



Tarheel East District Speech & Debate Tournament

On March 24th & 25th, the Tarheel East District will be holding the second portion of the NSDA District Tournament. We will be hosting the Speech & Debate Qualifier at Durham Academy in Durham, NC. This tournament determines who competes in all Speech and Debate from our district at the NSDA National Tournament June 17th through 22nd, 2018, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Due to the nature of school entry limits, we ask that you update your students' NSDA points through the NSDA's Point Application at least 10 days prior to the tournament. Students must have a minimum of 25 NSDA points on record, as well as be registered individually through the NSDA website to be eligible to compete at the District Tournament.

Additionally, all fees must be paid with the NSDA prior to competing at the tournament. Any school with outstanding NSDA fees will not be allowed to compete until those fees are paid in full.

Registration will be held Saturday morning in the Upper School Learning Commons. As registration finishes, we will begin competition immediately. All of your paperwork will need to be organized and signed. Please help us begin on time by having this done ahead of time. (Paperwork is discussed in detail later in the document)

Each school must complete a District Tournament Registration Form. This form is automatically completed for you after you enter and complete your registration on Tabroom. This form must be fully completed, printed, signed, and turned into Crawford Leavoy by March 17, 2018 (per NSDA rules). Please send as certified mail to:

Crawford Leavoy
17 Great Oak Court
Durham, NC, 27713

In accordance with new rule changes, we will permit changes to registrations after the seven day deadline, but the registration must be received by the March 17th date to insure entry into the tournament. All students and judges must be concurrently registered for the tournament on the Tabroom website as well. We must have both the electronic and hard copy version of your registration.

Please be sure to read the information on this website to ensure that you properly register.

Cordially,

Crawford Leavoy, District Chair - Durham Academy
Shannon Jarman - Cumberland International Early College High School
Brittanie McNeil - Massey Hill Classical High School
Joshua Wade - Croatan High School
Willie Warren - East Chapel Hill High School



Schedule

Saturday, March 24th, 2018

8:00 AM	Registration Begins	
8:45 AM	Registration Ends	
9:00AM	Announcements & Clarifications	
9:30AM	Lincoln Douglas & Public Forum	Round One
	United States Extemp	Round One
11:00AM	All Speech Events (except USX)	Round One
12:30PM	Lunch	
1:30PM	Lincoln Douglas & Public Forum	Round Two
	United States Extemp	Round Two
3:00PM	All Speech Events (except USX)	Round Two
4:30PM	Lincoln Douglas & Public Forum	Round Three
6:00PM	All Speech Events (except USX)	Round Three
7:30PM	Dinner	
8:30PM	Lincoln Douglas & Public Forum	Round Four
	United States Extemp	Final Round

Sunday, March 25th, 2018

8:30 AM	HI, DI, DUO, OO	Round Four
	POI, INFO, IX	Semifinals
10:00 AM	Lincoln Douglas & Public Forum	Round Five
11:30AM	HI, DI, DUO, OO	Semifinals
	POI, INFO, IX	Finals
1:00PM	Lincoln Douglas & Public Forum	Round Six
2:30PM	HI, DI, DUO, OO	Finals
4:00PM	Lincoln Douglas & Public Forum	Round Seven (If Needed)
5:15PM	Lincoln Douglas & Public Forum	Round Eight (If Needed)
6:30PM	Lincoln Douglas & Public Forum	Round Nine (If Needed)

- Awards will occur as soon as the final round has concluded and been tabulated.
- The District Committee will post updates throughout Sunday as that time becomes known.
- This schedule is subject to change
- All judges are obligated throughout the tournament



Rules

The Speech & Debate Tournament will follow the guidelines that are in the [Unified High School Manual](#) from the NSDA. The Event and Tournament guidelines can be found on pages

School Fee

There will be no school fee for the 2018 District Tournament.

Double Entry Guidelines

- Students may double enter in any two of the speech events they desire.
- Students may enter one speech event and one debate event if they choose.
- USX will run in the same time slots as debate events. Therefore, the District Committee does not suggest double entry between debate events and USX due to the possibility of missing rounds.
- Any student who wishes to double enter in more than one partner event must have the same partner for both events (This applies to Public Forum, Policy and Duo).
- Students may enter two events in addition to Congress, but no student may compete in more than 2 events if one is not Congress, and no student can compete in more than 3 events under any conditions.
- Student may not enter both Public Forum and Policy debate.

