

2021 Eligibility & IE State Qualifier Timeline

February 24th – Last day to turn in TCFL Eligibility Forms - [Eligibility List for State Qualifiers Form](#). (We need verification students entered one TCFL Open or TCFL Congress tournament during the '20 -'21 school year. The Novice Debate and Novice IE Tournaments do not count.)

March 8th – March 16th – Coaches need to begin entering ISBN#'s and script titles on tabroom (HI, DI, Duo/ Titles of OI & Subject matter of POI). Coaches should also enter all Original speech titles (Expos, OO, OA, OPP). Last day for entering competitors is March 16th by 11:55pm. Impromptu & Extemp require no paperwork.

March 16th – There will be no paneling. Coaches will send Bobby a list of students who should be protected. 1st indicates they placed 1st- 3rd in their event either at invitationals or in our league. 2nd indicates they placed 4th or below in a final round of an invitational or in our league. Priority will be given to the 1's when it comes to placements. Remember, only the 1st round is protected by priority. All other rounds are determined by rankings in the round. (robert.lebeda@gmail.com)

March 17th – Bobby will send out the panelings for the coaches to check.

NOTE: The 2021 State Tournament will be held April 23-25. Students who are unavailable to attend on these dates are ineligible to compete in the qualification tournaments.

There are kids who enter quals for the thrill of competing, or for bragging rights, or for the NFL points, or for the beautiful qualifying plaque, and for whatever reason, don't really intend to go to States. Some forge their parents' signatures and then you find out after the fact that the parents will not let them go, or their grades have fallen and they are academically ineligible to compete. We've heard it all. *If your school prom or another big event conflicts with States, make sure your students are willing to sacrifice that for States in the event they qualify. Note: TOC may conflict—make sure your circuit debaters know that. They have a choice to make!*

It is not only a constitutional violation to compete at a qualifier if the speaker is not committed to attending States, it is highly unethical and unfair to every other league speaker in that event. Every qualifier wins a dearly coveted league spot at States, and those speakers fortunate enough to qualify should dedicate themselves to representing TCFL at the state tournament to the best of their ability and hopefully, bring home a state title. **MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS COMMITMENT.**

You will have a very short window to register your qualifiers on the state online registration website (www.joyoftournaments.com). They are due Fri. Mar. 26; fees & forms due one week later on 4/2!

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Wed 2/24	Eligibility Forms due (jrobinson9812@att.net).
Mon 3/8-3/16	Begin entering ISBN#'s and script & speech titles on tabroom.
Tues 3/16	Last day to enter IE competitors.
Wed 3/17	Coaches Check Panelings.

F 3/19-Sat 3/20 IE Quals @ Virtual

Friday 3/26 Online entry due on Tabroom by 11:59pm.

Friday 4/2 Postmark deadline for state entry fees and paperwork.

Friday 4/9 Asynchronous videos must be uploaded to Tabroom by 11:59pm.

FridY 4/16 Supplemental videos must be uploaded to Tabroom by 5pm.