

1 ARKANSAS COMMUNICATION AND THEATRE ARTS ASSOCIATION

2  
3 BYLAWS OF THE  
4 ARKANSAS STUDENT CONGRESS

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7 *and passed by the body on August 28, 2021.*  
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9 ARTICLE I. PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

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11 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT** The Arkansas Student Congress, was established 1968 by the  
12 Arkansas State Communication Association (now the Arkansas Communication and Theatre Arts  
13 Association, herein after “ACTAA) as the state’s first (now oldest) model legislative competition  
14 for high school and college students. Student Congress duplicates as nearly as possible the  
15 structure of the United States Congress. This activity provides a unique and invaluable experience  
16 for those who wish to understand the legislative process.  
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18 **SECTION 2. PURPOSE** The specific purpose of the legislative assembly is to furnish both high  
19 school and college students with insight into the legislative process and the proper use of  
20 parliamentary procedure. This objective is accomplished 1) by providing practical legislative  
21 speaking experience on bills and resolutions prepared by the delegates; and 2) by stimulating  
22 realistic political situations through committee meetings, party caucuses, elections and legislative  
23 floor debate.  
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25 **SECTION 3. ARKANSAS STUDENT CONGRESS PHILOSOPHY** Student Congress exists  
26 to facilitate an environment that encourages and rewards delegates and delegations for their  
27 excellent speaking ability, knowledge of parliamentary procedure, and ability to work to  
28 develop/improve policies in a cooperative/ constructive atmosphere that develops the integrity of  
29 the parliamentary/legislative process for the good of the larger body (Student Congress as a whole).  
30 We welcome all delegations that seek such an environment. **Judges will apply negative sanctions**  
31 **to delegates who do not participate within the spirit of the Student Congress Philosophy.**  
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33 ARTICLE II. STRUCTURE

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35 **SECTION 1. ACTAA STUDENT CONGRESS COMMITTEE** The Arkansas Student  
36 Congress shall be governed by the ACTAA Student Congress Committee (herein after the “Student  
37 Congress Committee”); chaired by the Student Congress Director. The Student Congress Director,  
38 in consultation with the parliamentarians and *Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised* when  
39 necessary, shall have final authority to make any necessary adjustments, changes, rulings or

1 judgment calls on all issues that may arise, including suspending rules and order established by  
2 these Bylaws.

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4 **SECTION 2. BICAMERAL SYSTEM** The Arkansas Student Congress shall consist of two  
5 legislative bodies; namely a Student Senate, composed of college and university students, and a  
6 House of Representatives, composed of high school students. The House of Representatives shall  
7 be divided into three separate houses, namely House I, House II, and House III. For 2021 only,  
8 additionally Houses may be created to fairly accommodate delegates in the online debate format.

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10 **SECTION 3. POLITICAL PARTIES** Delegates shall be allowed to caucus into either the  
11 Democratic or Republican parties to nominate candidates for office and establish political  
12 platforms. Delegates shall be required to declare their party affiliation on the registration form;  
13 and shall not be allowed to change party affiliation once Student Congress begins. Each delegation  
14 shall consist of an equitable apportion of delegates affiliated with each respective party.

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16 **ARTICLE III. ENTRIES AND REPRESENTATION**

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18 **SECTION 1. HIGH SCHOOL DELEGATIONS** Any high school in the state of Arkansas,  
19 sponsored by an active member of ACTAA, may enter as many as six (6) student delegates in  
20 Student Congress.

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22 **SECTION 2. COLLEGIATE DELEGATIONS** Any junior college, college, or university in the  
23 state of Arkansas, sponsored by an active member of ACTAA, may enter up to eight (8) student  
24 delegates who have participated in Student Congress less than five (5) years on the collegiate level.

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26 **SECTION 3. DELEGATION ENTRY FEES** Regardless of the total number of delegates, the  
27 entry fee for collegiate delegations shall be \$150; and a high school delegation shall be \$125. There  
28 shall also be a \$5.00 additional fee assessed by the Student Congress Committee for each  
29 substitution in an entry and drop of a judge after the registration deadline.

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31 **SECTION 4. DELEGATE PRIVILEGES** All credentialed delegates shall have the privilege to,  
32 subject to provisions of these Bylaws, hold office, serve on committees, and discuss any measure  
33 in committee or on the floor of the assembly.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND DUTES

**SECTION 1. OFFICERS AND POSITIONS** For 2021, students may choose to run for one of the following offices listed below.