Rules Concerning Judges

1. Judges must have graduated from high school.. First-year out judges may be registered, but are free strikes.
2. Judges must be aware of all NSDA rules regarding event procedures, scoring, and requirements of the event you have placed them in. If a judge is unfamiliar with the rules and regulations, or unfit to judge (as determined by the District Committee) your judge bond will be forfeited.
3. Judges need to be available throughout the tournament. They should not leave the tournament until all rounds are completed. This is necessary because the elimination rounds require multiple judges and we cannot use “dirty” judges.
4. Judges may be in both the Speech pool and Debate pool
5. Each judge must register for a minimum of 1 pool in each event (Debate - LD, PF, CX; Speech - Platform, Interpretation)

Judge Ratios

Every school must supply judges in the following ratios:

- In Speech Events, 1 judge per 2 entries; \$100 for missing quota
- In Lincoln-Douglas Debate, 1 judge per 1 entry; \$100 for missing quota
- In Public Forum Debate, 1 judge per 1 entry; \$100 for missing quota
- In Policy Debate, 1 judge per 1 entry; \$100 for missing quota



Judge Bond

A judge bond of \$100 is required. In the event that your judges do not appear for all assigned rounds, the judge bond will be forfeited. Once you have forfeited your judge bond, a \$50 fine will be assessed for each round missed.

Judge Strike System

On March 22nd, each school will be given the opportunity to strike two judges in the tournament. These are universal strikes. Therefore, you can strike Sam Higgins from judging your school in every event, but you cannot only strike Sam in LD, but not Extemp.

In the event that the District Committee has to add a judge to the judging pool after the list of judges is published, we will offer them to you as a free strike. This means that you can strike them whether you have used your strikes or not.

Strikes must be submitted by 8:45 AM on Saturday, March 24th, 2018.

Scripts & Manuscripts

This year, we will be collecting scripts & manuscripts for all scripted speech events per NSDA requirements.

For all Interpretation events, each team must submit in a sealed manilla envelope the original book/manuscript/play in which each page being used in competition is clearly marked. Each page should also be copied, and words actually spoken should be highlighted while each word not being used is clearly crossed through. Any transitional phrases should be written where they appear in the text and the introduction should also be included.

For Informational Speaking and Original Oratory, a student's original speech with correctly formatted MLA citations for all sources should be included.

For any electronic sources that can not be printed, the coach will be required to submit the source on an electronic device the day of the district competition and said device, along with all other manuscripts, will be returned at the end of the tournament.

Please note, the only reason a sealed envelope will be opened is if there is a challenge to a competitor's piece. Failure to turn in scripts at the beginning of the tournament is not grounds for disqualification. However, if requested, the competitor must produce the script or manuscript in a timely manner.



California Plan

The 2018 Tarheel East NSDA District Tournament will utilize the California plan in speech. More information can be found in the High School Unified Manual on pp 76-79.

We will utilize two judges in preliminary rounds, the number of rounds in each event is determined by the number of actual participants in the event at the beginning of Round One, based on the following table:

<u>Number of Entries</u>	<u>Number of Prelim Rounds</u>
24 or fewer	3
42 or fewer	4
43 or more	5

The first round of each event will be preset using a random draw. Two judges must be used in each preliminary round. The number of judges must be the same in every preliminary round and the same for each event. Entries are to be changed from one section only to another to avoid the following in the precedence listed:

- Entries from the same school in the same section
- If possible, entries with the same selection in the same section.
- Only sections of five, six, or seven are permitted.

In preliminary rounds, speaking order should be varied. Each entry should receive a top, middle and bottom speaking order, not to be repeated in preliminary rounds unless unavoidable.

In the semifinal round, speaking position is determined by blind draw.

In the final round, speaking order is determined by a blind draw. However, an entry should not receive the same speaking order it had in semifinals.

In speech events with 14 or fewer entries, a semifinal round is not required, and students may advance directly to the final round.

Each judge will rank entries from one as the best to seven as the worst. Whenever a judge has marked an entry lower than fifth, such rank will be changed to fifth before tabulation begins. However, after a sixth or seventh rank has been tabulated as a five and a tie occurs between entries for a rank in the round, the six and seven is used to determine the judge's preference.

Round two and subsequent rounds must be determined after the results are recorded from the previous round. The entry's seeding is determined by the sum of its composite re-ranks from previous rounds. Place entries in sections, by their seeding in a serpentine or snaking pattern. Begin with the first seed in section one and continue to place seeds in separate sections until placing an entry in the last available



section. Place the next seeded entry in the next available section and continue to place entries in separate sections. When ties in seeding occur, randomly place the equal seeds in subsequent separate sections.

Twelve entries will be selected to participate in the semifinal round on the basis of lowest cumulative score of composite re-ranks from the entry's preliminary rounds. Three judges must be used in the semifinal round of each event.

Add composite preliminary round re-ranks and each judge's ballot in the semifinal round to determine six qualifiers for the final round. Five judges must be used in the final round. If a district chooses to use seven rounds in the finals, the high and the low scores must be excluded when determining the National Qualifier(s).

Entries qualifying for the National Tournament are selected by determining the lowest total of preliminary composite re-ranks, added to three semifinal ranks, added to five final ranks. If a tie exists among qualifiers or alternates, determine final placement by using the following tiebreakers in order of precedence:

- The cumulative score of final round judges only.
- Judges' preference in the final round only.
- Greatest number of ones, twos, etc., in the final round only.
- If still tied, repeat steps 1 through 3 by adding the semifinal scores.
- If still tied, add the actual ranks from preliminary rounds to semifinal ranks and to final ranks to determine placement.

Extemporaneous Speaking Topic Areas

The National Office of the NSDA will be providing questions for both United States and International Extemporaneous Speaking. These topic areas will be announced closer to the tournament.

United States Extemporaneous Speaking Topic Areas

Will be released soon

International Extemporaneous Speaking Topic Areas

Will be released soon



Protests & Decorum

We ask that you remind your judges and students that due to the nature of the District Tournament, emotions are typically high, and tempers short. We ask that students, judges and coaches work to maintain proper decorum throughout the tournament.

We ask that you are very aware of all rules in the NSDA Unified Manual. You should submit a protest only when you are sure that a rule has been violated. We will respond with serious attention. Protests are accusations. We want everyone to feel respected and honored as we conduct this tournament. Please handle the protest with tact, discretion and dignity. Do not involve a student in an unnecessary dispute.

Some notes from the manual:

- **Harassment:** Harassment, in any form, at any contest is prohibited and is grounds for disqualification.
- **Disputes:** The District Committee has the full power to adjudicate disputes or interpretation of rules, but may not change the rules. The District Committee is authorized to determine how a rule is to be interpreted or applied in a specific dispute or critical question of procedure. If the District Committee cannot resolve, the National Office or acting Tournament Referee must be phoned for a ruling
- **Protests:** Judges assigned by the tournament committee shall be final unless protested before the tournament has begun. If a judge(s) is added to the judge pool after the tournament has begun, any protest must be made prior to the session in which that individual(s) is assigned to judge. If protested, the District Committee shall hear the protest, and its decision will be final. Members of the District Committee involved should recuse themselves.
- **Protest Committee:** If a member must recuse themselves, the coach will be replaced by a District Chair from outside of the District, if present at the tournament.
- **Proxies for Tab Officials:** Due to their nature as tabulation officials, members of the District Committee may not file protests at the District Tournament on behalf of their students. They must appoint a proxy prior to the beginning of the tournament with the District Chair who will file all protests on their school's behalf.



District Student of the Year

With the level of integrity, intellect and character that is among the student population in each district, the NSDA is proud to announce the implementation of the NSDA District Student of the Year award.

Each coach may nominate one student who exemplifies the leadership practices and positive qualities set forth by the National Speech and Debate Association.

The award will be based on coach nominations only. Nominations should be in the form of a 500-word (or fewer) essay about the nominee and his or her service, passion and dedication to the district, the NSDA, and the activity of forensics. Nominations will be collected and reviewed by the District Chair and his or her committee. Whoever receives the strongest nominations for the award should receive the award.

