

Registering for the District Tournament

The district chair must notify chapter schools of tournament dates and locations in a timely manner as well as communicate requirements for entry. Each school is responsible for ensuring all rules of entry are met prior to arriving at the tournament site.

School Eligibility and Entry Limits

An entry is defined as a registered unit in any event. In a partnership event (Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate, or Duo Interpretation), each team is one entry. A student who is double entered counts as two entries. Two students in a partnership event who both double enter (in solo events) are counted as three entries.

1. **Allotment:** The number of entries a school is permitted to enter is based upon the number of paid members and degrees on record with the national office prior to the district tournament entry deadline set by the District Committee. Each registration deadline must be set to begin no earlier than seven days (168 hours) prior and end no later than one day (24 hours) prior to on-site registration of the event. Districts must establish their entry deadlines for all events in their district tournament series at least 60 days prior to the start of series. If multiple dates are used, allotment is assessed prior to each contest, subtracting entries that may have been used in a prior contest. Current school strength can be found on the School Profile page of the Association website. Please refer to the *High School Unified Manual* to determine how members and degrees are calculated. (The following entry limits were revised in 2016-2017 to account for the additions of POI and INF as main events.) To download our helpful guide for understanding your team's strength and why it matters, visit www.speechanddebate.org/what-is-strength.

Members and Degrees (Strength)	Speech, Lincoln-Douglas, Policy, and Public Forum Entries Allowed
1-15	4
16-20	6
21-30	10
31-40	12
41-50	15
51-60	16
61-70	18
71-80	21
81-90	23
91-100	24
101-120	27
121-140	29
141-160	32
161-180	33
181-200	34
201-230	35
231-260	37
261-300	38
301-350	39
351-400	40
401-500	42
501-600	43

Members and Degrees (Strength)	Senate Entries Allowed	House Entries Allowed
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
351-400	2	12
401 +	2	13

View a team's strength on the School Profile page:

The screenshot shows the 'School Profile' page on the NSDA website. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links under 'Reports', 'Schools', and 'Quick Links'. The main content area, titled 'School Profile', lists various school details. The 'Strength' is prominently displayed as 108, with an arrow pointing to it from the right. Other visible fields include Primary Advisor, School Level, District, NSDA #, NCES #, Active, Resource Package, Charter, Autobill 25+ pts, and Balance.