

Lebanon Trail TFA Qualifier

Lebanon Trail TFA Qualifier
Keep this page bookmarked, it will be updated often!

Schedule

A link to the schedule can be found [here](#).

Our intention is to single-flight LD and PF based on judge availability.

Wifi Information

Login: Frisco ISD Guest

Password: Not needed just agree to terms

Cross Entry

Section A: HI, POE, DUO, OO, USX, IX

Section B: DI, DUET, PRO, INFO, IMP, POI

Students in LD, CX, PF, and WSD may not enter any other event.

Students in speech events may compete in up to three events per pattern with the following exceptions:

- Students may only enter one division of extemp (USX or IX)
- Students competing in Congress may not enter any other section B events

Event Rules

All TFA qualifying events (HI, DI, DUO, DUET, USX, IX, OO, INFO, POI, LD, PF, CX, WSD, Congress) will follow TFA rules and tabulation procedures.

Prose and Poetry selections must conform to either TFA rules or either of the two UIL categories for 2026/2027. The time limit is seven minutes with 30 seconds grace.

Impromptu will follow NSDA rules: seven minutes combined prep/speak with 30 seconds grace. Competitors will choose from three options at random.

Our intention is to panel elimination rounds in all TFA qualifying events. We will panel Prose, Poetry, and Impromptu if our judge supply permits.

Novice Divisions

The tournament will offer novice divisions in LD, PF, Congress, and CX Debate.

A novice is defined as:

- Any student in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.
- Any student in the 9th or 10th grade who is in their first year competing in the event in question at any level of competition.

Some additional notes:

- Please pay attention to the definition of 'novice'- students found to be entered in this division who do not meet this definition will be disqualified.
- Novice LD, Novice PF, and Novice Congress will use the same topics as varsity.
- Both partners in PF and CX must be novice to qualify.
- Judges entered must be high school graduates. Judges entered in LD, PF, CX, or Speech/Congress may be asked to judge novice divisions, as appropriate.
- Novice divisions with less than 10 entries by the registration deadline will be collapsed into varsity.

Breaks

Speech events with 24 or fewer competitors that compete in round 1 will have 2 prelims advancing to a final. Events with 25 or more will have 2 prelims advancing to a semifinal.

Debate events will break to the points based on the number of competitors in round 1.

This means that all 2-1s may not clear. TFA tiebreakers will be used. Brackets will not be broken in debate.

Topics

LD- Resolved: Outer space colonization is a moral imperative.

PF- Resolved: The United States federal government should enact a moratorium on hyperscale data center construction.

CX- Resolved: The United States federal government should establish national health insurance in the United States.

WSD:

Rounds 1 and 2: This House regrets the use of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as the primary metric of a nation's success. (Teams debate both sides)

Round 3: Impromptu

Elim 1: Impromptu

Elim 2: This House welcomes climate pessimism.

Congress: As a reminder, TFA rules require these items to be debated in order.

Prelims: 3, 6, 12, 7, 9

Finals: 24, 13, 17, 25, 10

Judging Expectations/Fees

Entry deadline is Monday, September 14th 25th, at 6pm CST. Please see Tabroom for drop fees and other deadlines.

Speech/Congress- 1 judge/8 entries or portion thereof

LD Debate- 1 judge/2 entries or portion thereof

PF Debate- 1 judge/2 entries or portion thereof

CX Debate- 1 judge/2 entries or portion thereof

World Schools Debate- 1 judge/2 entries or portion thereof

A judge may only cover one category. Hired judges are available at a rate of \$200/judge. We would rather have your judges than your money!

Schools **must** cover their first obligation in each category or their students will be removed from that event.

Judges in Speech/Congress are obligated through the entirety of the tournament. Judges in debate are obligated one round past the last student's elimination.

Judges dropped between the entry deadline and 5pm on September 16 will incur the original judge fee plus a \$100 nuisance fee. A judge who misses a ballot will incur a \$50 fine. Judges who miss a second ballot or who no show completely will incur the original judge fee plus a \$200 nuisance fee. If a school fails to have a judge on-site for a given category, students in that category will be dropped and/or rendered ineligible for elimination rounds.

Hired Judges

The tournament will hire a limited number of judges at a rate of \$250/day. Round by round rates may be available based on need. Interested judges should fill out the link [Click here](#) and fill out this [form](#).

Homeschool Advantage

Lebanon Trail reserves the right to enter its students in any and all events, and those students will be eligible for elimination rounds.

Sweepstakes

Points will be allocated as follows:

Speech/Congress:

1st Place- 15

2nd Place- 12

3rd Place- 10

4th Place- 8

5th Place- 6

6th Place- 4

Finalists 7th and beyond- 2

Debate:

1st Place- 15

2nd Place- 12

Non Advancing Semis- 10

Non Advancing Quarters- 6