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Spring 2025 Report

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### NDT Ranking Reports and Updates

This is the second of two official NDT Rankings Reports for the year. Each report includes overall rankings (based on the top two teams from a school at eight tournaments), varsity rankings (based on the top two senior division teams from a school at eight tournaments), community college rankings (using overall points), and rankings by region (using overall points). The Spring Report includes a list of the schools that are new and also that moved up the most in the rankings. The last page of this report explains how points are calculated. Teams earn points even if they are not members of the NDT, however only members are ranked in the final report.

In addition to the NDT Reports, Jon Bruschke and Chris Palmer update the NDT points as well as all results from college policy debate tournaments on a regular basis at [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com)

**Before the Final Version of this Report, double-check your points and email Matthew Granstrom at** [**mjgranstrom@gmail.com**](mailto:mjgranstrom@gmail.com) **with any needed changes**

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**Setup your Tournament at** [**https://www.tabroom.com/index/index.mhtml**](https://www.tabroom.com/index/index.mhtml) **(need to be logged in first)**

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Tabroom.com maintains an up-to-date list of who is competing at the tournaments, rankings of teams, NDT bid sheets, CEDA and NDT sweepstakes points, and useful and very interesting statistics. It also automatically sends calendar information to the AFA and CEDA.

### NDT Membership

We encourage you to have NDT Membership. NDT Membership is required to participate in district tournaments, the NDT, and the Spring Final NDT Rankings. Further, we encourage you to ask others to join and support our debate community; the NDT is part of the American Forensics Association. The annual membership is $100 if paid by Oct. 1; $200 if paid Oct. 2 to Dec. 15; $300 if paid after Dec. 15 and before Jan. 15. NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT PAY YOUR DUES BY JAN. 15, YOU MAY NOT SEND TEAMS TO THE NDT AND YOUR SCHOOL WILL NOT BE LISTED IN THE NDT RANKINGS.

**Go to this web page to make your payment:** [**https://nationaldebatetournament.org/members/**](https://nationaldebatetournament.org/members/)

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### Top 10 Overall Rankings

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| Rank | School | NDT pts | Varsity pts | District | CC |
| 1. | Liberty University | 985 | 196 | 7 | N |
| 2. | George Mason University | 824 | 279 | 7 | N |
| 3. | United States Military Academy | 673 | 151 | 8 | N |
| 4. | Emory University | 631 | 449 | 6 | N |
| 5. | University of Kansas | 564 | 486 | 3 | N |
| 6. | Binghamton University | 494 | 296 | 8 | N |
| 7. | Cornell University | 448 | 90 | 8 | N |
| 8. | University of Michigan | 436 | 383 | 5 | N |
| 9. | James Madison University | 433 | 254 | 7 | N |
| 10. | University of Kentucky | 379 | 379 | 6 | N |

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### Top 10 Varsity Rankings

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| Rank | School | NDT pts | Varsity pts | District | CC |
| 1. | University of Kansas | 564 | 486 | 3 | N |
| 2. | Emory University | 631 | 449 | 6 | N |
| 3. | University of Michigan | 436 | 383 | 5 | N |
| 4. | University of Kentucky | 379 | 379 | 6 | N |
| 5. | Michigan State University | 379 | 379 | 5 | N |
| 6. | Dartmouth College | 331 | 329 | 8 | N |
| 7. | Wake Forest University | 366 | 313 | 6 | N |
| 8. | Northwestern University | 305 | 296 | 5 | N |
| 9. | Binghamton University | 494 | 296 | 8 | N |
| 10. | George Mason University | 824 | 279 | 7 | N |

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### Top CC Rankings

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| Rank | School | NDT pts | Varsity pts | District | CC |
| 1. | Johnson County Community College | 44 | 0 | 3 | Y |

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### New Schools

New schools with 32 or more Overall NDT points (new schools are those schools that did not earn points fall of the previous years):

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| Rank | School | NDT pts | Varsity pts | District | CC |
| 1. | Arizona State University | 80 | 80 | 1 | N |

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### Movers

Movers with 32 or more Overall NDT points than the previous year (comparing the Spring reports; schools who were not members the previous year are not eligible):

