

FEBRUARY FRENZIE @ LEE'S SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL
7-8 Feb 2025

GENERAL TOURNAMENT NOTES:

1. HOSPITALITY is in the Lecture Hall. This is in the center of campus, in the PAC hallway. It's 2305 on the map, if you can actually make sense of the map. 😊
2. Tab is in 2301. Good luck finding it! It's a small room. We always welcome your visit to Tab Room, but we appreciate your willingness to give our students space/time to do their work.
3. Ballots will be sorted and kept for you in 2202, which is on the opposite side of Tab.
4. Extemp Draws are in the South Gym.
5. **There will be a Concession Stand.** We plan on taking cash and hopefully square/card.

BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT - COACH ITEMS

6. **Please make sure you have the correct names entered in SpeechWire.** We will publish names on schedules, and we will announce names at Awards. If you are worried we might butcher someone's name, please get with me, Ezra Walton (Tournament Director) and/or Evia Latman (Tab Director) so that we can work through pronunciations.
7. **IF you have CONGRESS**, please review the Congress procedures with your competitors (detailed again later for you under the Specific Events Procedures heading). I like a good, clean, respectful congress, and at a novice level competition, this is a perfect opportunity to reinforce what congress should be. It seems like congress is the only event we struggle with so much, and I'd like to not struggle with it at my tourney.
8. **IF you have EXTEMP**, please share with your competitors the following topic areas (or don't, it's really your call). Hopefully you saw them on the SW general info page, but if not, they are here under the Specific Events Procedures heading later in this document.

FOR COMPETITORS - DURING THE TOURNAMENT:

9. Competitors should not enter rooms until the adult judge is there. This is standard practice.

10. **DO NOT TOUCH/WRITE ON THE SMARTBOARDS.** Please direct students to use a whiteboard space to sign-in to the round. I know this is standard practice, but it's always a good reminder to not mess with expensive equipment.
11. **DO NOT TOUCH/USE TEACHER DESK AREAS, INCLUDING THE TEACHER'S CHAIR! THIS IS FOR COMPETITORS AS WELL AS JUDGES.** We will have a sign on the teachers' desks. But just know. Our teachers are gracious in giving us their spaces for the weekend, and we want to respect their space.
12. **Students should not roam the halls or "get lost" on our campus.** If not directly involved in a competition, students should remain in the cafeteria, the learning stairs, or one of the large open spaces. Just have them be conscientious of the fact that the large open areas have classrooms attached to them, and those classrooms are being used for competition. Please have your students not lounge in the library. It's an open space, and one we are not planning on using.

FRIDAY NOTES:

13. **DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 2:30PM. DO NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!** I'm teaching classes until 2:18 pm and our buses don't clear the west side parking lot until right before 2:30 pm. So, you will not be granted access if you try to arrive before 2:30 pm, and I will not be able to help you. If you are foreseeing an issue with your transportation department, please let me know ASAP so my A.D. can contact your A.D. and work this out.
14. If you arrive BEFORE 3 pm, you'll probably be on your own trying to find the cafeteria and registration, as I don't plan on having those areas set up until about 3 pm. I scheduled a later start time for round 1 on purpose. 😊
15. **Buses: drop off on the WEST SIDE of campus.** You'll see the monstrosity that is our Admin Center and Main Office. You can drop off at the top of the hill, enter, walk down the hall and stairs to the cafeteria, OR you can drop off at the bottom of the hill and walk straight into the cafeteria.
16. The cafeteria area will probably not be completely cleaned/set up until 3 pm or slightly after. Hence, another reason to not show up until around 3.
17. **SCHOOL CHECK-IN**
 - a. Please do officially check in with us in the Tab Room, which is room 2301. If you find the Judge's Table, you'll see a hallway and a concession stand. There is a small room next to the concession stand. That is the Tab Room.
 - b. We will ask the sponsor-of-the-day to fill out a contact card. That way, we know who to contact if there is an issue.

SATURDAY NOTES:

18. **Drop off procedures & Check-in are the same.** See Friday's notes about drop-off and check-in if you are sending someone different to the tourney on Saturday.
19. The building will not open until around 7:00 am. If you get here earlier than that, you may have to wait to get in.
20. There is a basketball camp, or something like that, Saturday morning. I think it will only take up the Fieldhouse, which is in the center of campus on the main floor.
21. The ACT is also Saturday morning. We won't even notice that ACT folks are here because they are using the far SE wing of the campus, which we are not. As long as students are not "getting lost" in the building, as they shouldn't be, this won't be a conflict for us.

