

Official NSDA Event Description

This is the Event Description from the [NSDA 2021 Online Middle School Speech Challenge Procedures](#)

Pro Con Challenge

In the Pro Con Challenge, students will write a 3-5 minute affirmative case and a 3-5 minute negative case on the National Tournament topic for LD, PF, or CX. They will read both of those speeches within a recording limit of 10 minutes and 30 seconds. Students may take recorded “prep time” in between speeches to pull up files or take a short break, but their two speeches must be submitted as one recording that is no longer than 10 minutes and 30 seconds. Judges will evaluate the structure, arguments, evidence, and speaking abilities of each competitor and rank them against each other. The event's goal is to demonstrate that students have the ability to see multiple perspectives on an issue.

Modified Event Description for Tournaments before May

Since the National topics and legislation will not be released until May 1 (after the Bixby tournament) here is a slightly modified version of the event description we have been using this year for tournaments to allow for students to use any of this year's CX, LD or PF topics:

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In the Pro Con Challenge, students will write a 3-5 minute affirmative case and a 3-5 minute negative case on one of the [National Speech & Debate Association topics](#) from the 2020-2021 academic year for LD, PF, or CX. They will read both of those speeches within a recording limit of 10 minutes and 30 seconds. Students may take recorded “prep time” in between speeches to pull up files or take a short break, but their two speeches must be submitted as one recording that is no longer than 10 minutes and 30 seconds. Judges will evaluate the structure, arguments, evidence, and speaking abilities of each competitor and rank them against each other. The event's goal is to demonstrate that students have the ability to see multiple perspectives on an issue.

An example video from the 2021 NSDA Middle School Speech Challenge is available on the NSDA Competition Events page: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/competition-events/>