



## **Competition Rules Board Meeting, November 8, 2022**

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

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

On November 8, 2022, Competition Rules Board meeting minutes will be read into the record. Minutes are available for discussion, as requested by Competition Rules Board members.

### **Chair Use in Storytelling**

The Competition Rules Board will discuss whether students should be permitted to use a chair in Storytelling. If needed, the group will clarify the latitude of use permissible for a chair within the rules and discuss whether to prohibit use of the chair as a prop.

### **Expand Auto-Qualification in World Schools and Big Questions**

The Competition Rules Board will review a proposal to expand National Tournament auto-qualification to the top 16 entries in World Schools Debate and Big Questions to create parity with other National Tournament events. In the current rules, the top four entries in Big Questions and top eight entries in World Schools are eligible for auto-qualification to the following year's National Tournament.

### **National Tournament 2026 Bid Review and Feedback**

The Executive Director will share findings from a recent visit to Richmond, Virginia. The Competition Rules Board will begin a preliminary discussion about the viability of Richmond as a future National Tournament site. Discussion will continue at the next full Board meeting.

### **Strategic Planning**

The Director of Competition will share an update on progress related to competition rules strategic plan objectives. These objectives include work on judge accreditation, National Tournament judge obligations, the Last-Chance Qualifier and supplemental event opportunities for non-National Tournament qualifiers, free online competition through the Springboard Series, and updates to Tabroom.com. The Competition Rules Board will review, analyze, and share feedback regarding progress with these objectives.

### **Rule Change Submission Form 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 the timeline for discussion and 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**