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**ALL SUNDAY ROUNDS ARE AT SCARSDALE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Clearing students have been posted to [Tabroom](#). Check page 4 of this document**  
**for the times for each event. Some rounds are staggered by event.**  
**Speech Judges see page 4 for obligations.**

## LIVE DOC FOR THE NYSFL SPEECH AND CONGRESS



## Vital Links and Contacts

Link to this document:

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| 'Front' page of the Tournament on TABROOM                                                                                 | <a href="http://nysfl.tabroom.com/">http://nysfl.tabroom.com/</a>                                                                                                                                 |
| Congress Legislation                                                                                                      | <a href="https://s3.amazonaws.com/tabroom-files/tourns/27172/bills/States2023BillPacket1.0.pdf.pdf">https://s3.amazonaws.com/tabroom-files/tourns/27172/bills/States2023BillPacket1.0.pdf.pdf</a> |
| Congress General Meeting and Swearing In, 9:00 AM                                                                         | Room 319 ( <b>provisional; meeting will be blasted out Saturday morning.</b> )                                                                                                                    |
| Extemp Morning General Meeting for all extemp speakers and Prep Room<br><i><u>(Mandatory for all extemp speakers)</u></i> | Sunday - Little Theater on 3rd Floor (365)                                                                                                                                                        |
| Judge chart link from Tabroom                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Wifi                                                                                                                      | Scarsdale Network: SUFSD-Guest<br>Password: Guest123                                                                                                                                              |
| Speech Judge Lounge                                                                                                       | Second Floor Learning Commons at Scarsdale                                                                                                                                                        |
| Awards 5:30 Approx                                                                                                        | Scarsdale Auditorium                                                                                                                                                                              |
| All Gender Restroom                                                                                                       | Scarsdale - Library on the 2nd Floor                                                                                                                                                              |

If you have problems or issues  
(which ought to be your first line of defense),  
Text Frank Riccobono at (201) 357-7397  
Congress Issues should be texted to: 917 941-3970  
Or Come to Tab Directly - Tab at Bronx Science is the Main Office. Tab at  
Scarsdale is the Library

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# Schedule for the Speech and Congress Tournament

(times may be adjusted as necessary)

Round 1 of Oral Interp is PROSE (Pr)

EXTEMP PREP IS 30 MIN PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED START OF THE ROUND  
JVEX in Room 336 and VEX in Room 331 at Bronx Science

**Rounds will be blasted 30 minutes prior to the start of the round  
(hit 'ACKNOWLEDGE' ballot immediately).**

## Sunday at Scarsdale

9:30 AM - Judge call for IE Elim 1

9:30 AM - Extemp Draw Quarterfinals (Little Theater - Room 365)

9:30 AM - CONGRESS Semi-Final Session (until 12:00 PM)

10:00 AM - IE Elim 1 - DEC Quarters, DI Semis, DUO Semis, JVEX Quarters, JVOI Quarters  
(Poetry), OO Semis, VOI Quarters (Poetry)

12:00 PM - Judge call for IE Elim 2

12:00 PM - Extemp Draw Semis (Little Theater - Room 365)

12:30 PM - IE Elim 2 - DEC Semis, DI Finals, HI Finals, JVEX Semis, JVOI Semis (Prose), POI  
Finals, VEX Semis, VOI Semis (Prose)

1:00 PM - CONGRESS Final Session (until 3:30 PM)

2:45 PM - Judge call for IE Elim 3

2:45 AM - Extemp Draw Finals (Room 378 - NOTE ROOM CHANGE)

3:15 PM - IE Elim 3 - DEC Finals, DUO Finals, JVEX Finals, JVOI Finals (Poetry), OO Finals, VEX  
Finals, VOI Finals (Poetry)

ALL Speech Judges (except Saturday-only judges) are obligated for the first elim slot. Speech Judges from schools eliminated after Saturday are NOT obligated for the second or third elim slots. During the second slot, we will publish a list of which judges we will use for the third elim slot. The panel will be blasted out 30 minutes before the start of each round. Any Speech Judges not assigned to a round should be in the Judges' Lounge at least 15 minutes before the start of the round.