SPECIFIC EVENTS PROCEDURES

22. Extemp Information

a. Topics

i. USX

1. R1 - Economy and Environment
2. R2 - Technology and Foreign Policy
3. R3 - Everything Donald Trump
4. Finals - No Specific Topic/TBD

ii. IX

1. R1 - China + Russia
2. R2 - South America and the Arctic
3. R3 - Europe + Africa
4. Finals - No Specific Topic/TBD

b. Extemp Procedures

- i. Draw will start by 7:40 AM on Saturday morning.
- ii. Students should prefer extemp over another event, if double-entered.
- iii. We will not move draws for students who miss their draw (no-show when called). Your time is your time. Use it how you wish.

23. Congress Information

- a. We will use the [JANUARY 2025 NSDA Congress Docket](#) for our tourney.
 - i. R1 Agenda - Legislations 7 and 9.
 - ii. R2 Agenda - Legislations 1 and 2.
 - iii. R3 Agenda - Legislations 4 and 5.

- iv. FINALS Agenda - Legislations 3 and 6.
- v. Extra Legislation (in case students get through the Agenda too quickly) - Legislations 8 and 10. If we need more (we shouldn't), we'll defer to the December 2024 NSDA Docket.
- b. *****VERY IMPORTANT FOR CONGRESS COMPETITORS!*****
 - i. All students are coaches are responsible for understanding the NSDA rules governing Congressional Debate. I hate even having to put this into my tourney procedures, but unfortunately Congress competitors often like to create issues for tournaments.
 - ii. Please pay close attention to Rules 2A,B,and D. We will not use a preset/random precedence, and no PO at our tournament should attempt to establish such a precedence procedure. Precedence will be established as Round 1 progresses (and especially after the PO is officially elected), and **PRECEDENCE AND RECENCY WILL CARRY THROUGH ALL THREE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS OF COMPETITION.**
 - iii. If there are competitors who have not given a speech by the end of Round 2, the PO should do everything possible to positively involve those individuals during Round 3.
 - iv. Rules 3-6 govern what is typically considered the "cycle" in Congress, though the NSDA does not officially recognize a cycle.
 - v. We will use Traditional Questioning procedures, which is Rule 6A.
 - vi. All competitors should be especially versed in Rule 12. **Our judges will be instructed to immediately shut down all attempts to suspend the rules or otherwise modify the chamber or procedures that do not satisfy the intent of Congressional Debate as defined by the NSDA.**
- c. If students have questions about anything during the session, they should be willing to ask questions! Points of Order and Clarification exist for a reason. Use them as needed! Students may also ask for a Point of Personal Privilege to go speak to the Clerk of Congress, who I will conveniently have stationed outside in the hall.

AWARDS AND FUN STUFF

- 24. IE Preliminary Rounds are all preset randomly. If Ben at SW devises a way to power-match the third round, I would love to use it! But alas, I don't think he's been able to program that yet.
- 25. Advancing to Finals - IE's
 - a. Ranks
 - b. Reciprocals
 - c. Quality Points

- d. Head-to-Head match?
- e. Chocolate Cake

26. Congress - advancement to finals uses the above, but within the set Prelim Chamber.

27. Placing in IE's (including Congress)

We plan to award the TOP 8 in each IE.

- a. Ranks
- b. Judge's Preference
- c. There shouldn't be a need for anything else, but Reese's Peanut Butter Cups will suffice.

28. Debate Power-Matching

- a. Rounds 1 and 2 are preset randomly.
- b. Round 3 is delay powered against Round 1, using High-High pairings.
- c. Round 4 is direct powered against Rounds 1-3, using High-Low pairings.
- d. Round 5 is delay powered against Rounds 1-3, using High-High pairings.

29. Placing in Debate

We plan to award the TOP 8 in each Debate Event.

- a. W/L Record
- b. Opp Loss
- c. Opposition Record
- d. Speaker Points (not to be confused with speaker ranks)
- e. If needed...
 - i. Opp-Opp Record
 - ii. Opp-Opp Speaker Points
 - iii. Snickers, especially the ice cream variation.

30. SWEEPSTAKES

- a. Top THREE schools will be awarded.
- b. How does a school earn sweeps points?
 - i. Top 20 entries are counted
 - ii. Top 2 entries in any event are counted.
 - iii. Win a Debate, or Rank 1-2 in IE Prelims = 5 points
 - iv. Get Ranked in Congress Prelims, 5 or 3 points.
 - v. Placements: 1st place = 15 points, then downward from there.
- c. If you have questions or want all the specifics, I can try to print or just show you the situational sweepstakes points allotments.