

NCFCA Qualifying Tournament Participation General Rules 2008-2009 Season



NOTICE: THESE RULES APPLY SPECIFICALLY TO NCFCA QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS, REGIONAL INVITATIONALS, NATIONAL OPENS, AND THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

MISSION

The National Christian Forensics and Communications Association (NCFCA) believes that competitive forensics provides a means for home schooled students to learn and exercise analytical and oratorical skills in addressing life issues from a biblical worldview in a manner that glorifies God. NCFCA shall facilitate Qualifying Tournaments and host a National Championship to provide this opportunity to home schooled students.

ELIGIBILITY

AFFILIATE STATUS

A qualified competitor will be an NCFCA affiliate.

AGE

Qualified competitors shall be ages 12 to 18 on January 1, 2009. Students who will be older than 18 on January 1, 2009 may be deemed eligible if proof of high school status is verified by NCFCA.

SCHOOL STATUS

Home-Educated - Qualified competitors must be home school students whose education is managed by their parents or legal guardians. A qualified competitor's education may include the use of tutors, video courses, Internet courses, college correspondence courses, classes in cooperation with other home school students, and other creative methods that supplement home education.

High School - Competitors who have graduated from 12th grade or who are enrolled in a full-time college-level degree program shall not be eligible. No more than 50% of a competitor's education shall consist of college courses.

Privately Funded Education - Students who are primarily enrolled in the public school system are not eligible to compete in NCFCA Qualifying Tournaments or the National Championship. NCFCA defines the public school system to include public schools, tax-funded charter schools, tax-funded independent study programs, or any other form of education that is subject to legal restrictions solely because it is funded by government money or property. A student is "primarily enrolled" for NCFCA purposes if that student's participation entitles the public school system to more than 50% of the funding it would receive for a full-time student in the same program.

DRESS CODE

SPIRIT OF THE DRESS CODE

The spirit of the dress code is modesty and professionalism with the intent to glorify Christ. The goal is to minimize the focus on the body or outward appearance and maximize the focus on the development of ideas and communication skills.

LETTER OF THE DRESS CODE

Competitors must be professional, clean and well-groomed.

DRESS CODE (IE)

Gentlemen - Gentlemen shall wear suits; slacks with sweater or vest; or shirt and tie.

Ladies - Modesty is the key and may include suits, dresses, and skirts to the bottom of the knee; skirts or slacks with shirt-type tops or jackets. Tight-fitting/low-cut sweaters or slacks are inappropriate. Midriff must remain covered when gesturing in speeches.

DRESS CODE (DEBATE)

Gentlemen - Gentlemen shall wear suits or sport coats and ties.

Ladies - Ladies shall wear either dresses or suits. Hemlines shall fall to at least the bottom of the knee.

VIOLATIONS

Penalty - If a judge finds that a debater has violated the dress code, that debater's team shall be given a loss for the round and a chance to change into appropriate dress.

Appeal - Debaters may appeal to the Tournament Director for a final decision in such cases.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

NCFCA is committed to Biblical conflict resolution and the Peacemakers Pledge (<http://www.hispeace.org/html/pledge.htm>). All disputes related to NCFCA qualifying tournaments or the National Championship shall be resolved in accordance with the principles and guidelines established by the Institute for Christian Conciliation.