## **Awards at 5:30 PM**

# Scarsdale WIFI

**IF YOU OR A FRIEND ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY CONNECTING TO SCARSDALE WIFI:** This is an issue that we have been noticing for Macbooks in particular. Click on your WiFi and select “Open Network Preferences”. When you are in the WiFi tab, click “Advanced”. Select SUFSD Guest and click on the minus button under the window. This forgets the network. Click Ok and close out of the window. Try to connect to SUFSD Guest again with the password Guest123 . If it doesn't give you internet connection, try to connect again (yes, we know). Usually, it works by the third time and will connect you.

~~Sometimes dancing in a semi-circle has been known to help.~~

# Number of Judges and Judge Obligations

**ALL SPEECH AND CONGRESS JUDGES ARE OBLIGATED FOR ALL ROUNDS!!**

## Speech

1 judges in EVERY prelim round - Every Judge should have  
3 rounds and a standby

Or

4 rounds

(In an emergency you may be called upon to judge a fifth round)

3 judges in EVERY quarter and semi-final round

5 judges in EVERY final round

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## Congress

1 Parli and 1 Judges in every prelim

**ALL SPEECH AND CONGRESS JUDGES ARE OBLIGATED FOR ALL ROUNDS!!**

DO NOT START A ROUND UNTIL ALL JUDGES ARE PRESENT

There is double entry, so you do not have to wait until all speakers are present. If, after you have seen ALL other speakers, you are still missing a speaker, contact tab.

Extempers will come in one at a time. There is no double entry in Extemp!

Do not converse with students beyond welcoming them and thanking them and asking how they would like to be timed.

# EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

## Extemp Topic Areas

### Prelims

The 2024 Election

Europe

US Econ

Asia

US Foreign Policy

### Elims

Foreign Econ

US Social and Legal Issues

NY State Politics

While competitors in Extemporaneous Speaking may make use of laptops or tablets for research, the NYSFL cannot guarantee wifi availability and is not responsible for providing electricity for these devices.

Whenever possible, local wifi will be made reasonably available as a courtesy, and students may plug their devices into outlets between rounds if outlets are available at the tournament venue. Such outlets may be used on a "first come, first served" basis. Students may NOT remain plugged in once the draw for each round begins.

### **Please note the following, and be sure to pass these along to your extempers:**

1. The entire tournament runs with extemp as a major limiting factor -- it takes longer to run an extemp round than any other (due to the prep time). It is therefore CRUCIAL that we run on time as closely as possible.
2. Extemp begins draw one half of an hour before the first speaker for the round is due to speak. In other words, first round speakers begin to speak at 11:15 a.m., so first speakers draw promptly at 10:45 a.m -- be careful about that when checking the [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) assignments
3. ....BUT!!!!.....
4. **ALL speakers (whether 1st or 6th for that round!) *MUST* actually be in the prep room EARLY. Speakers should therefore be IN THE PREP ROOM by 10:15 a.m. on Saturday for the tournament meeting for extempers -- extempers attend THIS meeting, not any general meeting, and this meeting is for competitors ONLY, not the judges. We will check attendance, review procedures, etc.**
5. After that, all speakers should get to the prep room no later than 15 minutes before FIRST speaker for the next round draws (e.g., second round speakers begin speaking at 1:00 p.m., so first speaker draws at 12:30 p.m. -- *everyone* should be in the prep room by 12:15 p.m.).
6. Speakers should make sure they are conversant with [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com), and able to log into their accounts, NOW. During the tournament, we expect to blast out each round's assignments/schematic about 15 minutes before first draw for that round.

7. Ultimately, competitors are responsible for their own connectivity to the Internet and for their own power for devices. The tournament sites are working on making wifi and outlets available, but these are offered as a courtesy, not a right.
8. Extemp will follow typical rules: 30 minute prep; extempers must remain in the prep room itself until dispatched by the extemp coordinator to their speaking rooms; extempers may not take notes from the prep room; speakers will have 7 minutes to speak, with 30 seconds grace -- speakers who run 7:31 (that is, overtime) cannot be ranked first.

# ORAL INTERPRETATION Information

## Alternating Prose/Poetry Rounds

Round 1 OI - Prose

Round 2 OI - Poetry

Round 3 OI - Prose

Round 4 OI - Poetry

Round 5 OI - Prose

Quarters OI - Poetry

Semis OI - Prose

Finals OI - Poetry

# SPEECH EVENT RULES AND TABULATION

Speech will be 5 Rounds and tabulation will be cumulative throughout the tournament (dropping lowest Prelim Score).