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| Rank | School | NDT pts | Moved |
| 1. | Southern Nazarene University | 251 | 162 |
| 2. | Liberty University | 985 | 139 |
| 3. | Kansas State University | 293 | 134 |
| 4. | Binghamton University | 494 | 98 |
| 5. | United States Military Academy | 673 | 92 |
| 6. | University of Kansas | 564 | 86 |
| 7. | University of West Georgia | 232 | 84 |
| 8. | Michigan State University | 379 | 67 |
| 9. | Towson University | 151 | 66 |
| 10. | United States Naval Academy | 326 | 64 |
| 11. | Trinity University | 185 | 47 |
| 12. | Dartmouth College | 331 | 43 |
| 13. | University of Southern California | 231 | 40 |
| 14. | University of California, Berkeley | 177 | 33 |

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### Overall Rankings

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| 1. | Liberty University | 985 | 196 | 7 | N |
| 2. | George Mason University | 824 | 279 | 7 | N |
| 3. | United States Military Academy | 673 | 151 | 8 | N |
| 4. | Emory University | 631 | 449 | 6 | N |
| 5. | University of Kansas | 564 | 486 | 3 | N |
| 6. | Binghamton University | 494 | 296 | 8 | N |
| 7. | Cornell University | 448 | 90 | 8 | N |
| 8. | University of Michigan | 436 | 383 | 5 | N |
| 9. | James Madison University | 433 | 254 | 7 | N |
| 10. | University of Kentucky | 379 | 379 | 6 | N |
| 11. | Michigan State University | 379 | 379 | 5 | N |
| 12. | Wake Forest University | 366 | 313 | 6 | N |
| 13. | Dartmouth College | 331 | 329 | 8 | N |
| 14. | Missouri State University | 330 | 217 | 3 | N |
| 15. | United States Naval Academy | 326 | 155 | 7 | N |
| 16. | New York University | 316 | 157 | 8 | N |
| 17. | Northwestern University | 305 | 296 | 5 | N |
| 18. | Kansas State University | 293 | 187 | 3 | N |
| 19. | University of Iowa | 276 | 197 | 4 | N |
| 20. | University of Minnesota | 253 | 190 | 4 | N |
| 21. | Southern Nazarene University | 251 | 71 | 3 | N |
| 22. | Baylor University | 238 | 234 | 3 | N |
| 23. | University of Oklahoma | 237 | 192 | 3 | N |
| 24. | Macalester College | 232 | 150 | 4 | N |
| 25. | University of West Georgia | 232 | 154 | 6 | N |
| 26. | Georgetown University | 232 | 232 | 7 | N |
| 27. | University of Southern California | 231 | 231 | 1 | N |
| 28. | University of Texas | 227 | 173 | 3 | N |
| 29. | California State University, Long Beach | 219 | 182 | 1 | N |
| 30. | California State University, Fullerton | 212 | 159 | 1 | N |
| 31. | University of Rochester | 211 | 120 | 8 | N |
| 32. | Wichita State University | 208 | 208 | 3 | N |
| 33. | Harvard University | 194 | 183 | 8 | N |
| 34. | Samford University | 188 | 128 | 6 | N |
| 35. | Trinity University | 185 | 131 | 3 | N |
| 36. | Indiana University | 179 | 70 | 5 | N |
| 37. | University of California, Berkeley | 177 | 177 | 1 | N |
| 38. | Towson University | 151 | 53 | 7 | N |
| 39. | Gonzaga University | 116 | 116 | 2 | N |
| 40. | University of Wyoming | 87 | 39 | 2 | N |
| 41. | Arizona State University | 80 | 80 | 1 | N |
| 42. | University of North Texas | 78 | 67 | 3 | N |
| 43. | University of Georgia | 70 | 47 | 6 | N |
| 44. | Boston College | 64 | 11 | 8 | N |
| 45. | University of Central Oklahoma | 56 | 44 | 3 | N |
| 46. | Purdue University | 54 | 20 | 5 | N |
| 47. | Johnson County Community College | 44 | 0 | 3 | Y |
| 48. | The New School | 31 | 31 | 8 | N |
| 49. | Weber State University | 20 | 9 | 2 | N |
| 50. | University of Nebraska, Lincoln | 11 | 11 | 4 | N |
| 51. | University of Pennsylvania | 11 | 11 | 7 | N |
| 52. | Wayne State University | 9 | 9 | 5 | N |

