

# **Arizona District National Qualifying Tournament**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> – Congressional Debate at Brophy College Preparatory**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – All Debate & IE Events at Brophy College Preparatory**

Please make sure your checks and/or PO's are made out to:

**Arizona District - National Speech and Debate Association.**

AZ District NSDA W-9 can be emailed to you upon request.

The Arizona NSDA District Committee is pleased to invite you to this year's national qualifying tournament. We look forward to your participation in one of the most exciting and the most important tournaments of the year. We eagerly anticipate the selection of Arizona's finest competitors to represent our state at the **Centennial Celebration of the NSDA National Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa in June.**

**PLEASE** bring as many entries as your team is allotted to both the Congress Qualifier and the District Qualifier. At the District Tournament, we automatically qualify 3 entries in each event if we meet the minimum number of entries required. If we exceed 50 entries in any event, AZ will qualify a 4th competitor in that event. This can be the most exciting of tournaments because we never know who will qualify. I have personally qualified freshmen and novices in almost all of the events.

**Please never tell a student, "It isn't worth going, because you won't qualify."  
Coaches, we must keep the dream alive!**

**MY PLEA TO YOU: PLEASE READ EVERY WORD OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED AND CALL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.**

**IMPORTANT:** It is vitally important for everyone to understand that this tournament, above all others, is absolutely the most tedious to prepare and run for everyone involved. As coaches, **YOU** have so many details **YOU** must take care of if you want your students to be able to compete in this tournament. The committee cannot and will not allow a school to enter and compete if the requirements have not been met.

## **Your District Committee**

**We promise to work hard to provide you and your team with the best tournament possible. We want to hear your concerns and answer your questions, so please do not hesitate to contact us.**

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To be eligible to compete at either the Congress Qualifier or the District Tournament, you must pay your school's NSDA Membership fee one week before the tournament in which you desire to compete. Additionally, any students who want to compete in one of the qualifying tournaments must have earned at least 25 points and paid their membership fees one week before the tournament date.

The number of entries your team is allotted is based on the number of members and degrees your team has acquired. This information can be found on your team's NSDA home page. More competitors and more competitions equals more points which means more members and degrees.

The NSDA is again offering entry to the National tournament in multiple supplemental events to two non-qualifying students from each team. To be eligible to take non-qualifying students to the NSDA National Tournament, a school must compete at one of the AZ District tournaments, but the specific students are not required to have competed at the AZ District Tournament.

## **TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES AND EVENT RULES**

**Here is the link to the NSDA manual that governs this tournament. [The High School Unified Manual](#).**

The District Tournament will be a three (3) day event. It is also vitally important for all coaches, judges, and competitors to be aware of the rules and regulations governing each event. The link above will take you to the **High School Unified Manual** which will provide you with all the necessary information.

**Pay particular attention to the following:**

**DEBATE EVENT LAPTOP & INTERNET USE - pages 33-34**

**DEBATE EVIDENCE RULES - pages 35-42**

**CONGRESS LAPTOP & INTERNET USE - page 46**

**CONGRESS EVIDENCE RULES - pages 39-54**

**POI RULES** (specifically what source information must be included) - **pages 56-57**

**INTERP RULES** (specifically Print and Digital Publication rules) - **pages 46-49**

**EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING LAPTOP & INTERNET USE - pages 58-62**

## **JUDGE QUOTA**

1. **Congress:** You must supply 1 qualified judge for every 5 congressional debate entries. Each school must guarantee that 1 of the judges in their quota is qualified to serve as PO. Your entire quota is available for both sessions. We will attempt to pre-schedule judges and let you know who we need for each session.
2. **Debate:** You are required to bring 1 qualified / experienced judge for every 1 debater/team entered, sort of. On Thursday (LD, PF, & BQ) and Friday (LD, PF, BQ, & Policy), you have to bring 1 judge for every 2 debaters/teams, BUT on Saturday, you have to bring 1 judge for every 1 debater/team entered. That means if you have 4 LDers, you MUST bring 2 judges on Thursday, 2 on Friday, and 4 on Saturday even if all your kids are out of the tournament. Tabroom is incapable of letting us set it up this way, so you will always appear to be short on Debate judges on Thursday and Friday. I will be watching and will reach out when there is a shortage.
3. **Individual Events:** You are required to bring 1 judge for every 3 individual event entries. Your quota of judges must be available through the END of the tournament even if your students have been eliminated from the tournament.

## **TOURNAMENT ENTRY & EVENT INFORMATION**

1. Competitors are allowed to enter Congress, and 2 events at the District Tournament.
2. Competitors may only enter 1 debate event (PD, LD, PF, BQ).
3. Competitors may only enter 1 extemp event (IX, USX).
4. All students who enter any two or three events in the AZ District National Qualifying Tournaments MUST complete and submit to the District Chair a Single Entry Letter of Intent specifying which event they desire to take to Nationals if they happen to qualify in more than one event. This letter must be submitted before the competitor competes in their 2<sup>nd</sup> event.
5. The NSDA [Single Entry Letter of Intent](#) can be found at this link.