## **All Events (Except DI, HI, and POI) Will Follow NCFL Rules**

Found Here: <https://www.ncfl.org/events.html>

## **DI, HI and POI Will Follow NSDA Rules**

Found Here: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/competition-events/>

# Double Entry

Doubling is a privilege and it is up to the students to watch the schedule and notify judges.

Double-entered competitors should be assigned to speak early in one event and late in the other; but this may not always be the case. Judges, please allow students to politely modify the speaker order if necessary.

## JUDGES:

If you have any **Double-entered students** they may speak before the single-entered students.

As soon as a DE student arrives, please allow them the next available speaking position, so they can then leave and go to their remaining event(s).

## STUDENTS:

If you are double-entered, please **sign in to both rooms**. You will identify yourself in one of two ways:

**DE - CODE - Last Name - Piece Title - Author - I am here and ready to perform.**

*(Double-Entered, I am here and ready to perform)*

**DE-WR - CODE - Last Name - Piece Title - Author - I will return after completing my other event.** *(Double-Entered, I 'Will Return' after competing in my other event first).*

As a competitor, please be proactive to ensure you can make the necessary rounds. All contestants in the round should feel free to respectfully advocate so the double entered students can perform first.

# A Word on Congress

- Legislation for the NYSFL State Tournament can be found [here](#).
- Congress Semis & Finals: [Semis chambers are here](#).
- Semifinals will begin promptly at 9:30, therefore competitors must arrive early to discuss dockets, splits, and PO's.
- Semis & Supers will each last 2:30; count on the opportunity to give two speeches.
- Judges: Congress judges who have students in both chambers may still be pulled into the speech pool (most likely after speech quarterfinals). Judges who do not have students in both chambers should consider themselves really, really likely to see a Congress round tomorrow – if not semis at 9:30, then finals at 1:00.

## **Contact Information**

For congress-related queries or issues, email Jeremy Norris at [jjnorris@gmail.com](mailto:jjnorris@gmail.com) and/or Kieran Larkin at [kieranjklarkin@gmail.com](mailto:kieranjklarkin@gmail.com)

During the tournament, you can also text (don't call): **917-941-3970**.

Judges and parlis should definitely keep that number handy: don't hesitate to get in touch with any problem or uncertainty. (Competitors should use the number more sparingly, for issues which are time-sensitive or especially critical.)

## **Schedule**

- Rounds will be blasted 30-45 minutes before the scheduled start time. Judges should push Start on Tabroom to acknowledge the ballot as soon as you receive it!
- All participants should be in their room at least 10 minutes before the start time of each round to ensure that rounds can begin on time. If any participants are absent or late to a round by more than a few minutes, go ahead and start the round and contact Tab.
- Preliminary sessions are 2 hours, excepting Round 1 which is 2.5 hours. With the chambers we have, that should be time enough to get everyone 2 speeches/session if they want it – if a chamber needs to run a few minutes over to accomplish that, in most cases it should be no problem.
- Therefore, attempting to float the idea of a “base-1” agreement is **strongly discouraged**. No one has to give speeches they don't want, but please do not try to convince competitors who may be ready to give more than one speech to set aside the prep work they did in the interest of fairness.
- We'll break the top 4 from each prelim chamber, leading to two semis chambers of 14 competitors. The plan is

## **Saturday**

**Opening Meeting:** 9:00 AM (Provisionally Room 319; will be blasted out ahead of time)

**Session 1:** 9:30 - 12:00 (arrive not later than 9:20)

**Session 2:** 1:15 - 3:15 (arrive not later than 1:00)

**Session 3:** 4:00 - 6:00 (arrive not later than 3:50)

Sunday's **semi-final** commences at 9:30 AM (**arrive no later than 9:15**), and we should have time for a full base-2. The super session is slated to begin at 1:00 (**arrive no later than 12:45**) and, again, will allow for a full base-2.

### **Rules and Procedures**

1. Agenda. Within a session, the bills for said session may be debated in any order the chamber wishes. It is not required to debate all three bills (though it is encouraged).
2. No legislation may carryover from one session to another or be considered more than once.
3. Authorships. When a new piece of legislation comes to the floor, a student from the submitting school should be granted the first affirmative speech as an authorship. If no author is present, any member of the house may speak as a sponsor of the legislation.

