

APPENDIX D

ORGANIZATIONS GOVERNING DEBATE COMPETITION

The particular rules governing debate competition vary from tournament to tournament. Every debate league establishes its own rules for everything ranging from the amount of preparation time allowed to the types of arguments that are allowed. Before you begin preparation for debate competition, be sure to check out the rules that apply in your particular debate league. Usually these rules are clearly spelled out at the websites for the debate league.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS GOVERNING DEBATE COMPETITION

National Forensic League (NFL): www.nflonline.org The NFL in its own words: “The National Forensic League, NFL, is the leading honor society and educational resource for teachers, students, administrators, and parents in the exciting field of speech and debate education. With over 2,800 member schools and 93,000 active student members, we are continuously striving towards our goal of promoting the art of speech and debate. In doing so, we provide educational opportunities, honors, scholarships, and awards that recognize students at local, regional, and national levels. The NFL is proud of its 80-year tradition of ‘Training Youth for Leadership.’”

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS): www.nfhs.org NFHS in its own words: “Since 1920, The National Federation of State High School Associations has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and activities that help students succeed in their lives. We set directions for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS, from its offices in Indianapolis, Indiana, serves its 50 member state high school athletic/activity associations, plus the District of Columbia. The NFHS publishes playing rules in 16 sports for boys and girls competition and administers fine arts programs in speech, theater, debate, and music. It provides a variety of program initiatives that reach the 18,500 high schools and over 11 million students involved in athletic and activity programs.”

National Catholic Forensic Association (NCFL): www.ncfl.org The NCFL in its own words: “The NCFL is an organization of private and public high schools dedicated to promoting and supporting speech and debate activities in the U.S. and Canada. The NCFL sponsors the Grand National Tournament, which is held each year on Memorial Day weekend at a different location each year. At the 2006 Grand National Tournament,