



NCFCA National Championship Speech & Debate Tournament

Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC
June 15-19, 2009

All families attending the National Championship are encouraged to regularly review the National Championship information page at http://www.ncfca.org/tournaments/2009_Nationals for updated tournament information.

PART ONE: TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Competitor Eligibility – General eligibility requirements for students are set forth in the NCFCA Qualifying Tournament Participation General Rules and other league documents. Specific eligibility for the National Championship is afforded to students who have qualified at a National Open, Regional Invitational, or other tournament sanctioned to send students directly to the National Championship. Questions on a student's qualifying status should be directed to NatReg@NCFCA.org.

Dress Code – The Tournament Director will adjudicate disputes regarding dress using Section III of the NCFCA Qualifying Tournament Participation General Rules. Participants should view this document, available at www.ncfca.org, prior to attending the tournament.

Awards Ceremony – The Awards Ceremony is an important part of the tournament and is intended to be an encouraging and respectful ceremony to celebrate every student's achievement during the tournament. Students accepting awards will be required to adhere to the dress code, and students in the audience are encouraged to remain in dress code out of respect for the students receiving awards.

Chaperones – All competitors under age 18 must be accompanied and supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or adult chaperone throughout the entire tournament. An adult chaperone (other than a parent) accepts full responsibility in the parent's absence and should be in possession of a signed medical release for each student.

Mandatory Orientation – All participants are required to attend the Mandatory Orientation on Monday at 7 PM. Additional tournament guidelines, procedures, and policies will be reviewed at that time.

Meals - For your convenience, BJU will offer meals on-site during the tournament which are ordered directly from BJU at their website. Additionally, NCFCA is offering boxed lunches

which can be ordered with this registration form. Numerous fast food restaurants are located within a few miles of the tournament site, as well.

T-Shirts - National Championship t-shirts are available for \$10.00. Please specify which size you need when you place your order.

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Registration Procedure – Registration for this tournament is completed in 2 parts:

- A. E-mail (NatReg@NCFCA.org) **AND**
- B. Snail Mail (to NCFCA, P. O. Box 212, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043-0212).

A *complete registration* will include:

- (1) An e-mail with the fully completed registration form. (Part A)
- (2) The appropriate payment (check made out to NCFCA) and a hard copy of the completed and signed registration form mailed with the payment. (Part B)

Please send in your check and registration form the same day you send the e-mail. All information must be filled out completely on each form or your entry may be delayed. Each participant (even those from the same household) must complete separate registration forms.

Entry Deadline – Entries received after May 26th may not be accepted, and a late fee of \$30/person may be charged. The registered competitor list on the NCFCA website will be updated periodically. Please check this website to verify that your entry has been correctly recorded. Send an e-mail to NatReg@NCFCA.org if there are any corrections to the published information. If a student must drop an event prior to the tournament due to an emergency, please contact NCFCA immediately. Early registration is encouraged to avoid difficulties. Don't register if your participation is uncertain. Refunds for dropped registration or events will only be issued for extenuating circumstances.

PART TWO: TOURNAMENT EVENTS

DEBATE

Styles Offered – This tournament will host both Lincoln Douglas Value (LD) and Team Policy (TP) debate. A student may participate in either LD or TP, but not both at the National Championship.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

IE's Offered – Students may enter up to five Individual Events. All ten NCFCA sanctioned events will be held at the National Championship. No minimum is required. Event patterns will

be announced and posted at the tournament. Reasonable effort will be made to minimize multiple-entered conflicts.

Script Submission – Script submissions are required at the NCFCA National Championship. Please download the form from the NCFCA website (www.NCFCA.org/speech). Print out one submission form for each of your events, excluding limited prep. Scripts must be submitted at tournament check-in, and students without a complete script submission will not be allowed to compete in that event.

PART THREE: FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

ENTRY FEES

TP Debate: \$80 per team, payable as \$40 per individual

LD Debate: \$50 per debater

IE's: \$50 for the first two events, \$10 per event thereafter

DROP/CANCELLATION POLICY

Tournament registration fees are non-refundable. Families cancelling due to exigent circumstances may direct appeals to the NCFCA Office at NatReg@NCFCA.org.

NCFCA AFFILIATE FEES

Participants need to be NCFCA Affiliates in order to participate in NCFCA Qualifying Tournaments, including the National Championship. Please ensure that your family affiliation is up to date and that the student information is correct before attempting to register for this tournament. Please go to www.ncfca.org for more details on becoming an Affiliate. Affiliate registration will not be offered at the tournament site.

PART FOUR: JUDGING AND TIMING RESPONSIBILITY

Mandatory Orientation – There will be a Judge Orientation prior to each round. There is a mandatory Parent/Coach Orientation at 3:30 PM, Monday, June 15th, and 8:00 AM, Tuesday, June 16th. Judges accompanying participants need to check in at the Judges' Table each morning.

Commitment – We are attempting to find as many judges as we can from within the surrounding communities to be critics for the tournament. However, in order to allow the maximum number of entrants to participate, we ask entrants to help provide judges for a minimal number of rounds. Judges are considered non-participants who are eligible based upon the

NCFCA criteria. This usually means parents, parents of other club members, or friends in the area.

The following commitment for preliminary rounds is recommended: Each debate team (LD is considered a team) is asked to provide a judge for a minimum of two (2) rounds. These judges should be available for any and every round and continue to check with the Ballot Administration Table. An individual may judge multiple rounds in order to fill the judging commitment for multiple teams.

Each participant who enters one individual speech event should provide a judge or judges who will critique a minimum of one round. Entry into 2 – 3 speech events requires providing a judge available to critique at least two rounds. Entry into 4 – 5 speech events requires providing a judge who will critique at least 3 rounds. (Bringing more than one person to judge lightens each judge's requirement.)

Time Keepers – Entrants are asked to provide a volunteer to act as a time keeper and provide their own timepiece. Family members and friends who are attending the tournament can be used as time keepers.

PART FIVE: WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Social Event – The traditional Social Event will be held Wednesday evening. After an evening of food and fellowship, breaks announcements will be made. Tickets are available for purchase from BJU through their online meal registration system. Please plan on attending and purchasing your tickets before the June 1st deadline. The cost of the ticket is \$12 per person and includes the meal and entertainment. The Banquet will be held at the BJU Dining Common on campus.