There are no authorship speeches in the super session: sponsorships should be determined by normal precedence rules.

4. Questioning. There is a mandatory questioning period of one minute for each speech – two minutes for the first affirmative and negative speech on each bill. By default chambers will use direct questioning (30-second blocks of a back & forth), though the chamber may motion to suspend the rules ( $\frac{2}{3}$  majority) and utilize indirect questioning at their discretion. Ignore any remaining speech time; do not add it to time available for questioning. Motions to extend questioning periods are NOT allowed.
5. Precedence/Recency. Precedence should reset to a clean slate at the beginning of each session. President Officers should be discouraged from using “activity” or questions to determine recency. ONLY recency should be used to determine who can speak and when; before recency is determined, speakers should be chosen randomly.
6. Ranking. Judges will rank the top 8 contestants at the end of each session, leaving all others blank; the Parliamentarian completes one ranking sheet at the end of all sessions, ranking ALL students.

Please refer to NSDA rules for any issues not specified by PFI rules. Refer to Congress Tab with any questions or needs that may arise during the session.

## **SPEECH AND CONGRESS - Judging Resources & Tutorials**

[How to Use and Navigate Tabroom](#)

[Ballot Do's and Don'ts](#)

Additional Judge Resources

[Pennsylvania Catholic Forensic League](#)

[New York Catholic Forensic League](#)

[New Jersey Speech & Debate League](#)

# Diversity and Inclusion

The NYSFL would like to emphasize NSDA's core value of equity. We at the NYSFL believe that our competition should foster a sense of diversity and inclusion in every way possible, and in order to maintain a streamlined message, we would like to relay NSDA's equity statement:

- The National Speech & Debate Association is committed to modeling and fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion for all speech and debate communities.
- We are continuously transforming our organization to reflect and operationalize the values of equity, integrity, respect, leadership, and service.
- We will take responsibility.
- We will heed, learn, and evolve.
- We will work conscientiously to model and foster an inclusive and equitable speech and debate experience for all.

As a way to prevent such incidents from occurring, we highly encourage judges to read through the [“Cultural Competence Training Handout”](#) and watch the “Cultural Competence Training Video” on NSDA's official website [here](#).

## Awards Information

Awards for Speech and Debate Events will begin as close as possible to 5:30 PM. For awards, the only **speech finalists** and **super session congress debaters** will be coming to the stage during the awards ceremony. All other awards can be picked up before finals in room 268.

## **Saturday at Bronx Science**

9:00 AM - CONGRESS - Announcements & Swearing-In for Congresspeople and Judges in 114

9:15 AM - SPEECH MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL JUDGES IN THE AUDITORIUM

9:30 AM - CONGRESS Session I (until 12:00 PM)

10:00 AM - IE Slot A - DEC 1, DI 1, DUO 1, HI 1, JVOI (Pr) 1, OO 1, POI 1, VOI (Pr) 1

11:00 AM - Extemp Draw 1 - Room 336 and 331

11:30 AM - IE Slot B - DI 2, DUO 2, HI 2, JVOI (Po) 2, J VX 1, OO 2, POI 2, VOI (Po) 2, VX 1

12:30 AM - Extemp Draw 1 - Room 336 and 331

1:00 PM - IE Slot C - DEC 2, DI 3, DUO 3, HI 3, JVOI (Pr) 3, J VX 2, OO 3, POI 3, VX 2

1:15 PM - CONGRESS Session II (until 3:15 PM)

3:00 PM - Extemp Draw 1 - Room 336 and 331

3:30 PM - IE Slot D - DEC 3, DI 4, DUO 4, JVOI (Po) 4, J VX 3, POI 4, VOI (Pr) 3, VX 3

4:00 PM - Session III (until 6:00 PM)

4:30 PM - Extemp Draw 1 - Room 336 and 331

5:00 PM - IE Slot E - DEC 4, DI 5, DUO 5, HI 4, J VX 4, OO 4, VOI (Po) 4, VX 4

6:00 PM - Extemp Draw 1 - Room 336 and 331

6:30 PM - IE Slot F - DEC 5, HI 5, JVOI (Pr) 5, J VX 5, OO 5, POI 5, VOI (Pr) 5, VX 5

Postings on Tabroom on or before 9 PM