



To: Dr. Charles Johns

From: Jason Markey

Re: GBN Revised Debate Schedule

Date: December 7, 2021

### **Recommendation**

The administration is seeking approval of the revised GBN Debate schedule for spring of 2022.

### **Background**

Debate in our district has a long tradition of national and state excellence. In order to maintain success as a leading nationwide program, in-person debate and national tournaments are important.

Both students and staff alike understand the importance of following all COVID safety precautions and using extreme caution during these trips.



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## Debate

**To:** Dr. Michael Tarjan  
**From:** Michael Greenstein  
**Re:** GBN Debate Schedule  
**Date:** December 6, 2021

At the beginning of the school year, the Board of Education approved the GBN Debate travel calendar. At that time we did not know if some of the tournaments during the second semester would be in person or online. While we are still not certain, there are two tournaments on our calendar that have the potential to require overnight travel if they are in person. Those two tournaments are the Illinois High School Association state tournament held in Normal, Illinois March 17-19, 2022 and the National Speech and Debate Association national championship held in Louisville, Kentucky June 12-17, 2022. We seek approval from the Board of Education to attend those tournaments if the tournament directors decide to hold those contests in person.

In terms of COVID-19 mitigation strategies, two days before each tournament GBN students and coaches attending the tournament will provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test (either PRC or Illinois Shield). While at the tournaments, GBN students and coaches will follow all District 225 COVID-19 protocols including mask wearing and physical distancing requirements. We will bring multiple coaches, purchase an extra hotel room, and bring an additional vehicle to ensure the ability to quarantine and safely transport students in the event one of the coaches shows COVID-19 symptoms during the tournament. We will require that a parent or guardian of each student be available and responsible for them if they show COVID-19 symptoms during the tournament.

Finally, please know that the Board of Education approved GBS Debate to attend these contests if they are in person at its November 8th meeting.

### GBN Debate Tournament Schedule 2021-2022

DATE	TOURNAMENT	DIVISION	CODE	Online/In Person
Sept 10-12	Niles Township Invitational, Skokie, IL	Policy - V	RC	Online
Sept 11-13	UK Season Opener - Lexington, KY	Policy/Congress - V	RC	Online
Sept 14	GBN Intrasquad Scrimmage - GBN	Policy - N	--	Online
Sept 15	Novice Scrimmage - Marist - Atlanta, GA	Policy - N	--	Online
Sept 16-20	Greenhill Classic and RR - Dallas, TX	Policy - V	NI	Online
Sept 24-26	Ivy Street Invitational - Atlanta, GA	Policy - N/JV/V	NI	Online
Sept 25-26	The Constellation - Winter Park, FL	Congress - V	NI	Online
Oct 5	GBN Scrimmage #1	Policy - N/Congress - V	--	Online
Oct 9-11	New Trier Invitational - Winnetka, IL	Policy/Congress - V/N	RC	Online
Oct 16-18	St. Marks Heart of Texas - Dallas, TX	Policy - V	NI	Online
Oct 19	GBN Scrimmage #2	Policy - N/Congress - V	--	Online
Oct 23	Novice/JV Scrimmage - Niles North	Policy - N/JV	RC	N/A
Oct 30-Nov 1	Meadows Invitational - Las Vegas, NV	Policy - V/N	NI	Online
Nov 6-8	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI	Policy - V/N	RC	Online
Nov 20-22	GLENBROOKS - Northbrook, IL	ENTIRE TEAM	--	Online
Dec 3-5	Michigan State University - East Lansing, MI	Policy/Congress - V/N	RC	Online
Dec 10-12	Dowling Paradigm - Des Moines, IA	Policy/Congress - V/N	RC	Online
Dec 10-12	Isidore Newman - New Orleans, LA	Policy - V/N	NI	Online
Jan 8-10	Southern Bell Forum - Nashville, TN	Policy - V	NI	Online
Jan 18	GBN Congress Tournament - Northbrook, IL	Congress - V	RC	Online
Jan 22-24	Pennisula Invitational - Rolling Hills Estates, CA	Policy - V/N	NI	Online
Jan 26-30	Pace RR/Barkley Forum (Emory) - Atlanta, GA	Policy - V	NI	Online
Jan 28-30	Evanston Invitational - Evanston, IL	Policy/Congress - V/N	RC	Online
Feb 11-13	Maine East Regatta - Park Ridge, IL	Policy - V/N	RC	?
Feb 19-21	Crestian RR and Tournament - Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Policy - V/N	NI	Online
Feb 25-27	Cross River Classic - Iowa City, IA	Policy - V/N	RC	Online
March 5-6	NSDA District Qualifier - GBS	Policy/Congress - V	RC	?
March 11-13	IDCA JV/N State - Niles North, IL	Policy - N/JV	RC	Online
March 17-19	IHSA Varsity State - Normal, IL	Policy/Congress - V	RC	?
March 25-27	JV/Novice Nationals - Cedar Rapids, IA	Policy - N/JV	RC	Online
April 9-11	NDCA Nationals - Online	Policy - V	NF	Online
April 23-25	Tournament of Champions - Lexington, KY	Policy - V	NF	Online
June 12-17	NSDA Nationals - Louisville, KY	Policy/Congress - V	NF	?

Division Key: Varsity = V, Junior Varsity = JV, Novice = N

Tournament Type: RC = Regional Contest, NI = National Invitational, National Final = NF