



## **Competition and Rules Leadership Committee Meeting, February 11, 2025**

**Location and Time: Online, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. CT**

### **Call to Order/Welcome**

On February 11, 2025, the Competition and Rules Leadership Committee meeting minutes will be read into the record. Minutes are available for discussion, as requested by Competition and Rules Leadership Committee members.

### **National Tournament Affordability Subcommittee Report**

A Competition and Rules Leadership subcommittee has met to discuss potential strategies for reducing the cost of the National Tournament for participants. The subcommittee considered whether it is desirable to shorten the tournament schedule to reduce schools' hotel and meal costs by eliminating Sunday activities, running longer competition days, and/or shortening the final round schedule by running final rounds simultaneously. The committee also discussed whether the National Tournament moving to a small rotation of host cities can reduce costs through the predictability it creates for participants and the Association's ability to negotiate lower fees in longer-term contracts. Subcommittee members will present their recommendations to the full Competition and Rules Leadership Committee for further discussion.

### **Honor Society/Recognition Subcommittee Report**

A Competition and Rules Leadership subcommittee was formed to discuss the Honor Society and the Association's other recognition offerings for coaches and students. The subcommittee focused on potential approaches to simplifying the Honor Society in response to member feedback that the membership structure, points structure, and awards can be difficult to understand. The group discussed the implications of aligning middle school and high school merit point values, the value of service awards, and potential changes to the membership and points structure to make them easier to engage with. Subcommittee members will present their recommendations to the full Competition and Rules Leadership Committee for further discussion.

### **Equity Pause**

At the end of deliberations, the Competition and Rules Leadership Committee 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**