



Competition Rules Board Meeting, September 20, 2022

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

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

On September 20, 2022, Competition Rules Board meeting minutes will be read into the record. Minutes are available for discussion, as requested by Competition Rules Board members.

2023 Last-Chance Qualifier

In May 2022, schools who attended their district tournament were permitted to enter any districts-eligible student into the NSDA Last-Chance Qualifier for another chance to qualify to the 2022 National Tournament in main events. Over 1000 students from 342 schools participated, and 204 students from 109 schools qualified to the National Tournament. The Competition Rules Board will perform an assessment of the 2022 Last-Chance Qualifier and determine whether a Last-Chance Qualifier should be held in 2023. If it is determined the competition should continue, the Competition Rules Board will discuss potential adjustments to the eligibility requirements and qualification numbers.

2023 Middle School Nationals

In 2020 and 2021, an online Middle School Speech Challenge consisting of asynchronous speech events was held alongside the online high school national tournaments. In 2022, the Middle School National Tournament was held online with live debate, live speech, and asynchronous speech opportunities. The Competition Rules Board will weigh options to determine whether the 2023 Middle School National Tournament will be held online or in-person.

Online Supplemental Events

In 2022, online divisions of National Tournament supplemental events were conducted the week before the in-person tournament. Students were eligible to participate if they qualified to the National Tournament in a main event but were unable to attend the in-person tournament, and each school had the opportunity to enter an additional two non-qualifying students who attended the district tournament. 326 students from 196 schools participated, and 10 online supplemental event national champions were named. The Competition Rules Board will assess the 2022 online supplemental events and determine whether they should be held in 2023.

In-Person Supplemental Events

In 2021 and 2022, each school had the opportunity to enter two non-qualifying students that attended the district tournament into supplemental events. In 2022, those students had the choice to enter either the online or in-person supplemental events. The Competition Rules Board will determine whether this non-qualifier participation in supplemental events should

continue at the 2023 National Tournament. Additionally, the Competition Rules Board will discuss limiting the number of in-person supplemental events one student may enter to two total events (one per pattern) to ensure there is adequate space for competition and a reasonable schedule for participants.

Chair Use in Storytelling

The Competition Rules Board will discuss the use of a chair in Storytelling. If needed, the group will clarify the latitude of use permissible for a chair within the rules of Storytelling.

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