

SPEECH AND DEBATE CFL LEAGUE RULES

*** HEAD-TO-HEAD DEBATE ***

Novice – all requirements must be met:

A student **may** compete in Novice if s/he:

- is in his/her first twelve months of debate competition
- is in his/her first academic year of speech competition
- has not attended debate camp
- has not competed in Varsity competition at any debate tournament
- has competed in no more than one Varsity speech tournament
- did not “advance” beyond prelim. rounds of any Novice debate tournament (including 3-0 record in CFL Novice)

Students may compete in one CFL JV debate tournament and retain their Novice eligibility if their record at the JV tournament is 0-4 or 1-3. A second JV win or a second JV tournament automatically makes the student ineligible to compete as a CFL Novice.

Varsity – any of the following scenarios automatically promotes a student to Varsity:

A student **must** compete in Varsity if s/he:

- is in his/her fourth year of competition (including speech or Congress)
- has competed in 5 CFL debate tournaments (Congress does NOT count as a debate tournament in this scenario)
- has competed in Varsity at an invitational tournament
- has “advanced” beyond preliminary rounds of any J.V. tournament (including 4-0 record in CFL Jr. Varsity)
- has attended summer camp for debate twice

Students who are no longer eligible to compete in the Novice division but have yet to be promoted to the Varsity level are eligible to compete in the CFL Junior Varsity division.

- *Students may compete in one CFL Varsity debate tournament and retain their J.V. eligibility if their record at the Varsity tournament is 0-4 or 1-3. A second Varsity win or a second Varsity tournament automatically makes the student ineligible to compete in the CFL Junior Varsity division.*

- *Students in their third academic year of speech competition may compete in no more than two CFL J.V. debate tournaments. (A 4-0 record at any JV tournament automatically promotes students to the Varsity level.)*