**To the many stakeholders of CCA,**

As you know, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic is touching nearly every part of our lives and CCA is not exempt.  Last year, what was previously unthinkable, became reality as we were faced with the difficult decision to cancel the remaining tournament year.  We knew the sadness of our students and coaches and all our stakeholders as we considered the implications of  this action but also accepted this was our Divinely orchestrated path for 2020's tournament season. As the summer fades, we began planning our 2021 Tournament, the 2021 outlook is much less clear than we hoped. Major difficulties remain for CCA to offer typical tournament environments such as finding facilities that,  in the fall of 2020,  are willing to commit to hosting events in the spring of 2021.  The availability of guest judges for 2021 and of course the health of our families are  paramount concerns for the coming tournament season.

CCA believes in its mission and has a resolve to carry on even in the face of these  obstacles and has therefore prepared an alternative plan for the 2021 tournament season in which in-person, Godly competition and fellowship can occur. We firmly believe this best meets our mission.  This document outlines what we are calling "Nanotournaments" for our 2021 season and these Nanotournaments are geared to be one-day, small, localized events with minimal travel requirements. This format minimizes our most significant obstacles while keeping our mission moving forward.  Twenty years ago, CCA often had  small tournaments and we therefore will simply return to our roots for a short time.   The instruction outlined below is meant to provide guidance needed by any CCA club or member family desiring to host a Nanotournament, and we encourage all our clubs to host at least one Nanotournament during the season.


**Nanotournaments for the 2021 Tournament Season Only:**

**Tournament Size**—These tournaments are to be smaller, volunteer run events.  Attendance will be by invitation of the hosting club or Tournament Coordinator considering such factors as state restrictions and facility size/availability.

**Tournament Rules**—All CCA rules for both speech and debate apply unless amended or rescinded by CCA in this document.

**Tournament Attendance**—In the Policy Debate Criteria & Competitors Standards under tournament registration eligibility where it states, "A student may compete in speech and debate events at a maximum of four (4) tournaments per competitive season.  Attendance at tournaments other than these four is prohibited even as a non-competing, unregistered observer."  This requirement is rescinded for the 2021 season only.  Students may attend any Nanotournament to which he or his club is invited.


**Tournament Structure**—These tournaments will be run by a local volunteer having written CCA Board approval and known as the Tournament Coordinator [T/C].  It is required that

tournaments be scheduled for one day in duration with a minimum of 2 debate rounds and one IE round.

**Tournament Coordinator**—The TC will locate a facility, determine any costs associated and how to collect fees for student participation; choose the clubs to invite; cap the number of students allowed to attend and have full authority to conduct the event.  There should be no profit from running a Nanotournament.

The TC will want to review the Tournament Director Handbook for tournament policies unless addressed below as exceptions.

A.  Budget and expenses are strictly a local decision with no money transferring to or from CCA.  The hosting club/TC has full responsibility for fee structure if any is required.  The CCA paypal feature is not available.
B.  Devotions are required.  Each tournament will open with a devotion and prayer.
C.  Division of Labor rules do not apply.  Job description overlap may occur.
D.  Dress code still applies
E.  Integrity still applies.  All rules of conduct are always applicable.
F.  A parent meeting is not required.
G.  We will not be utilizing Joy of Tournaments for our registration and tabulation for 2021.  All functions can be tracked with simple spreadsheets.
H.  Registration for those with disabilities will be determined by the T/C on a case-by-case basis.
I.  Regarding staffing—the two deep policy applies.  Two people (one as a witness) shall be involved in any confrontation or discussion of ethics violations.

**Tournament Tabulation**—Tabulations can be done on a spread sheet or any other method that will allow for AFF/Neg balance and recording wins and losses.  Speaker points and speaker ranks are not required and would be at the discretion of the hosting TC.  It is recommended that each team have two affirmative and two negative rounds.  IE tab can also be done manually or on a spreadsheet.  Iron man scoring rule is modified to reflect the single IE round.

**Tournament Registration**—This can be done by email or any suitable means.  The T/C may put out an open invitation if all slots are not filled by the invited clubs.

**Tournament Judging:**  CCA judging eligibility applies.  Judges must be 18 years of age or graduated from high school.   Judges shall not be assigned to judge their children or students they personally coach.   The T/C should avoid assigning a judge whom they believe the relationship is too familiar but circumstances may dictate grace above the letter of the law.  Judges should be oriented according to the CCA judge orientation script or video, which can be offered via an online link prior to the event to fulfill this requirement.  If there is an odd number of teams one team will be chosen for a bye.   Club protecting and power matching requirements do not apply and are left to the T/C discretion.

**Tournament Awards**:  Award Ceremony is not required and left to  TC discretion.

**Nanotournament Schedule:** The board proposes the Nanotournaments be scheduled between January 15 and April 30, 2021