- (A)
- i. Republican Party Secretary
  - ii. Democratic Party Secretary
  - iii. Republican Party Leader
  - iv. Democratic Party Leader
  - v. House Clerk
  - vi. House Speaker
  - vii. Senate Clerk
  - viii. Senate President Pro-tempore

**SECTION 2. FILING FOR OFFICE**

(A) *Limitations.* Individual delegates shall not be allowed to be a candidate or seek the nomination for more than one office. Delegations may field only one candidate for each office listed in Article IV § 1 of these Bylaws.

(B) *Candidate Registration.* Delegates seeking election to office must declare their candidacy by the published deadline for delegation registration.

ARTICLE V. CAMPAIGNING AND ELECTIONS

**SECTION 1. CAMPAIGNING**

For 2021, students will submit a candidacy video (2-3 minutes in length) by the specified deadline. Only the candidate may appear in the video and this should follow the traditional candidacy speech format. These videos will be shared via google drive. Additionally, they may submit a campaign poster to be judged separately. These posters can be digital or traditional paper format but will also be submitted digitally as a PDF or JPEG to be judged separately. At minimum, these posters should contain the student’s name and the office the student is seeking. Otherwise, this is designed to be a fun and creative outlet for student’s to enter if they choose.

**SECTION 2. ELECTION OF OFFCERS**

For 2021, each legislative session will elect a presiding officer to preside for that session. Nominations will be taken from the floor, and elections will be conducted by the Parliamentarian using an online polling software (strawpoll.com) to count the votes. The Presiding Officer will be evaluated by the judges and Parliamentarian.

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**ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 1. COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP** The Student Congress Director shall appoint a Chairperson, Clerk, and Judge (who shall also serve as parliamentarian) for each of the permanent standing committees of the House and the Senate.

(A) *Committee Chairperson Duties.* Committee Chairperson should be prepared to chair a meeting and understand parliamentary procedure. Chairpersons shall be responsible for keeping order and a productive flow of debate during meetings, appointing majority and minority reporters, and providing the Student Congress Director a list of “do pass” bills.

(B) *Committee Clerk Duties.* Committee Clerk should be prepared to clerk a meeting and understand parliamentary procedure. Clerks shall be responsible for taking minutes of committee meetings, aiding the Chairperson, and ensuring bill paperwork is completed, including clear copies of any amendments are attached to bills.

**SECTION 2. STANDING COMMITTEES** Each house shall have standing committees, which shall review and recommend to the respective houses legislation for consideration by the Student Congress. The Student Congress Director shall arbitrarily appoint an equitable apportion of delegates to the following respective committees; making every effort to put bill authors in the same committee as their bill.

- (A) *Senate Committees.* The Senate Committees shall include:
- i. Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (AN&F)
  - ii. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (BH&U)
  - iii. Foreign Relations (FR)
  - iv. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
  - v. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HS&GA) Finance (F)
  - vi. Finance (F)

- (B) *House Committees*
- i. Financial Services (FS)
  - ii. Appropriations (A)
  - iii. Agriculture (AG)
  - iv. Education and the Workforce (EW)
  - v. Foreign Affairs (FA)
  - vi. Natural Resources (NR)

- 1           vii. Judiciary (J)
- 2           viii. Homeland Security (HS)
- 3           ix. Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 4           x. Energy and Commerce (E&C)
- 5           xi. Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I)
- 6           xii. Ways and Means (W&M)
- 7           xiii. Small Business (SB)
- 8           xiv. Intelligence (I)
- 9           xv. Budget (B)

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11 **SECTION 3. COMMITTEES, GENERAL PROCEDURE** The purpose of the committee is to  
12 recommend action to the appropriate legislative body on each bill assigned to that committee.  
13 Committee members are judged on their use of parliamentary procedure and the quality of their  
14 contribution to the committee. Committees are not encouraged to fail bills in committee without  
15 merit, just cause, or an effort to improve the bill through creative problem solving and proper  
16 parliamentary procedure

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18 (A) *Committee Agendas.* With approval from the committee, committee chairs shall establish the  
19 agenda of all committee meetings.

