



NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION

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Join Us on April 7–8!

2018 US National Speech and Debate Association

NSDA-TAIWAN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

**Winners will represent Taiwan in the US
Fort Lauderdale, Florida from June 18-23!**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Debate partner can be from a different school for the Taiwan District, but a partner must be from the same school for the U.S. NSDA.
- Double entries ONLY permitted for grade 1-4 if both entries are speech events. For all other situations, NOT permitted.

REGISTRATION METHODS

- Online: <https://asiandebateleague.com/tournaments/tournament-registration/>
- Email: jc@asiandebateleague.com

ELEMENTARY EVENTS

- SD: Smart Debate (G4-5); half speech time of PF debate
- Speech Block A: Original Oratory or Story Telling (G1-4)
- Speech Block B: Impromptu (G1-4)

SECONDARY EVENTS

- Speech: Original Oratory (G6-12)
- NPF: Novice Public Forum (G6-8) for 1 year/less experience
- OPF: Open Public Forum (G7-12)
- CX: Policy (G6-12)
- LD: Lincoln Douglass (G6-12)
- WSD: World School Debate (G9-12); Parliamentary format

NSDA MARCH TOPICS

Will be released on 2/1 : <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>

COSTS

As of January 2018, Scott Wunn has designated ADL as the exclusive sponsor of NSDA Taiwan District that is responsible for 1) membership registration, 2) NSDA fee collection, 3) NSDA points maintenance, and 4) district tournaments operation.

A. Annual School Membership:

- High School - NT 4,500
- Middle School - NT 3,000
- Elementary - NT 1,500

B. Onetime Student Membership:

- High School - NT 1,000
- Middle School - NT 1,000
- Elementary - NT 1,000

C. Tournament Registration:

- 1 entry - NT\$ 4,000 per person
- 20% off on group entry if paid by 1/31
- 10% off on individual entry if paid by 2/10
- **Registration Deadline – 3/10**

D. Judging fee:

- NT 4,000 will be waived if a school provides either a parent or teacher judge per 8 students; if not, must pay NT 4,000.

E. Optional: If your school does not manage NSDA points for you, then a student can pay ADL 1,500 NT annually to 1) record NSDA points and 2) receive NSDA Certificates. Read more about NSDA points here: <https://asiandebateleague.com/points/njfl-points/>

F. Non-Profit Operation: NSDA tournaments are run on non-profit basis as shown in the attached cost analysis of 2017 tournament hosted by ADL. Cost items A and B below go to NSDA office in the U.S. and cost item C includes the travel costs of NSDA representatives coming to Taiwan, facility rental, trophies, lunch, judge & staff compensations, and other costs related to the operation of this tournament. Cost item D is spent on hiring judges.

JUDGE TRAINING

All judges must receive judge training by two methods: A) via LINE or email and B) April 8-9 face-to-face training from 7:30 – 8:30 AM.

SCHEDULE

3/31 – 4/1 Elementary Preliminary @ADL

4/7 Secondary Preliminary @NTNU

4/8 Elementary & Secondary Elims & Finals @NTNU

LOCATION

國立臺灣師範大學公館校區: 116 台北市文山區汀州路四段 88 號



NSDA is the oldest, biggest, and most recognized in the world, thus most beneficial for your future college admissions. Even if you cannot physically go to the U.S. to compete in June, documenting yourself as a Taiwan NSDA Qualified Contestant means a big deal!

We need students representing at least 10 different high schools in Taiwan to make this happen, so spread the news to your friends in other schools.

This year will be amazing because Scott Wunn, the Director of NSDA has promised to come to Taiwan to meet and award you personally!

To sign up, please contact Asian Debate League: (02-2876-1866) or email <jc@asiandebateleague.com>

U.S. Academia considers NSDA awards favorably because NSDA is the oldest, largest, and most recognized speech and debate association in the U.S. and abroad. For example, according to Yale Professor Luong and the Wall Street Journal (Interactive Edition, April 16, 1999), U.S. top-tier U.S. colleges admits 22 – 30 % more debaters, as opposed to students in other extra-curricular activities “school newspaper reporter (+3%), sports team captain (+5%), class president (+5), and band (+3).”

NSDA was founded in 1925, and its national tournaments are the world’s largest. As of 2017, it has 30,000 regional qualifying participants and nearly 8,000 national tournament attendees. To date, it has enrolled over 1.4 million members in all 50 states, U.S. possessions, and several foreign countries. Currently, NSDA serves more than 150,000 students and 6,500 coaches.

NFL alumni exude prominent influence in the U.S., and to name just a few are: Hillary & Bill Clinton, Supreme Court Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Stephen Breyer, and Samuel Alito; media visionaries Oprah Winfrey and CNN founder Ted Turner; and Senators Richard Lugar, Russ Feingold, and William Frist.



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