

2025 ENTRY FEE & DEADLINE INFORMATION

UPDATE 4/21/25: PROOF OF PAYMENT, LEGAL DOCUMENTATION, PIECE INFORMATION AND JUDGING DATA/TRAINING ALL DUE BY 4-25-25 IN ORDER TO AVOID THE \$200 LATE PENALTY. ALL UNAPPROVED ENTRIES SHOULD BE DROPPED BY THIS DATE TO AVOID THE ASSOCIATED FEES.

FEES:

- Base Fees - \$250 (\$50 for tournament expenses and \$200 for judge bond)
- Main Events - \$100 per entry
- Supplemental Events - \$30 per entry
- Judging Requirements - One judge covers four entries. \$25 per uncovered entry
- Judge Bond - \$200 per school to ensure that hired judges fulfill all obligations. **As long as at least one judge is provided and all judging responsibilities are met, this bond is refundable at the conclusion of the tournament.** It may also be applied to your 2026 fees.

INITIAL DEADLINES:

- *March 31 – All entries registered on SpeechWire
- *April 10 – At-large entries confirmed
- *April 15 – Payment (digital, check or purchase order) & Permission Forms

LATE DEADLINES:

- *April 25 – Late Registration (additional \$25 per entry; fee waived for those entries which qualify because of state tournaments held between April 1-24)
- *May 1 – Payment of fees for Late Registrations

LATE FEES:

- Any team registering entries after the initial deadline of 3/31/25 will be assessed a \$25 late fee per entry. Exception made only for those entries which qualify because of state tournaments held between 4/1 and 4/24.
- Any team not meeting the initial Payment deadline of 4/15/25 will be assessed a \$200 late fee.
- Any team not meeting the initial Permission Form deadline of 4/15/25 will be assessed a \$200 late fee.
- Any incomplete or unpaid entries will be dropped from the tournament, and without refund of monies paid, on 5/2/25.

DISCLAIMER: The NIETOC reserves the right to deny or refuse to accept the application from any participant to the competition. The NIETOC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to change, modify or alter the procedures, rules or regulations regarding any aspect of the competition without notice.

REFUND POLICY:

As of April 15th of each calendar year all tournament fees are non-refundable. If there is an Act of Nature event preventing a team from attending the NIETOC tournament, with a note from the Principal or Superintendent stating that s/he will not allow the school to attend as a result of an Act Of Nature event, the NIETOC will automatically credit the school's tournament fees toward the following year's NIETOC tournament only. An Act of Nature is defined as a catastrophic event that could not have been prevented or avoided by caution or foresight such as weather, terrorism, war etc. Notification via email or mail shall be presented no later than the first day of the NIETOC tournament. The credit must be used by the following year of the occurrence or the fees are forfeited.

If the school does not plan on attending the NIETOC tournament the next year they may apply for a credit of 25% of all fees to be returned by check. Application for return of 25% of all fees, due to an Act of Nature event only and accompanied by a letter from the Principal or Superintendent, shall be made by November 1st of the same year of the date of the occurrence or all fees and credits are forfeited. Note: Notification for not attending the tournament must be made by the first day of the tournament or all fees and credits are forfeited.

All applications for credits or refunds are subject to review on a case-by-case basis by the NIETOC Executive Board. Checks will be mailed, following Executive Board approval, within 30 days of receipt of the request.