The winner of the District Student of the Year award will receive a plaque from the National Speech and Debate Association during the Awards Ceremony of the District Tournament. His or her District Chair will present the award.

To nominate, each nominee should reflect the following standard:

- A nominee must be an NSDA member in his or her senior year of high school.
- The nominee should uphold the NSDA Code of Honor.
- The nominee should demonstrate strong academic standards.
- The nominee should demonstrate participation in a wide array of community involvement and service.
- The nominee should exhibit dedication and commitment to the NSDA and forensics.

The nomination form can be found here:

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/student-of-the-year-nomination-form/>

To be considered, your form must be submitted by March 24th.

District Coach of the Year

“The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in speech and debate. Students should be treated with the utmost respect, and their welfare should be considered in decisions by coaches at all times.”

We want to recognize the coaches in our District that embody the tenants of the Coaches Code of Ethics. Please send a letter of nomination to tarheeleastdistrict@gmail.com by March 24th in order to nominate a coach in the Tarheel East District that you feel is an example of what it means to be a coach that practices integrity and strives to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.



Fees

Please pay all outstanding NSDA fees prior to March 23rd. You must pay the remaining balance at registration in order to be allowed to compete. You will not be able to compete without paying.

Each student will incur a fee of \$25.00 for the District Tournament, regardless of the number of events that the enter. This must be paid for all students at this tournament; if your student is competed at the Congressional Debate portion of the NSDA District Tournament in February, there will not be an additional registration fee for that student.

There will be no entry fees for students representing a new NSDA school.

Limits

A school's entry to the District Tournament is based around their **degree strength** on file with the NSDA. Tabroom will automatically show you the number of allowed entries based on strength.



Directions

Durham Academy is located at:

3601 Ridge Road
Durham, NC 27705

For those who want to see it on a website:

[Durham Academy on Google Maps](#)



Hotel Accomodations

The District Committee has secured blocks of rooms in Durham, NC. We ask that you please make your arrangements for overnight stay in these blocks.

These blocks will be released soon by the District Committee.



Paperwork to Submit

The following items need to be turned in to the appropriate listed person by their respective due dates.

1. Tabroom Registration - **Due March 17, 2018 at 4PM**
2. District Tournament Registration Form
 - This is a form generated by Tabroom after you complete your registration.
 - Must be completed, printed, and signed by the coach.
 - Any potential alternate who may replace a student who drops must also be an NSDA member at the school for which they are entered for at least seven days prior to the District Tournament.
 - Alternate substitutions must meet all qualifications as those originally entered on the form.
 - No student may compete that is not on that form. Drops must be removed and alternate substitutions must be added prior to the start of the tournament.
 - A hard copy of this form is due on **March 17, 2018 at 4PM**.
3. National Tournament Single Entry Letter of Intent (for students who are double entering at the District Tournament held on March 24th & 25th) - **Due at Registration on March 24, 2018**

How To Register on Tabroom.com

The following instructions are how to register on www.tabroom.com.

1. Logon in the top right-hand corner of the screen.
2. Search "Tarheel" in the top right-hand corner of the screen. After you do this the first time, the tournament will always appear in your login screen unless you drop completely from the tournament.
3. Click "Register" on the tabs of the tournament. You'll have to certify that the information you provide is accurate, and then make sure that you update your NSDA roster (this is pretty intuitive). **I would advise that you put in your points prior to this step so that you don't have to go back and do it. Remember, the number of entries you get is dependent on the number of degrees your program has.**
4. Under "Entries" you will find a drop-down menu on the right hand side. You can select House or Senate. Once you select an event, you will have a list of your students who are eligible for the tournament. Select their name and click "Add Entry." You may continue to add until all of your slots are filled.
5. Your "Greensheets" (printed registration forms) are under "NSDA Forms" as well as your Single Entry Letter of Intent. You'll find that you can rank Congress and Worlds currently. However, you will be able to resubmit for any student that is also competing in the March portion of the District tournament.
6. Under "Judges" you will enter the name of the required number of judges. You must add them to the Tabroom system if you haven't already. On the right-hand side, you'll find "Add Judge."
7. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Crawford Leavoy.