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21 (B) *Special rules of order.* Committees shall not suspend the rules. Committees shall not move the  
22 previous question, after debates ceases, the committees shall vote whether or not to make a “do  
23 pass” recommendation to the appropriate legislative body. Committee business shall be conducted  
24 using parliamentary procedure for small boards as referenced in *Robert’s Rules of Order, newly*  
25 *revised.*

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27 (C) *Authorship speeches.* In committee meetings, the authorship speech shall be given by the  
28 primary sponsor of the bill. The Student Congress Director may, with just cause, authorize a co-  
29 sponsor to deliver an authorship speech, if the co-sponsor has been assigned to the same committee  
30 as said bill at the time of beginning of Student Congress. In no circumstances shall the co-sponsor  
31 be allowed to travel out of their respective assigned committee to contribute in discussion,  
32 including delivering an authorship speech, on a bill if said bill is assigned to a different committee.

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34 (D) *Committee Reports.* Before a committee adjourns, for all bills that received a “do pass”  
35 recommendation to be considered by their respective legislative body, committee chairs shall  
36 appoint a majority and minority reporter for each said bill. Chairs shall justly appoint a member  
37 which supported the “do pass” recommendation of a bill, to deliver the committee’s majority  
38 report; and if opposition existed, shall also justly appoint a member which did not support the “do  
39 pass” recommendation of said bill, to deliver the committee’s minority report. If a bill received  
40 unanimous support, there shall be no minority report from the committee.

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1 (E) *Bill Prioritization*. Before a committee adjourns, the committee shall prioritize all bills that  
2 received a “do pass” recommendation to be considered by their respective legislative body.  
3 Prioritization shall indicate the order (namely, “first, second, third, etc.”) which the committee  
4 wishes their respective legislative body to consider its bills.  
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6 **ARTICLE VII. LEGISLATIVE BODIES**  
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8 **SECTION 1. ORDER OF CONSIDERATION** All bills that received a “do pass”  
9 recommendation shall be grouped by their respective legislative body and committee  
10 prioritization. Then the corresponding bill numbers shall be placed in separate squirrel cages. At  
11 the first legislative session, there shall be a public draw before each legislative body of all first  
12 priority bills of that respective body. The order in which first priority bills shall be considered  
13 before the legislative body shall be the order which bill numbers are first drawn from the squirrel  
14 cage. Once the Order of Consideration is established, it shall not be changed. There shall be no  
15 suspension of the rules for consideration of a bill out of this Order of Consideration.  
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17 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS** The following order shall be used when a legislative  
18 body of Arkansas Student Congress is considering a bill presented before them.  
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20 (A) *Title Reading*. Before a bill or piece of legislation may be reported on or considered for debate,  
21 the presiding officer shall order the Clerk to read the title aloud and any amendments for said bill.  
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23 (B) *Committee Reports*. After the reading of a bill title, the presiding officer shall allow for three  
24 (3) minutes each for designated committee members to deliver majority and minority reports on  
25 said bill. At the conclusion of the majority report, the reporter shall move for the adoption of the  
26 bill.  
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28 (C) *Authorship Speech*. After committee reports have been completed, the presiding officer will  
29 then permit the primary author of the bill to speak on the bill for three (3) minutes. The authorship  
30 speech shall not constitute debate. Following the authorship speech, five (5) minutes will be  
31 designated for questioning.  
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33 (D) *Floor Debate*. Following questioning for the bill author, the presiding officer will open the  
34 floor to floor debate on the bill. The presiding officer shall grant delegates to speak in affirmation  
35 or negation on a bill in a maximum of three (3) minute intervals. Preference shall be given to the  
36 co-author to deliver the first affirmative debate speech on bill if he/she so desires. If the co-author  
37 is not available, preference will be given to a committee member supporting the bill. Un-expired  
38 time may be relinquished once within the three-minute periods to an unnamed friendly speaker on  
39 the same side. The presiding officer must recognize the friendly speaker. Debate on any one bill  
40 and related amendments shall not last more than ninety (90) minutes from the time the bill is

1 introduced by the Clerk. If the bill is not disposed of by this time, the presiding officer shall call  
2 for an immediate vote on that bill. The bill cannot be reconsidered just because discussion time  
3 ran out. Houses may not extend debate time; however, they may limit debate to a lesser amount of  
4 time with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

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6 (E) *Speaking Order*. The presiding officer shall follow *Robert's Rules of Order*, newly revised to  
7 recognize a delegate for debate and must observe all rules of impartiality. Delegates who have not  
8 spoken, or who have spoken less, and wish to be recognized, shall be given priority.

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11 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS** Any delegate wishing to amend an enacting clause of a bill may  
12 do so during committee or during floor debate. A bill's short title and resolution clauses shall not  
13 be allowed to be amended. Before moving to amend a bill, delegates must file a written amendment  
14 form with the body's clerk.

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17 **SECTION 4. STUDENT RESEARCH MATERIALS** ACTAA Student Congress will adopt the  
18 NSDA Internet Usage rules as follows:

19 (A) "Contestants may use electronic devices (including laptop computers, tablets, and/or cell  
20 phones) to access the internet during debate rounds with the following conditions:

21 1. Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information for  
22 competitive advantage from non-competitors (coaches, assistant coaches, other students)  
23 inside or outside of the room in which the competition occurs. Information that would be  
24 restricted would include but not be limited to coach/nonparticipating competitor generated  
25 arguments, advice on arguments to run, questions to ask during cross examination, and  
26 other information not generated by the participating competitors. 2. Internet access may  
27 be used to retrieve files, exchange evidence and/or arguments, research arguments, and  
28 partner to partner communication. These electronic device guidelines do not limit  
29 communication between debate partners during the debate round.

30 (B) Penalty: Contestants found to have violated these provisions will be disqualified from the  
31 tournament and will forfeit all rounds and merit points in that event.

32 (C) Availability of Evidence: Contestants electing to use computers have the responsibility to  
33 promptly provide a copy of any evidence read in a speech for inspection by the judge or  
34 opponent. Printers may be used. Evidence may be printed in the round or produced  
35 electronically but must be provided in a format readable by the opposing team and the  
36 judge.

37 (D) Contestants electing to use computers are responsible for providing their own computers,  
38 batteries, extension cords, and all other necessary accessories. Tournament hosts will not  
39 be responsible for providing computers, printers, software, paper, or extension cords for

1 contestants. Host schools may provide wireless internet access, but will not guarantee that  
2 contestants will be able to gain access when needed.

3 (E) Contestants choosing to use laptop computers and/or related devices accept the risk of  
4 equipment failure. Judges and/or contest directors will give no special consideration or  
5 accommodation, including no additional speech time or prep time, should equipment  
6 failure occur.

7 (F) By choosing to use electronic devices in the round, debaters and other relevant parties are  
8 consenting to give tournament officials the right to search their devices in the event of a  
9 protest. The device may only be searched by tournament officials and must be restricted to  
10 files and/or electronic exchanges relevant to the protest. Failure to comply would result in  
11 the upholding of the protest. Debaters and coaches should be present as their device is  
12 searched. Debaters who do not wish to consent should not use electronic devices in the  
13 round.

14 (G) GUIDELINES for Electronic Device Use in Congressional Debate- The use of  
15 internet enabled electronic devices is permitted. Students may not use the internet to gain  
16 help from coaches, other students, or any person, such that it would prevent the speech  
17 from being the original work of the competitor. Electronic device use must comply with  
18 the “Guidelines for Electronic Device Use in Debate Events.”  
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## 20 ARTICLE VIII. LEGISLATION

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22 **SECTION 1. BILL SPONSORS** Every bill submitted for consideration at Arkansas Student  
23 Congress shall have a primary sponsor who shall be considered the author of said bill. For College  
24 delegations only, bills may be allowed to have one additional co-sponsor from the same delegation.  
25 A delegation shall not be allowed to change the primary sponsor of a bill, unless the primary  
26 sponsor is dropped from the delegation; in which case, the bill may be assigned the co-sponsor or  
27 the delegate replacing the dropped delegate to serve as the primary sponsor of the bill for the  
28 entirety of Student Congress. No new co-sponsors can be added to a bill during Student Congress.  
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30 **SECTION 2. BILL LIMITATIONS** No delegate shall be allowed to be the sponsor or co-sponsor  
31 for more than one bill. Collegiate delegations may submit no more than four (4) bills; high school  
32 delegations may submit up to six (6) bills, but each delegate may only author one bill. For high  
33 schools, there are no co-authors this year. Bills not received by the registration deadline will not  
34 be considered at Student Congress.  
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36 **SECTION 3. STRUCTURE AND CONTENT** The Student Congress Committee shall publish  
37 a sample bill form to provide delegates help to establish a universal format for bills to be  
38 considered at Arkansas Student Congress. Bills shall be limited to one page, be printed in Times  
39 New Roman 12 point font, include resolution clauses which prove background and justification  
40 for the bill, and enactment clauses which shall cause action by the Student Congress. Bill must



1 conform to the sample bill form published by the Student Congress Committee. No bill shall be  
2 added or modified after the publication of the Bill Book, unless there was a direct error of the  
3 Student Congress Committee.

