

**NDHSAA State Student Congress  
November 5, 2020  
State Capitol, Bismarck**

**9/28; 10/12: Invitational Dates** (*current as of this publication*)

**10/22: State Registration Deadline**

**10/29: State Cancel/Continue Declaration** (understanding LPH may shut down at any time). Coaches meeting via Zoom 3:30p CDT to discuss Capitol protocols and advisory items—no coaches meeting during event.

**Approved Regulation Changes For 2020:**

- State Student Congress: Scheduled as a one-day event, Thursday November 5.
- State Student Congress: Schools may register a maximum of 7 competitors.
- State Student Congress: Adjudicators stipend: \$100.

**STATE STUDENT CONGRESS, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5, BISMARCK STATE CAPITOL**

- Separate tables for all and if not possible, minimum of 6' distancing provided.
- Opening remarks audio to each competition room via Zoom and in-room PA.
- All coaches will be assigned to a chamber for the day to assist as parliamentarian or supervisor. No coaches room/lounge area will be provided.
- Students bring own water containers and snacks for breaks. Water-only allowed in Capitol rooms; snacks allowed in hallway spaces.
- Manager will stagger rooms for breaks/recesses to allow only one chamber to be in common area at a time
- All contestants, coaches, judges, and staff are required to wear masks while inside on site except when eating.
- If permitted by Facility Management, student use podium and wipe down with disinfectant wipes after each speech. Otherwise, students speak from assigned seat but allowed to adjust to address judge and chamber. (EX – side of table)
- No general registration. Once through security, students and coaches go directly to assigned competitive rooms or hallway areas (if eating lunch).
- Schools plan own lunches for students and coaches—box, etc. for bus ride or assigned hallway area prior to competition.

**Preliminary State Contest Schedule:**

Staggered security check-in approximate times:

11:30:	All Bismarck and Mandan Schools
11:45:	Devils Lake, Dickinson/Dickinson Trinity, and Valley City
12:00:	West Fargo Schools and Richardton-Taylor
12:15:	Fargo Schools and Shanley/Oak Grove
12:30:	Grand Forks Schools and Belfield
12:45 – 1:00:	Opening Remarks/Instructions
1:00 – 6:00:	Congressional Debate beginning with Presiding Officer elections
6:00—6:15:	Students and Coaches marshal in assigned first floor hallway areas and depart as soon as all are present
7:00:	Awards announced through zoom. Awards will be mailed or delivered.

**Invitational Contest Considerations:**

- Based on local conditions, invitationals may adopt any/all of format changes
- Suggest invitationals declare draft schedules and format changes prior to registration deadlines
- Maintain East & West Invitational Dates—host concurrent contests on those dates
- If distancing not possible, invitationals may need to be divided into 3 groups based on number of competitors. Group 1: Belfield, Richardton- Taylor, Dickinson, Trinity, Mandan, Bismarck; Group 2: Valley City, Devils Lake, West Fargo, West Fargo Sheyenne, West Fargo Horace; Group 3: Grand Forks Central, Grand Forks Red River, Fargo North, Fargo South, Fargo Davies, Shanley
- Numbers of houses and students per house determined by registration and available space for social distancing
- Staggered recesses/lunches