

Hello all!

Just letting you know that registration has begun for the National Forensics League District Tournament! **Registration is WILL BE online at [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com). I will send out an email when it up and running (going through approval of site now).**

As a chapter and/or affiliate school within the Michigan District of the National Forensic League, you are invited to the 2018 District Qualifier for the 2018 National Tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Michigan is coming off another successful year, and we are looking forward to continuing our tradition of excellence. This small tournament will decide who will represent our state.

Here is your formal invitation to the NSDA qualifying tournament for Michigan. The event is Feb. 24, 2018. The event will occur here at Holland High School (600 VanRaalte Avenue, Holland, MI. 49423).

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 (registration 8:00 to 8:30...round one at 9:00...awards tentatively sent for 2:00...however, this may change if tournament grows larger.

WHERE: Holland High School (600 VanRaalte Ave., MI 49423)

WHO: Any NSDA member with updated points and dues!? If you are unsure of how many entries you can have, check your status online at [www.speechanddebate.org](http://www.speechanddebate.org). The more merits you have, the more entries you are given.

HOST: Kevin Schneider

WHAT TO DO: Registration will close on FRIDAY, February 16 at 5:00 p.m. This allows us to verify information with the NSDA. HOWEVER, the sooner we know the numbers, the better the neutral judges will be for tournament!

**Please remember that students MUST be an NSDA member (at least 25 NSDA points) in order to compete. Additionally, ALL MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT DATE. Please email me if you have any questions regarding this.**

Food: We will have food available for sale all day. Please plan on eating at the school as there will be little time to travel off campus.

Tentative Schedule:

Registration in the Library	8:00 – 8:30AM
General Meeting	8:45
Extemp draw in the Media Center	8:30
Judges Meeting	8:45
Round I	9:00
Round II	10:15
Additional rounds will follow	
Awards will follow	

Relevant numbers:

email (preferred) [kschneid@hollandpublicschools.org](mailto:kschneid@hollandpublicschools.org)

home phone 616-405-9399

**Events: NSDA has six events for the IE competition which all have slight rule differences from MIFA, but they are similar. They include:**

DI (any serious piece, can be DI, Prose, Poetry or Storytelling)

HI (any humorous piece, can be DI, Prose, Poetry or Story)

Duo

Oratory

Foreign Extemp

US Extemp

Info

POI (Packaged Oral Interp)

**No stools or chairs are allowed in interp events. All interp events have a 10 minute time limit. No internet access or note cards in either Extemp.**

JUDGES: Though we will be hiring neutral judges, we also ask you to furnish (and pay) one judge per 4 entries.

DOUBLE ENTRY: Students MAY double enter...we just need to know this. In fact, double enter as many as you can...the more in each event, the more we qualify.

NSDA REGISTRATION SHEET: Please fill out and sign the registration forms on the NSDA web site. You may also download a "pre-populated" registration sheet from the [Entries] page of this website (once you've registered your team). These must also be signed by principal. After you register, I will send you a check list to make sure all is in order.

IF YOU NEED HELP ENTERING POINTS or would like me to figure out HOW MANY SLOTS YOU HAVE AVAILABLE TO YOU...just email me! No problem!

Quota System:

District tournaments qualify national entrants in debate and speech events according to the number of actual participants in each event, using the following chart (this does not affect Congress, which has its own quota system):

<b>Individual Events (LD &amp; Speech)</b>	<b>Team Events (Duo)</b>
4-11 entrants = 1 Qualifier	4-9 Teams = 1 Qualifier
12-37 entrants = 2 Qualifiers	10-29 Teams = 2 Qualifiers
38-57 entrants = 3 Qualifiers	30-49 Teams = 3 Qualifiers
58+ entrants = 4 Qualifiers	50+ Teams = 4 Qualifiers

HOW MANY CAN YOU ENTER?

Formula for Determining the Number of Entries from the Members and Degrees (Chapter Strength) on Record

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

### NSDA Frequently Asked Questions

There has been some confusion over the rules and regulations of this tournament. Basically the rules are not very different from the MIFA rules. Here are some helpful questions and answers.

\*\*\*\*Pay special attention to #10

- 1) **What are the rules regarding blocking, use of chairs, use of performance space?** No chairs, blocks or stools. Most NSDA qualifiers limit their movement, but since Michigan people are judging this qualifier, you can ease up on the changing of your blocking.
- 2) **What are the time limits for the events?** The time limits for DI and HI are 10 minutes instead of 8. Extemp, Oratory, and Duo time limits are the same.
- 3) **Will these rules apply to the qualifier tournament?** NSDA rules will be upheld at the qualifier.
- 4) **What does my student need to do in order to compete?** Any student can compete as long as he/she is a member of the NSDA. 25 points must be entered for them and their \$15 payment fee must be acquired by the NSDA before the tournament day.
- 5) **Will my students get trophies?** Each student who qualifies will receive a special plaque. There is a team sweepstakes trophy, which is calculated by how many students each team has at the tournament, and how many rounds they compete in total.
- 6) **Do the students need to dress a certain way, bring their script in a certain format, or do anything different than usual?** Dress as you would for a normal tournament. Most boys wear ties, no matter what the event. As for the script, bring all scripts and speeches signed as you would to a MIFA district tournament.
- 7) **How long will the tournament last?** It really depends upon the number of students in the event. Scoring works a little differently from MIFA. In prelims, the people that receive the 1 and the 2 in the round get an "up" while the others receive a "down." When a student receives two "downs", he/she is eliminated. When judges rank

the students, there are NO PERCENTAGE POINTS. The ballots are different. After round 2 the tab staff will have to restructure until we have eliminated enough people to have a final round. This usually takes 2 or 3 rounds. Then in finals, there are 3 judges and the person with the lowest ranks overall (cumulative throughout the day) wins. There will be an extensive judges meeting to go over the rules. Please print out the District Tournament Manual and go over it with your judges before the tournament.

8) **How many people are competing?** I have no idea yet. You need 12 entries in an event to qualify two students to nationals, and 10 duos to qualify the top two.

9) **If my student qualifies—what do I do?** You'll need to secure travel and housing arrangements to Dallas. Go to the NSDA website for more information. We may be securing a block of rooms beforehand to make this easier.

10) **What do I need to bring to the tournament?** You will need:

-copies of scripts and speeches, signed by both the coach and the student

-the NSDA District Tournament Registration form, which you can find on

[www.speechanddebate.org](http://www.speechanddebate.org). Look under the District Tournament Manual under NSDA Manuals.

Fill it out and have it signed by your principal.

-your registration fee, and your judges

-letter of intent for students that are double entered

11) **What if I have more questions?** Please contact Kevin Schneider @

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