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# Salt Lake NCFL Qualifier

Debate, Individual Events, and Congressional Debate Tournament

The Juan Diego Catholic High School Speech and Debate Team invites you to the Salt Lake NCFL Qualifier. The tournament is on January 18th-20th. Debate and Congress will begin on the 18th, IE's will begin on the 19th. Please see below for information on double entering.

Winners of the tournament will qualify to compete in Kentucky at this year's NCFL Grand National Tournament. Historically, we have been able to qualify the top 3 entries in each event. We are still waiting for membership forms and fees from some schools. We will be able to supply the number of entries we will qualify after December 10th.

## TOPICS

February topics will be used for LD and PF

# EVENTS AND RULES

To the extent possible, the tournament will follow rules and guidelines as established by the NCFL. These can be seen here: <http://www.ncfl.org/competition-events>. Please read the documents titled "master ballot" and "critique sheet" for more details. These documents will be used at this tournament.

There is one exception - impromptu is offered at this tournament but it is not eligible for NCFL qualification. This is to provide student an opportunity to get practice in the event in preparation for region and state tournaments.

## Oral Interpretation of Literature

According to the NCFL, students in oral interpretation of literature will alternate between prose and poetry. For this reason, expect the following format for that event:

- round 1 - poetry
- round 2 - prose
- round 3 - poetry
- final - prose

## Congressional Debate

For congress, we will follow normal Utah conventions for running the chambers. In other words, we will not adopt the NCFL standards mentioned on their website.

# QUALIFICATION AND ELIMINATION IN DEBATE

Here's the weird part. In the interest of advancing the tournament and accomplishing our goal of determining qualifiers, we will do things a little different in debate. Be sure to take note:

- We will eliminate debaters after two losses after round three and each subsequent round
- After five rounds, undefeated debaters will qualify outright
- Subsequent rounds will take place to determine the remaining qualifiers and alternates. These rounds will have a three judge panel

- Debaters eliminated on Wednesday can sign up to do IEs on Thursday, effectively giving them another opportunity to qualify
- These rules will be changed and adapted if the size of the tournament necessitates doing so. Remember, the goal is 1. figure out who gets to go to Kentucky and 2. have a good, pre-region/state competition.

## CONGRESS DOCKET

Congress Docket will be announced closer to the tournament

## SCHEDULE

### Wednesday

Debate schedule:

Round 1 Debate - 3:30

Round 2 Debate - 5:30

Break - 6:45

Round 3 Debate - 7:00

Debaters with two losses after Friday will be eliminated and are invited to register for an IE, if they like.

Congress schedule:

Session 1 - 3:30-5:30

Session 2 - 6:00-8:00

### Thursday

Debate schedule:

\*Round 4 Debate - 3:30

\*Round 5 Debate - 5:30

Break - 6:45

\*Round 6 Debate - 7:00

Congress schedule:

\*Session 3 - 3:30-5:30

\*As needed

IE Schedule:

Extemp Draw at 3:30

Round 1 IEs 3:30-4:45

Round 2 IEs 4:45-6:00  
Round 3 IEs 6:00-7:15  
Final Round 7:15-8:30

Friday

Reserved for Debate and IE eliminations as needed

## **DOUBLE ENTRY PROTOCOL**

Students doing IEs can enter in no more than two events.

Students doing congress cannot do debate events.

Here's the weird part. Debaters cannot also enter in speech, however, if they are eliminated after three rounds, they can enter in a speech event for Thursday.

## **FEES**

Entry fees are \$4. Duo teams, PF teams, and policy teams are \$8.

## **TABULATION AND SCORING**

Competitors will be ranked. The ratings system (S,E, G, F) will not be used. The tabroom will be open to all coaches, and they will have access to all ballots as well as the computer records. For this reason, coaches are responsible for verifying the accuracy of all tabbing of individual results. No corrections will be made after the tournament is concluded.

Competitors will all be ranked, with no ties. This also means that there will be no ties for 5th place, as is often the norm at tournaments in Utah.

The tournament director will determine who advances to finals and semi-finals based on cumulative ranks from preliminary rounds.

Finals rounds will be judged by a panel of three judges, except where entry in the event is fewer than 14 total entries.

## **AWARDS**

There will be awards for all debaters qualifying for nationals and impromptu speakers in the final round

## **JUDGES**

IE Judges

One judge is required for every five entries or portion thereof.

Policy

One judge is required for every two entries in each event or portion thereof.

LD and PF

One judge is required for every four entries

## **FOOD**

Dinner will be provided for coaches and judges. Food will be available for purchase for students.

## **WIRELESS ACCESS**

Wireless Internet is accessible to all of our guests.