## **CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE**

1. All legislation **MUST** be uploaded to the Tabroom website by Monday, February 24, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.
2. The legislation packet will be available on the Tabroom site no later than Friday, February 28, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. provided you do your part and get them in on time and in the correct format. This is a full 2 weeks before the tournament. Hopefully, your students will come to the tournament with their research completed and speeches outlined.
3. All legislation must be of a **legitimate/serious nature and that would fall under Federal jurisdiction.**
4. We will NOT retype any legislation. All legislation must meet the format as outlined in the NSDA High School Unified Manual.
5. **TEMPLATES:** The legislation **MUST** be in **Word format**, double-spaced, in 10 or 12-point font, and **NOT longer than ONE page. We will not accept any legislation that is typed in a TABLE or that is a PDF.**

The NSDA-approved template for bills is available at this link:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/Bill-Word.doc>. The NSDA-approved template for resolutions is available at this link:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/Resolution-Template-Word.doc>.

The NSDA-approved template for a Constitutional Amendment is available at this link:  
<https://www.speechanddebate.org/wp-content/uploads/Constitutional-Amendment-Word.doc>.

## **DEBATE TOPICS**

See the current NSDA topics at <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>. We will use the March/April for LD Debate, The March topic for Public Forum, and the 2024-25 topic for Policy Debate and BQ Debate.

## **ORATORY & INFORMATIVE**

1. **Please submit Oratory and Informative Titles on Tabroom.**
2. Additionally, students who compete in Oratory and Informative **MUST** upload a copy of their speech(es) plus works cited page to the [www.turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com) website by **Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. If your students have never used Turnitin.com, please [click this link for complete instructions.](#)
3. **To upload an ORATORY:** Use the **Class ID: 47539895** and the **Enrollment key: AZOO25** (The Enrollment keys are in all caps and have no spaces).

4. **To upload an INFORMATIVE:** Use the **Class ID: 47539913** and the **Enrollment key: AZINF25** (The Enrollment keys are in all caps and have no spaces).
5. Since the oratories will have been submitted to turnitin.com, you only **NEED TO SUBMIT** the **Statement of Authenticity** at registration:

*“This original oratory (or informative speech) is the original work of the \_\_\_\_\_ (student’s name) from \_\_\_\_\_ (student’s school). This oratory (or informative speech) contains \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of directly quoted words.”*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **INTERP SELECTIONS: DI, HI, POI, & DUO**

1. **Please enter all of your interp information on Tabroom.**
2. To prove you have not “Frankensteined” a script, you must submit 2 copies of your interp script. See the instructions below.
3. Create a **Google Folder by Thursday, March 13th**. Label the folder Interp plus school name ie. (Interp-Mountain View) & share it with Meg Howell-Haymaker.
4. **Upload all your interp scripts to this one folder by Thursday, March 13th.**
5. **FIRST COPY OF SCRIPT:** You **MUST** scan and upload to the folder a **photocopy of the original interp selection (not a typed copy)** with the cutting highlighted.
  - a. All added words for transition purposes **MUST** be noted on the script in the margin where they occur.
  - b. Make sure to include a copy of the **title page**, the **copyright page with ISBN highlighted**, and the **table of contents** if there is one.
  - c. If the selection comes from a novel or a longer literary work, **only copy the pages that contain lines** used in the students' cutting.
  - d. Also, make sure to put the student's name, event, and school on the front page. For POI include a complete Works Cited page of every literary selection used in the program.
6. **SECOND COPY OF SCRIPT:** You **MUST** also scan a **typed copy of the performance script** that has the **page numbers** (where the line came from in the original script) indicated in the margin if the lines or portions of a line are not in the same order in the script. Make sure the student’s name and school name is on the script.

## **VERY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**Congress is at Brophy College Preparatory on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>**

|                 |                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM         | Session 1- Congress (Senate & House)  |
| 11:00 AM        | Lunch Break – Off campus              |
| 12:15 PM        | Session 2 – Congress (Senate & House) |
| 3:00 PM         | Break – On campus                     |
| 4:15 PM or ASAP | Congress Finals (House only)          |

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**Speech & Debate events will be at Brophy College Preparatory on March 20, 21, & 22.**

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>**

|         |                        |
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| 3:45 PM | Round 1 – LD & PF & BQ |
| 5:00 PM | Round 2 – LD & PF & BQ |
| 6:45 PM | Round 3 – LD & PF & BQ |

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>**

|         |                      |         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| 3:00 PM | Round 1 – IE A       | 5:15 PM | Round 5 – LD, PF, BQ |
| 3:30 PM | Round 1 – Policy     | 6:00 PM | Round 2 – Policy     |
| 3:30 PM | Round 4 – LD, PF, BQ | 6:30 PM | Round 2 – IE A       |
| 4:45 PM | Round 1 – IE B       | 7:00 PM | Round 6 – LD, PF, BQ |

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Note: We will divide the IE Events into A & B divisions to limit the number of double entries in the same time slot.**

|          |                      |         |                        |
|----------|----------------------|---------|------------------------|
| 8:00 AM  | Round 3 – Policy     | 1:00 PM | Semis – IE A           |
| 8:00 AM  | Round 2 – IE B       | 2:00 PM | Round 5 Policy         |
| 9:30 AM  | Round 3 – IE A       | 3:00 PM | Semis – IE B           |
| 9:45 AM  | Round 7 – LD, PF, BQ | 3:30 PM | Round 9 – LD, PF, BQ   |
| 10:30 AM | Round 4 – Policy     | 4:30 PM | Round 6 Policy         |
| 11:30 AM | Round 3 – IE B       | 5:00 PM | Final Round – IE A & B |
| 12:45 PM | Round 8 – LD, PF, BQ | 5:00 PM | Round 10 – LD, PF, BQ  |

**Any additional debate rounds needed will be run as soon as possible.**

**The Awards ceremony will be held as soon as all events have been completed.**