

MAJOR CHANGES FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

1. Date changes for 3A and 5A State Tournaments:
3A Tournament Niwot HS February 2-3, 2024
4A Tournament Pueblo Central HS February 23-24, 2024
5A Tournament Ft Collins HS March 1-2, 2024
2. Align with the NSDA stance on artistic plagiarism.
Artistic Plagiarism: Videos of NSDA final round performances and/or other video media are intended to provide educational examples for coaches and students. They are not intended to serve as a model to directly imitate or duplicate in performance. Although universal human emotions may lead to similarities in portrayal of characters, wholesale impersonation, including cutting, blocking, and/or interpretation (verbal and/or nonverbal portrayal of characters and text) of material of previous NSDA semifinal round, final round, and other video media performances is prohibited and grounds for penalty. Given the extent of the artistic plagiarism, the performance penalty may range from lowering the ranking in the round to disqualification. It is the burden of proof of the individual filing the protest to provide documented evidence of the artistic plagiarism demonstrated in the performance. This includes providing access to the plagiarized video material and written verification of examples to substantiate the complaint.
3. Remove events scheduling priority that avoids competitors with same topics/pieces from hitting one another.
4. Extemp rule changes:
 - One 3X5 notecard will be allowed (using more than one or size larger than 3X5 may not be ranked higher than 4th)
 - Clarification that competitor must turn in question slip to their judge prior to speaking (.
5. Updates to judge requirements:
 - Clarified that schools Congressional Debate is included with events with a 5:1 ratio.
 - For schools that travel 60 miles or more to attend the state tournament, one tournament worker fills one required judge slot.
6. Policy Debate will only be offered at the 5A State Tournament.
7. Team sweepstakes awards will be continue to be piloted in the 2023-2024 school year.
8. Changes in Congressional Debate:
 - Each chamber of Congressional Debate will have 12-18 students.
 - If total entries are between 19-23, the tournament director has the discretion to break into 2 chambers or proceed with 1.
 - If one chamber, there will not be a finals session, but each prelim session will allot 10 minutes per competitor.
 - If two chambers, there will be a finals session
 - Pilot changes to recency:
 - PRELIMS: Recency will be randomly assigned for the first preliminary session. Competitors in the top half of recency for the first prelim session will be in the bottom half of recency for the second prelim session and vice versa.
 - ELIMS: Recency will be randomly assigned, unless there is a semi-final. If there is a semi-final, work to maintain balance to the greatest extent possible.
 - Direct questioning will be utilized in all sessions of Congressional Debate. There will be a separate questioning recency that will be randomly assigned.
 - Congressional Debate legislation must be submitted four weeks prior to the tournament, the docket will be released two weeks prior to the tournament.
 - Congressional Debate committee will meet to look at ways to guarantee State Tournament legislation that has not been used at a previous tournament.
9. Pilot the use of the Raptor system for judge background checks to determine feasibility of using at state tournaments for the 2023-2024 school year.
10. Clarification of State Tournament Committee roles, responsibilities and make up of committees.
11. Clarification of roles for Tournament Director, Site Director and CHSAA will be posted on the CHSAA website.