National Tournament Patterns

Pattern A

IPDA (International Parliamentary Debate Association)
Poetry Interpretation
Communication Analysis

Students may enter all three events in Pattern A.

Students may double enter in only one pattern B through E.

Pattern B

Prose Interpretation Speech to Entertain Extemporaneous Speaking

Students may enter only one event in Pattern B.

Pattern C

Persuasive Speaking Duo Interpretation Impromptu Speaking NFA-Lincoln Douglas

Students may enter only one event in Pattern C.

Pattern D

Program Oral Interpretation Informative Dramatic Interpretation NFA-Lincoln Douglas

Students may enter only one event in Pattern D.

Pattern E

Parliamentary Debate Interpreters' Theatre

Students may enter only one event in Pattern E.

Sweepstakes Slots

Slots are used to determine placement in sweepstakes categories.

There are three classifications of Sweepstakes based on number of slots: Hindman Division (small), Wheeler Division (intermediate), and Wyman Division (open). The Hindman schools category shall be determined by counting the slots entered by each school in the tournament. Schools whose slot totals are between 1 and 12 are entered in the Hindman Division. Schools with 12.5 to 27 slots are entered in the Wheeler Division. All schools with 27.5 or more slots are entered in the Wyman Division.

The slots vary by event and mirror the sweepstakes ratio.

Every entry in Interpreters Theatre counts as three slots Every entry in Parliamentary Debate counts as two slots Every entry in Duo Interpretation and NFA-LD counts as one and a half slots Every entry in Individual Events and IPDA counts as one slot