

**NDHSAA State Debate
February 6, 2021
Fargo Davies High School**

Approved Regulation Changes for 2020-21 Debate

- Regular season debate tournaments shall record student win/loss qualifier points to be used for state tournament quarterfinal bracket seeding (Win = 3pts, Loss = 1pt). A qualifier link will be provided to tournament managers similar to the speech qualifier system.
- Qualifier points awarded at ND school sponsored tournaments. Out of state competitions are not eligible for qualifier points.
- Students must compete a minimum of 8 rounds in a division in order to be eligible for State Debate in that division. (e.g. must have competed 8 rounds in Div. II LD in order to be eligible for Div. II LD, cannot be eligible for other divisions)
- The entire debate season including tournaments and state shall use the January/February LD debate topic and January PF debate topic.
- State Debate shall have two divisions (I & II) of LD and PF competition, quarterfinal brackets shall be seeded by regular season rounds win/loss record, or win/loss power ranking based on point system (W=3pts, L=1pt; Total Points/Total Rounds)
- Should a power ranking tie occur for State quarterfinal placement, the tie shall be broken on these criteria:
 1. If competitors met head-to-head, winner receives preference
 2. Competitor with most number rounds receives preference
- State Debate shall be a one-day tournament beginning with quarterfinal competition

Approved Format Changes for Regular Season Debate Tournaments

- One-day tournaments – no overnight travel
- LD will be held in one school, and PF will be held in another school
- LD limited to 6 entries per school, and PF limited to 6 entries per school
- The sites for LD and PF will not exceed the limit of 84 students per site
- Masks required except when eating
- No common areas for students or coaches
- Students, coaches, judges bring own water bottles and lunches
- Students arrive/leave in competition attire
- Judges assigned to one room
- No observers in rounds
- Pre-set Round Tournaments
- Rounds 1 hour which allows for cleaning between rounds
- Schedule Example: Rd. 1 – 11:30; Rd. 2 – 12:30; Rd. 3 – 1:30; Rd. 4 – 2:30
- Electronic exchange of evidence
- Partners at separate tables except for preparation time
- Debate from table – No podium
- Final tabulation of tournament will be done following the tournaments
- Ballots will be scanned to schools or available on tabroom.com following the tournaments
- Awards will be given to schools at the next tournament.