

2026 NOVA TITAN INVITATIONAL

October 10th-11th, 2026



**LEGISLATION PACKET
(SEMIS)**

2026 Titan Invitational Congressional Debate Rules

General Information

There will be a single, open division of Congressional Debate. Chambers will be composed of no more than 18 members, although 15 is the target. Competition will feature three preliminary sessions that are 2 hours long. We will break to 4 Semifinal Round chambers consisting of 12 members that will last 2 hours. Our goal will be to have one Final Round chamber consisting of 16 members. Prelim and Semifinal session legislation will be composed of a combination of legislation submitted by school entries chosen by tournament staff. Finals will be a scenario, with details for the scenario being released closer to the tournament. All chambers will be designated as a Senate, and will feature direct questioning and preset recency. This event will follow standard NSDA rules. Where these rules are silent, the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall prevail.

Judging

All Congressional Debate judges are committed through the entire tournament. All prelims chambers will be composed of 2 scorers and 1 Parliamentarian. Semis will be composed of 3 scorers and a Parliamentarian. Finals will be composed of 5 scorers and a Parliamentarian. All schools with valid entries must identify at least 1 eligible Parliamentarian when entering their Judges. Parliamentarians will be advised that all motions to suspend the rules will be ruled out of order by the Chair. Judges are expected to write evaluative feedback and award points to speakers and presiding officers during a round, and within 15 minutes of round adjournment, submit their ballot with rankings. They may return and edit their comments before the end of the tournament, but at a minimum, points for each speech and PO as well as ranks must be submitted in a timely manner.

Schedule

Congress has hard stops. The times below follow the 2026 NOVA Titan Master Schedule.

Congress	Pairings	Start	Stop
Saturday, October 10			
Session 1	7:45 AM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Session 2	10:45 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
Session 3	1:30 PM	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, October 11			
Semifinals	8:00 AM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Finals Part 1	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
Finals Part 2		2:30 PM	4:00 PM

Saturday lunch: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Sunday finals assembly: 10:45 AM to 11:15 AM

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A Bill to Curb International Cybercrime

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby invest one billion dollars
3 towards collaboration with the Nigerian government to combat
4 cybercrime.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. One billion dollars shall be defined as 150 million dollars
6 towards the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC),
7 150 million dollars towards the Nigerian Police Force National Cybercrime
8 Centre (NPF-NCCC), and 700 million dollars towards a joint operation
9 between the U.S. Department of State and the Nigerian Government to
10 develop anti-cybercrime infrastructure.

11 B. Cybercrime shall be defined as illegal activity transacted using the
12 internet.

13 **SECTION 3.** A. United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
14 shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

15 B. Each specified group receiving U.S. funding shall be required to
16 submit quarterly reports detailing all spending, employees, and
17 progress.

18 C. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security shall conduct biannual
19 audits over the period during which the money is being used to
20 ensure the effectiveness of the funding

21 D. The DHS shall receive 50 million dollars in funding to conduct these
22 audits.

23 E. The one billion 50 million dollars used in this legislation shall be
24 derived from the Department of Defense's total budget.

25 E. If corruption is found, the United States may retract all funding.

26 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on Fiscal Year
27 2028

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Patent Thickets

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall restrict the number of patents a
3 pharmaceutical company can claim during litigation with a biosimilar or
4 generic developer in order to boost competition and lower costs.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Patent thickets”, also known as thick patents, shall be
6 defined as overlapping patents on a singular product used to maintain
7 exclusivity and prevent the formation of lower costing generics.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Food
9 and Drug Association (FDA) shall oversee the enforcement of this
10 legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028. All laws
12 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School.