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5 **SECTION 4. BILL BOOK** After receiving the bills for consideration by Student Congress from  
6 each delegation by the published deadline, the Student Congress Director shall publish a Bill Book;  
7 which shall include a copy of all bills approved for consideration by Student Congress and their  
8 assigned bill number, a listing of all delegates and their delegate number, a posting of candidates  
9 whom have filed for office, and all committee assignments.

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11 **SECTION 5. ORIGINAL STUDENT WORK** The bills and speeches are to be the original work  
12 of the student delegates attending Student Congress.

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14 (A) *Plagiarism.* No teacher, lawyer, legislator, or other professional shall be allowed to write the  
15 bills or speeches for the participants. Coaches are urged to screen for plagiarism. Coaches may  
16 edit student bills for grammar and spelling and to assure that the bill is submitted in the correct  
17 form. Delegations shall not be allowed to submit more than one bill for consideration with similar  
18 topics.

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20 (B) *Previous Year's Legislation.* No delegate shall be allowed to submit a bill for consideration by  
21 Student Congress relating to topics from bills considered at the immediate previous year. The  
22 Student Congress Director shall publish a list of the titles of the previous year's legislation.

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24 (C) *Existing Legislation.* No delegate shall be allowed to submit bills for consideration by Student  
25 Congress that is legislation, or a slightly modified legislation, currently under consideration of a  
26 city, county, state or national governing body.

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28 **SECTION 6. BEST BILL** The Student Congress Director shall appoint a third party professional  
29 to review all bills published in the Bill Book for consideration of "Best Bill" for each house. Bills  
30 not complying with rules established in these Bylaws shall not be considered for Best Bill.

## 31 **ARTICLE IX. SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER**

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34 **SECTION 1. FREEDOM OF CHAMBERS** No delegate(s) will be allowed freedom of the  
35 chambers for the duration of the congress. Each delegate must properly gain the floor for a specific  
36 purpose.

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38 **SECTION 2. NAME PLACARDS** All delegates shall have a name placard for which the delegate  
39 is responsible. The delegate's name, school number and delegate's letter should be printed at 80  
40 point (or less) Arial font in BLOCK LETTERS in black ink on white paper or cardstock. The

1 placard should be folded at the top, making a two-sided “stand-on-its-own” placard. Each side  
2 should measure 4 1/4” tall by 11” long. Uniform size and color is a must for fairness. Delegates  
3 not complying with this rule may not be allowed to participate until they have secured an  
4 appropriate placard. (See below)  
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8 **SECTION 3. RECORD KEEPING** The Student Congress Director shall make a copy of all  
9 records of action taken at Student Congress, including minutes of committee, party, and house  
10 proceedings, awards, the bill book, and Laws of Student Congress, and deliver said documents to  
11 the ACTAA Archivist to be archived in the organizations official archives.  
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## 13 14 **X. DELEGATION SPONSORS AND COACHING**

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16 **SECTION 1. SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS** Each delegation is required to have a faculty  
17 sponsor authorized to represent the school or institution the delegation is representing and be an  
18 ACTAA member in good standing. The sponsor shall be the same person who worked with the  
19 squad in preparation for Congress.  
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21 **SECTION 2. COACHING** Sponsors are encouraged to work with their delegations between  
22 scheduled formal sessions and meetings. However, sponsors shall not communicate on subjects  
23 germane to debate with delegates, pages, parliamentarians, judges, or coordinators during the  
24 sessions. They may coach between sessions and observe delegate performance when not assigned  
25 to judge.  
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27 **SECTION 3. ARKANSAS STUDENT CONGRESS PHILOSOPHY** Sponsors are encouraged  
28 to support the efforts of the Student Congress Committee, offer encouragement, write suggestions  
29 for improvements for next year, maintain a positive attitude in conversations, identify issues that  
30 are not visible to the committee, volunteer to help, and in general promote the spirit and philosophy  
31 of Student Congress.  
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33 **SECTION 4. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS** Sponsors shall observe the following process if  
34 an issue arises. The sponsor should first calm students involved and remain professional. The  
35 sponsor(s) (not the delegates) should then request an audience with the Student Congress  
36 Committee. The Committee may offer immediate ruling or may request conference with the  
37 parliamentarian and coordinator. The Student Congress Committee will make every effort to

1 address concerns raised in a professional, timely, consistent and objective manner. All Committee  
2 decision are final on said matters.

