Speech & Debate Team Rules

Process for choosing who competes if limits must be made :

- **Not enough judging to hit the required judge burden for an event.** *Decisions will be made in successive order until the tournament's judge burden is met. NOTE: The limits here will apply no matter the tournament. Meeting the judge burden is the first priority in competing.*
    1. Triple entries will be dropped
    2. Double entries of those who did not provide judging will be dropped
    3. Double entries will be dropped
    4. Single entries who did not provide judging will be dropped
    5. The team will not participate in the Tournament

- **State & Nat Quals Events**
    1. Preference will be given to students who compete in the event as their "main event".
    2. Preference will be given to students with a higher winning record
        a. At State: a higher winning record of a student in their secondary event, will not displace a student in their Main Event.
            i. Example: J competes in Policy as their main event, but did an OO this year as well and has made it to finals once. K competes in OO only and has never made finals. Preference will go to K.
        b. Nat Quals: a higher winning record of a student in their secondary event, may displace a student who is competing in their Main Event.
            i. Example: J competes in Policy as their main event, but did an OO this year as well and has made it to finals once. K competes in OO only and has never made finals. Preference will go to J.
- **All Other Tournaments (just in case)**
    1. With the exception of State & Nat Quals, every student will be allowed to compete in enough tournaments to letter. If a student needs another tournament to letter, preference will be given to them.

Process for choosing Supplemental Competitors

As a guiding principle, the purpose of Supplemental Spots on the La Cueva team is to give National's Experience to team members to help strengthen the team the following year. As such, if a Junior or younger team member whose main event is Debate (any type of main debate, and ideally will be in leadership) AND Junior or younger team member whose main event is Speech (any type of main speech and ideally leadership) have not qualified for Nationals at the District Tournament, preference will be given to those members in the area(s) missing.

1. In addition to the above consideration for debate and speech leadership to be represented at Nationals, the following rubric will be used to help choose supplemental competitors (*A student's actions over the last season will be used as a guide when making the following evaluations):*
    a. Will they be someone who will support and encourage ALL members of the team while preparing and attending Nationals?
    b. Will they be helpful as a spectator during the first two days taking notes to bring back to the team?
    c. Will they work equally hard to prepare their event as those who qualified at District, both in our official practices and on their own?
        i. Supplemental Competitors are not on a "vacation".
    d. What kind of success have they had during the season?
        i. This is Nationals and we need to aim for success, not just show up.
    e. Will we have a variety of events represented?
        i. We do not want all supplemental competitors entered in the same event, ideally we would have four supplemental entries between the two students.
2. Those who want to be considered for a Supplemental spot must be able to provide a judge for the whole week of Nationals
    a. Depending on judge availability we may not end up needing them, but one MUST be available.
    b. They must be willing to be flexible in what they judge

3. A google form will be filled out by those applying requesting the following
    a. Name

    b. Grade
    c. Events they have competed in during the year and their success in each.
    d. Supplemental Events they plan to compete in
        i. Double entry is required, depending on Nationals rules, if at all possible
    e. Judge they plan to provide
    f. Why they believe they should be chosen for the supplemental spot, in 100 words or less.
4. A committee will be formed of Coaches/Sponsor & Co-Presidents. If Presidents are not also in Speech AND Main debate leadership (captains preferred), coaches will choose a representative from the event(s) missing to balance the committee. All members of the committee will be made known to those who are applying.
    a. No member of the committee may be someone who is applying to go in a supplemental spot.
    b. If one or both of the presidents are applying for a supplemental spot, the most senior VP(s) will represent, followed by the Directors of Membership, if necessary.
    c. No coach/sponsor who has their own child being considered will be allowed to vote, though they will be allowed to add their perspective to the conversation as they will have an overarching perspective of students during the season.
    d. All deliberations will be kept private and not shared outside the committee.
    e. Due to the small number of committee members, vote tallies will not be made public, but the coaches/sponsors will confirm the results, with the booster president reviewing.
        i. This is to help prevent other members of the team/committee from guessing who may have voted for whom which could result in team disunity.
5. Committee members will meet online or in person to discuss the entries and share their opinions using the above rubric.

6. An anonymous Google Form vote will be taken with no identifiable information about who voted being a part of the form.
    a. In the event of a tie, a second vote will be taken using only the top 3-4 (depending on where the tie falls).
    b. In the event of a second tie, the head coach will vote a second time and break the tie.
    c. The results of the vote, whether it was decided in a first vote, went to a second vote, or the head coach made the final decision, will be kept private.
7. Head coach will notify those students who applied who has the first two spots and the order of alternates, if there are any.
8. Should one of those selected qualify through the Last Chance Qualifier, an alternate will be chosen.