

Tournaments

Both spring and fall offers opportunities for competition. Fall semester offers round robins and practice tournaments to prepare students for NCFCA winter/spring competition season.

TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

Round Robins/Practice Tournaments are 1-2 day tournaments offered in the fall. Students speak/debate during every round, no eliminations. This is great practice for competition and the students receive valuable feedback to help sharpen and prepare them for the winter/spring competitions. These tournaments are not sanctioned by the NCFCA and may be organized by individuals, clubs, or groups of clubs.

Qualifying Tournaments are any of the numerous feeder tournaments within a competitor's region. Competitors can earn an invitation to the Regional Invitational Tournament by ranking in the top 50% at any of these qualifying tournaments. There are ten Regions within the NCFCA. Texas and Oklahoma are part of Region IV.

Regional Invitational Tournaments are held in each region at the end of that region's competitive season. Invitations to this tournament are earned by competitors ranking in the top 50% at any qualifying tournament. A student must receive an invitation in order to compete in this tournament. The top competitors at this tournament will proceed to the National Championship held in June.

National Open Tournaments are held in several locations throughout the nation during each competitive season. These tournaments are designed to be very large, attract competitors throughout the country, and offer all league events. No invitation is required in order to compete (which is why it is called an "Open"). The top competitors from the National Open Tournaments will qualify directly to the National Championship.

National Championship Tournament is the highest level of competition in the NCFCA. It is held at various locations throughout the country at the end of the competitive season, usually in early June. 75% of the Invitations to this tournament are earned by top placings at all of the Regional Invitational Tournaments throughout the country and 25% of the invitations are earned on an At-Large basis - accumulated points students earn in their region throughout the year.