



Competition Rules Board Meeting, April 9, 2024

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

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

On April 9, 2024, Competition Rules Board meeting minutes will be read into the record. Minutes are available for discussion, as requested by Competition Rules Board members.

Update on Strategic Plan Goals from 2023-2024

The Director of Competition and Events will share an update on progress related to the 2023-2024 competition rules strategic plan objectives. This update will describe ongoing work related to judge accreditation, mapping competitive speech and debate events to educational standards, and the Last-Chance Qualifier and supplemental event opportunities for non-National Tournament qualifiers. The Competition Rules Board will review, analyze, and share feedback regarding progress on these objectives.

Scouting Rule

Currently, the *High School Unified Manual* states that “scouting is strongly discouraged.” The Competition Rules Board will assess a member-submitted proposal to change the scouting rule to clarify whether schools should be penalized for scouting.

Strategic Planning for 2024-2025

Competition Rules Board members will discuss potential focus areas for the 2024-2025 strategic plan, which defines the Association’s vision for the future and goals for the following year’s work. Potential objectives include modeling inclusive tournament practices, assessing National Tournament qualification and execution, and exploring pathways for non-member engagement with the Association.

Strategic Realignment Discussion

The NSDA continues to work through the strategic realignment process with the goal of creating a framework for our future that will define the unique role of the NSDA in service to the speech and debate field while putting the mission and values of the NSDA at its core. The Competition Rules Board members will discuss realignment recommendations related to non-competitive events and expansion of speech and debate activities.

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