## 3 4 **XI. CONGRESS EVALUATION AND AWARDS**

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6 **SECTION 1. EVALUATION** In order to obtain the maximum educational value from Congress,  
7 delegates will be evaluated and instructed throughout Student Congress. The Student Congress  
8 Director shall appoint faculty judges to evaluate the quality of discussion and speeches given  
9 during sessions, including grading each delegation of said participation in Party Caucuses,  
10 Committee Meetings, and Legislative Meetings of the Houses and Senate.

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12 **SECTION 2. TABULATION** The following shall be used to tabulate points received during  
13 Arkansas Student Congress.

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15 (A) *Participation Points*. In party caucus, committees, and legislative sessions (floor debate),  
16 appointed judges shall evaluate the contribution a delegate made to sessions; including quality of  
17 speech, usefulness of action, and overall contribution.

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19 1. Superior = 5 points  
20 2. Excellent = 4 points  
21 3. Good = 3 points  
22 4. Fair = 2 points  
23 5. Poor = 1 point  
24 6. Non-participation = 0 points

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27 (B) *Best Bills*. A delegate who was the primary sponsor of a bill that was awarded recognition in  
28 the Best Bill section, shall receive the following additional points:

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30 1. Best Bill, First Place – 10 points  
31 2. Best Bill, Second Place – 5 points  
32 3. Best Bill, Third Place – 3 points.

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34 (C) *Passage of Bills*. No delegate or delegation shall receive points for a bill passing in committee,  
35 house, or becoming a Law of Student Congress.

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37 **SECTION 3. SUPERIOR AND EXCELLENT AWARDS** Delegates who received a score of  
38 five (5) in following areas shall receive a superior medallion. Delegates who received a score of  
39 four (4) in following areas shall receive an excellent pin.

1. Party Caucus, Excellent & Superior
2. Committee Meetings, Excellent & Superior
3. Parliamentary Procedure Test, Excellent & Superior
4. Floor Debate, Excellent & Superior

**SECTION 4. BEST DELEGATIONS, HOUSE I, HOUSE II, & HOUSE III (and any additional houses added for 2021).**

The high school delegation that received the greatest total of points in their respective house from Committee, Caucus, Floor Debate, Parliamentary Procedure Test, and Best Bill shall receive the award of Best Delegation. The high school delegations receiving the second and third greatest total of points in this category shall also be awarded respectively.

1. Best House I Delegation, First Place
2. Best House I Delegation, Second Place
3. Best House I Delegation, Third Place
4. Best House II Delegation, First Place
5. Best House II Delegation, Second Place
6. Best House II Delegation, Third Place
7. Best House III Delegation, First Place
8. Best House III Delegation, Second Place
9. Best House III Delegation, Third Place

**SECTION 5. BEST OVERALL DELEGATION** The high school delegation that received the greatest total of points amongst the houses and the senate delegation that received the greatest total of points from Committee, Caucus, , Floor Debate, , Parliamentary Procedure Test, and Best Bill shall receive the award of Best Overall Delegation. The delegations receiving the second and third greatest total of points in this category shall also be awarded respectively.

1. Best Overall House Delegation, First Place
2. Best Overall House Delegation, Second Place
3. Best Overall House Delegation, Third Place
4. Best Overall Senate Delegation, First Place
5. Best Overall Senate Delegation, Second Place
6. Best Overall Senate Delegation, Third Place

**SECTION 7. BEST DELEGATE OF EACH DELEGATION** The delegate of each delegation that received the greatest total of points amongst their delegation from Committee, Caucus, Floor Debate, Parliamentary Procedure Test, and Best Bill shall be awarded the Best Delegate medallion.

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**SECTION 8. HIGHEST SCORING DELEGATE** The delegate that received the greatest total of points shall be awarded the Best Overall Delegate trophy.

- 1. Best Overall Delegate

**SECTION 9. BEST BILLS** The Student Congress Director shall appoint a third party individual to review all bills published in the Bill Book for consideration of Best Bill for each house. The bill judge shall award places (the number to be determined based on the number of bills received) for the “best bills” in each house. The delegates who sponsored the bill shall receive a trophy for best bill.

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