

Iroquois District Invitation
February 23rd and 24th
Hosted by McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, NY

Important Dates:

- February 15th * 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.
- February 16th * 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.
- February 17th – 22nd * Email kbocko@sayresd.org with any last minute changes or updates to your registration.
- February 21st * Deadline for District Student of the Year Application to be emailed to Kerry Bocko.
- February 23rd * Registration at McQuaid Jesuit High School between 3:45 and 4:00 pm.
* The first three rounds will run from ~4:30~ 9:30
- February 24th * Return to McQuaid Jesuit High School by 8:30 am to resume competition.
* Awards will take place ASAP, hopefully by 4 pm.

Important Information

1. Hotel Information

There is a block of rooms reserved until January 24th:

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/R/ROCHEHX-MQJ-20180222/index.jhtml>.

Hampton Inn – 585-475-1300

280 Clay Road

Rochester, New York 14623

If this block is sold out, there are plenty of hotels in the area. Please let me know if you have any issues.

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. We will be using Tabroom again this year. I am still working on setting this up and will send more detailed information ASAP!
- b. If you have never used Tabroom, please go to tabroom.com and set up an account for yourself.

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 February 15th.
- * 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 2017 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 February 21st.

8. Team Strength

- 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.
- 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.
- 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, Lincoln-Douglas, Policy, and Public Forum Entries Allowed
1-15	4
16-20	6
21-30	10
31-40	12
41-50	15
51-60	16
61-70	18
71-80	21
81-90	23
91-100	24
101-120	27
121-140	29
141-160	32
161-180	33
181-200	34
201-230	35
231-260	37
261-300	38
301-350	39
351-400	40
401-500	42
501-600	43

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

View a school's strength on the "School Profile" page:



