

TFL Legislation Pool Guidelines

The TFL Legislation Pool is a resource that North and South Carolina tournament directors may use when compiling legislation for their own tournaments. The pool shall be available for all schools on ncspeechanddebate.org or sent via email. An “All Call” for legislation will invite schools to submit up to three (3) pieces of legislation to the pool. The first pool will be due by August 16th and will be made available the following week. Legislation submitted after the deadlines may not be considered for the pool. The best approach is to submit legislation well in advance of the deadline to ensure timely approval. Authorship shall be attributed to submitting authors and schools, but tournament directors will continue to set their own rules regarding authorship and sponsorship speeches.

Tournament Directors shall designate in their invitations which pieces of legislation shall be used in their congress chambers. Although encouraged to use the legislation pool, tournament directors are not required to do so and may, instead, compile their own dockets. Tournament directors who host congressional debaters from outside North Carolina may wish to supplement called legislation with pieces from the current legislation pool.

Important considerations:

- a. Bills or resolutions are to be typed using the template provided on the NFL website. The TFL state committee will not be responsible for formatting legislation.
- b. Members of the TFL executive committee will review submitted legislation. Items with significant grammatical errors or that may not be debate worthy will be sent back to the author with an explanation of the problem. Remedied legislation may then be resubmitted. In order to be accepted into the upcoming pool, remedied legislation must be submitted in advance of the deadline.
- c. The TFL discourages the submission of legislation that has been previously used or submitted.
- d. Teams submitting legislation must send all their legislation at once via the **team’s coach**. Legislation sent from students **will not be accepted**.

Schools wishing to submit legislation to the pool should email their legislation in the **properly formatted word document** (see NFL bill and resolution templates) to Scott Bennett at bennetp@gcsnc.com by Friday August 16th.