

Due to COVID-19, the LIFA tournaments will be run online until further notice. As the situation changes, we will reevaluate our plans. We still plan a full schedule of tournaments.

The following are the procedures for tournaments:

- 1) All tournaments will be held on the NSDA Campus platform. Training videos will be available on how to use the NSDA campus platform.
- 2) Registrations are due on Tuesday night allow time to set up the platform.
- 3) Coaches will have the ability to drop students until 8:45 am the morning of the tournament. All students and judges should log on to tabroom by 8:45.
- 4) There will be a virtual room for each school. Everyone must be in that room by 8:45 to be considered present for the tournament. Coaches will check in by 8:45.
- 5) Instructions will be given to judges and students on how to judge and how to use the platform.
- 6) Contestants and judges will be expected to keep their cameras on at all times. Those not speaking should mute their mics. All speeches will be performed live. There will be no prerecorded speeches. Debaters may remain seated for rounds. Speakers are expected to watch other speakers. Best practices suggest keeping computers as close to routers as possible.
- 7) Speakers may not utilize a green screen technology or any other scenery. Best practices dictate that speakers perform before a neutral blank wall to minimize distractions.
- 8) Due to social distancing concerns, duo interp will not be offered until further notice.
- 9) All debate rounds will have 1 additional minute of prep time to account for technology. (PF: 4 minutes; VLD: 4 Minutes; JVLD: 5 minutes; NLD: 6 minutes)
- 10) If, during a round, a contestant should lose connection, that contestant will have a total of 5 minutes during the round for to reconnect (If it takes 2 minutes for a student to reconnect, that student will have 3 minutes left for further reconnections. If a student goes beyond 5 minutes, that student forfeits the round.
- 10) Debaters and extempers may use the internet during rounds and extemp prep. PF partners may contact each other via text, slack, etc. No one may contact anyone outside the round.
- 11) All ballots will be entered electronically via Tabroom.
- 12) At the end of the tournament, we will have an awards ceremony. Each school will distribute medals after the tournament.