



## **Competition Rules Board Meeting, September 21, 2021**

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

### **Call to Order/Record of Approved Competition Rules Board Minutes**

On September 21, 2021, Competition Rules Board meeting minutes will be read into the record. Minutes are available for discussion, as requested by Competition Rules Board members.

### **Future of the Two New Supplemental Events**

The Competition Rules Board will discuss whether the two new supplemental events piloted at the 2021 National Tournament, Original Spoken Word Poetry and Pro Con Challenge, should be continued at the 2022 National Tournament.

### **Non-Qualifier Participation in Nationals Supplemental Events**

The Competition Rules Board will discuss potential continuation of online or in-person Nationals competition opportunities for students that attended the district tournament but did not qualify for Nationals.

### **Potential New Spring Competition Opportunities**

The Executive Director will present various ideas for consideration to expand competition opportunities in the spring.

### **Potential Changes to Middle School Nationals**

The Competition Rules Board will explore potential changes to the dates and/or a fully in-person model of the Middle School National Tournament.

### **Elimination Round Judge Selection Protocols and/or Standards**

The Competition Rules Board will review and assess the current National Tournament judge selection procedures for semifinal and final rounds and discuss potential revision. If necessary, a committee or a Board subgroup may be created to refine or expand current selection standards for semis and finals for full Board approval.

### **Nationals State Conflict Policies**

The Competition Rules Board will discuss whether the state conflict policy should remain in place for semifinal and final rounds at the National Tournament or if it should be altered to increase availability of judges that self-identify as diversity-enhancing. If so, state judges could be eligible to judge students from a different district within their state.

**Adjourn**