

Iroquois District Invitation
March 24th and 25th
Hosted by Sayre Area High School

Important Dates:

- March 17th * Congress bills and resolutions should be emailed to Kerry Bocko (kbocko@sayresd.org) so she can send out a bill packet for students to research ahead of time.
- March 17th * All students' tournament points must be entered online.
* All dues must be paid to the NSDA for student and school registration.
* Deadline for completing Registration on Tabroom.
* All paperwork should be postmarked by this date.
- March 17th – 24th * Email kbocko@sayresd.org with any last minute changes or updates to your registration.
- March 22nd * Deadline for District Student of the Year Application to be emailed to Kerry Bocko.
- March 24th * Registration at Sayre High School between 3:45 and 4:00 pm.
* The first three rounds will run from ~4:30~ 9:30
- March 25th * Return to Sayre High School by 8:30 am for competition to resume.
* Awards will take place ASAP, hopefully by 3 pm.

Important Information

1. Hotel Information

There is not a block of hotels this year, but availability will be plentiful. Here are some hotels I recommend.

- a. Hampton Inn – 570-882-1166
3080 Elmira Street
Sayre, PA 18840
- b. Comfort Inn and Suites – 570-888-1100
2160 Elmira Street
Sayre, PA 18840
- c. Candlewood Suites – 570-888-0700
2775 Elmira Street
Sayre, PA 18840
- d. Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham – 570-888-0001
1775 Elmira Street
Sayre, PA 18840

2. Student Website Registration

- a. A new national rule was put in place that ALL students must register on the NFL website to be eligible to compete in district competition. Below is the message from Scott Wunn about how to complete this.
- b. ALL members will have to be registered.

c. A gold star on your student report will appear by the students name once they have registered.

d. Important Information from the Executive Director

Student Website Registration Requirement

* Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, only students officially registered as a member user on our website may compete in district competition.

Please Note: Allowing new member students who have not registered to compete at districts may jeopardize that student's qualification or alternate status and WILL affect the event entry count for the district. It is ESSENTIAL that the district committee confirm that all new students competing at the district tournament have registered on the website prior to the beginning of the district competition.

If you need further instructions on registering these students, please contact Kerry Bocko.

3. Tournament Registration

a. This year we will be using Tabroom. I am still working on setting this up and will send more detailed information ASAP!

2. Mailing Registration paperwork:

Sayre High School
Attn: Kerry Bocko
331 West Lockhart Street
Sayre, PA 18840

Be sure to include:

- a. Speech Event Entry forms
- b. Congress event entry forms
- c. Letters of Intent (This paperwork is for students who are double entered in any two events. This includes speech, debate or congress.)

3. Competitive Events offered ([Category Descriptions](#))

<u>Speech</u>	<u>Debate</u>	<u>Student Congress</u>
Humorous Interp	Lincoln-Douglas	Senate
Dramatic Interp	Public Forum	House
Duo Interp		
Original Oratory		
Informative	*Students may double enter in a speech and/or debate event. They may triple enter only if their third event is student congress.	
International Extemp		
Domestic Extemp		
Program Oral Interpretation		

4. Congress:

- * Please look over the NSDA website for information and details on congress. If your students can sign up for this event and speak once throughout the two days, it will benefit the district as a whole!
- * If you would like to write a bill or resolution, please email it to Kerry Bocko (kbocko@sayresd.org) by March 17th.
- * She will email bill packets prior to the tournament, so students have time to research.

- * If you would like any help with this please feel free to email Julie Larnard-Newbury or Kerry Bocko.

5. Judges:

- * All judges should have a general understanding of what each event is offered. We must place a certain number of judges in each event and follow strict guidelines to keep a pristine judging appearance. This means that ALL judges need to be able to judge any event. It is our goal to have judges in their comfort area, but we need everyone to be flexible.
- * If you have any former students judging, the committee asks that they have at least one year between graduating and judging at the district level. (Anyone who graduated in 2015 is not eligible to judge at this tournament.)
- * Please try to fill your judge's quota, we all know the # of judges available can make or break a tournament.
- * If you have any extra adults who will be with you, we would appreciate their names so we can use them as extra judges if needed.

6. National Qualifiers

Speech and Debate events: As long as there are 4 entries in the event then our district is eligible to send two students or two teams to the national tournament.

Senate: Our district is eligible to send two senators to the national tournament.

House: If we have less than 30 entries in the house we can send one representative, if we have 30 – 60 entries we can send two representatives. If we have more than 30, we will divide into two house chambers and one representative from each chamber will qualify.

7. District Student of the Year

- * Each school can nominate one senior to be eligible for the district student of the year.
- * A team of judges will be assigned to analysis the applications and choose the district student of the year.
- * The application for this process can be found on the NFL website and must be returned to Kerry Bocko by March 22nd.

8. Team Strength

- a. Only students who have earned a minimum of 25 points and who have registered on the NSDA website (have a gold star by their name) may be entered.

- b. Please be sure to have all tournament points entered no later than Friday March 10th, only points entered at least one week prior to the start of the district tournament can be honored.
- c. Check your team strength in the 'manage schools' section, after all points have been entered. The chart below shows how many people you are able to bring to districts, depending on your team strength.

Members and Degrees (Strength)	Speech, LD, Policy, and Public Forum Entries Allowed
1-15	3
16-20	5
21-30	8
31-40	10
41-50	12
51-60	13
61-70	15
71-80	17
81-90	19
91-100	20
101-120	22
121-140	24
141-160	26
161-180	27
181-200	28
201-230	29
231-260	30
261-300	31
301-350	32
351-400	33
401-500	34
501-600	35
601 +	36

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