



Competition Rules Board Meeting, January 10, 2023

Location and Time: Online, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. CT

Call to Order/Welcome/Record of Approved Competition Rules Board Minutes

On January 10, 2023, Competition Rules Board meeting minutes will be read into the record. Minutes are available for discussion, as requested by Competition Rules Board members.

Assessment of the World Schools Debate Invitational

The Competition Rules Board will perform an assessment of the World Schools Debate Invitational that is held alongside the National Tournament each summer. The CR Board will determine the main purpose of the event and discuss whether current eligibility standards and the district qualification method serve that purpose and consider whether adjustments are warranted.

National Tournament School Awards

The Competition Rules Board will assess the new school awards formula used at the 2022 National Tournament and, if needed, discuss potential revisions.

District Congress Judging Eligibility

The Competition Rules Board will review a member-submitted proposal to remove the requirement that Congress judges and parliamentarians must be unaffiliated at the district tournament and protocols for conducting that process and implementation procedures, if recommended.

Novice Lincoln-Douglas Topic

The Competition Rules Board will review a proposal from the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Director of Competition to assess and potentially replace the novice Lincoln-Douglas topic, *Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified*. *Additionally, if recommended, a process for developing a viable alternative resolution will be discussed.*

Rule Change Submission Prioritization

The Competition Rules Board will review any rule change submissions from the membership that have not yet been addressed to date. The Board will assess and prioritize the remaining submissions and determine a timeline for discussion and a process for resolution.

Equity Pause

At the end of deliberations, the Competition Rules Board will utilize the NSDA Equity Lens to consider, reflect on, and address whether their decisions and decision-making processes are transparent, accountable, and reflect the organization's core value of equity.

Adjourn