

TCFL Letter of Intent for Debate Qualifiers

Congratulations on qualifying to States in Debate! Your hard work and outstanding skills paid off, and you are now a league standard-bearer.

If you are planning to compete in our upcoming qualifiers as well, the league wishes you to state your event preferences in advance.

CHSSA allows debaters to double enter the State Tournament in both Debate and one IE. The exception is Extemporaneous and Parliamentary Debate. Since both of these events require 20-30 minutes of prep time, the State Tournament schedule cannot accommodate a double entry in these events combined. *Parli debaters may double at States with a different IE, but not Extemp.*

Congress is a stand-alone event. It runs concurrent with the other events, therefore Congress entries may NOT double enter at all.

Some of our talented debaters also excel in Congress, and we applaud you. However, if you wish to compete in Congress quals, and you qualify, then we anticipate you will yield your debate slot. **If you are not willing to yield your debate slot, you should NOT enter the Congress qualifier.** The league wants only SERIOUS congress competitors to enter our qualifier.

If however, you qualify in all 3 qualifying tournaments, and your preference is the Debate/IE combo over the single Congress entry, we will honor your preference.

The purpose of this letter is to prevent qualified debaters from entering the Congress Qualifier for ulterior reasons: the practice, the NSDA points, the bragging rights, the plaque, the fun, etc. It is unethical to take a spot in our final round if you are not serious about going to States in Congress. All spots in our final round should go to students who truly hope to compete in Congress (unless they are fortunate enough to double-qual in Debate & IE).

Please check the applicable boxes below and submit to the league co-President prior to the beginning of the Congress Qualifier. Once again, congratulations! Now go and REPRESENT!

- Debate Only (I'm done!)
- Yes, I intend to enter the Congress Qualifier and am willing to yield my debate slot.
- Yes, I intend to enter the IE Qualifier.

My top preference is (circle one)

Debate + IE (I will yield my Congress slot to take the double entry)

Congress Only (I will yield my debate entry to go in Congress)

I have read all of the above and understand the league's concerns. I accept these terms.

Signature and Date