition. First year out judges should not be entered in the pool by a school.

One coach/assistant coach from every school must be available for every round that their students are competing in plus one round past their most successful competitor. All coaches in the pool must submit judging philosophies for the strike sheet information.

All coaches/assistant coaches, not involved in tournament administration, must be available to judge during the tournament. Coaches will be in the judging pool until they are released to leave by the judging table.

Failure to follow the judging guidelines will result in students being removed from the tournament. Coaches must be available during the tournament. You will be assigned rounds.

East Texas coaches/assistant coaches will not be paid. Judging is a requirement of your participation in the tournament.

Your registration will not be complete until you have submitted judging information for school coaches and required judges.

Your judges must be registered on the Google form. This is the same form you will use to enter judging paradigms.

An additional pool of judges will be hired by the NSDA EAST Texas Committee.

NSDA Topics

Policy Debate – 2024-2025 Topic

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

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – 2025 March/April Topic

Resolved: TBA

Public Forum Debate – 2025 March Topic

Resolved: TBA

East Texas NSDA District Congress Tournament

Congress will be on February 21st, 2025 at Cypress Creek High School.