



Competition Rules Board Meeting, September 12, 2023

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

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

On September 12, 2023, Competition Rules Board meeting minutes will be read into the record. Minutes are available for discussion, as requested by Competition Rules Board members.

Supplemental Event Restructuring

Prior to 2020, around 65% of pre-registered supplemental event entries re-registered and competed on Wednesday of the National Tournament. In the last two years, re-registration rates have been higher than 80% in several events. This is due to both increases in the number of national qualifiers that pre-register for supplemental events and because of the addition of students who can come to the tournament in supplemental events only. The Competition Rules Board will discuss potential restructuring of supplemental speech and debate competition at the National Tournament to accommodate the increased participation.

Generative Artificial Intelligence

In March 2023, the Competition Rules Board created rules surrounding the use of generative artificial intelligence at the National Tournament. Those rules stated that students cannot quote or paraphrase text directly from generative AI sources in speeches that must be the original work of the competitor (Extemp, Original Oratory, and Informative); however, students may use generative AI to guide their research process and/or help generate ideas, including during Extemp prep. In debate events, students were permitted to use generative AI to assist with the research and idea generation process pre-tournament and during the tournament in accordance with the Guidelines for Internet-Enabled Device rules; however, generative AI was not allowed to be cited as a source, and debaters must have original source material of any paraphrased or quoted evidence available upon request. The Competition Rules Board will assess this rule change and discuss whether potential adjustments are warranted or if additional information should be gathered before a final decision. Further discussion on this issue and its implications for the upcoming school year will continue as needed given this evolving technology.

Update on Strategic Plan Goals from 2022-2023

The Director of Competition and Events will share an update on progress related to the 2022-2023 competition rules strategic plan objectives. This update will describe ongoing work, development and assessment regarding 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 on these objectives.

Rule Change Submission Form

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

Competition Rules Leadership Committee

Town hall meetings were held in August regarding changes to the composition of the NSDA Board of Directors and the creation of a new standing committee focused on competition rules and interscholastic programming. Feedback gathered from the town halls on the subject will be available for discussion, as needed.

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.

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