



Competition Rules Board Meeting, February 13, 2024

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

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

On February 13, 2024, Competition Rules Board meeting minutes will be read into the record. Minutes are available for discussion, as requested by Competition Rules Board members.

District Levels

The Competition Rules Board will review and assess data and member feedback regarding current trends in membership growth and district participation. The group will discuss strategies for supporting districts as it relates to National Tournament qualification.

Middle School Recognition

As the National Speech & Debate Association continues its work to review and modernize the Honor Society as part of the strategic realignment process, the Competition Rules Board will discuss the role of middle school coach and student recognition in the Honor Society. The CR Board will consider whether middle school and high school students and coaches should have separate systems for recognition and discuss the implications of aligning middle school points with high school points.

Daily Point Limit in Congressional Debate

The Competition Rules Board will assess a member-submitted proposal to remove the maximum points per day limit in Congressional Debate. Currently, rules allow students to receive a maximum of 24 points per calendar day.

National Tournament Update

The Director of Competition and Events and National Tournament Director will share an update regarding 2024 National Tournament preparation. They will share recommendations related to the role of NSDA ribbons, late elimination round paneling goals, and an updated main event final round schedule. The Competition Rules Board will have the opportunity to ask questions and share feedback regarding progress on organizational goals related to the National Tournament.

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.

Rule Change Submission Form Review

The Competition Rules Board will review member-submitted proposals that have not been discussed to date to prioritize items and determine the merits and a timeline for consideration.

Adjourn