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### Varsity Rankings

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| 9. | Binghamton University | 494 | 296 | 8 | N |
| 10. | George Mason University | 824 | 279 | 7 | N |
| 11. | James Madison University | 433 | 254 | 7 | N |
| 12. | Baylor University | 238 | 234 | 3 | N |
| 13. | Georgetown University | 232 | 232 | 7 | N |
| 14. | University of Southern California | 231 | 231 | 1 | N |
| 15. | Missouri State University | 330 | 217 | 3 | N |
| 16. | Wichita State University | 208 | 208 | 3 | N |
| 17. | University of Iowa | 276 | 197 | 4 | N |
| 18. | Liberty University | 985 | 196 | 7 | N |
| 19. | University of Oklahoma | 237 | 192 | 3 | N |
| 20. | University of Minnesota | 253 | 190 | 4 | N |
| 21. | Kansas State University | 293 | 187 | 3 | N |
| 22. | Harvard University | 194 | 183 | 8 | N |
| 23. | California State University, Long Beach | 219 | 182 | 1 | N |
| 24. | University of California, Berkeley | 177 | 177 | 1 | N |
| 25. | University of Texas | 227 | 173 | 3 | N |
| 26. | California State University, Fullerton | 212 | 159 | 1 | N |
| 27. | New York University | 316 | 157 | 8 | N |
| 28. | United States Naval Academy | 326 | 155 | 7 | N |
| 29. | University of West Georgia | 232 | 154 | 6 | N |
| 30. | United States Military Academy | 673 | 151 | 8 | N |
| 31. | Macalester College | 232 | 150 | 4 | N |
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| 33. | Samford University | 188 | 128 | 6 | N |
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| 47. | Boston College | 64 | 11 | 8 | N |
| 48. | University of Nebraska, Lincoln | 11 | 11 | 4 | N |
| 49. | University of Pennsylvania | 11 | 11 | 7 | N |
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# NDT Ranking Procedure

**I. The ranking system will report the standing of all NDT programs in December and all NDT subscribing programs April each year. A three-tiered system will be employed:**

(a) Ranking on a national basis for overall squad performance and for varsity level competition;

(b) Ranking by districts using overall squad performance;

(c) Ranking of junior college programs using overall squad performance.

Additionally, in the spring, the Report shall include a ranking of “Movers” (teams with 32 or more overall points increase comparing the previous year’s points to the current year) and of “New Schools” (based on overall performance, this is for teams who did not earn points in the previous fall and who have earned at least 32 or more overall points).

**II. Rankings will be based on a point system according to the following items:**

(a) Only results from tournament divisions with six or more teams per division from three or more schools with at least 4 preliminary rounds that debate the NDT topic will count towards the ranking;

(b) The results of a school’s two best teams in any qualifying division of a tournament will count toward the overall rankings. The varsity rankings will only count the best two teams in varsity division;

(c) The results of a school’s best performance at a maximum of eight tournaments will count towards the rankings;

(d) Only teams who are in the upper half of teams in the first elimination round may count that round’s points for rankings;

(e) If the tab room director(s) are from one school only, then elimination rounds of teams from that school will not count toward the rankings (you must have two schools represented as tab directors to have all elimination points counted);

(f) Lincoln-Douglas results or rounds in which a debater debated without a colleague or with a colleague from another school will not count toward the rankings;

(g) If the elimination rounds of a tournament are interrupted by extenuating circumstances, the points remaining to be earned will be evenly distributed to the remaining participants, rounded to the nearest whole number;

(h) Hybrids do not count for points unless recognized by the NDT Committee for ranking points;

(i) Breakout rounds (where the teams with the best records do not advance to elims) do not count for points.

**III. Points are allocated as follows**

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| Prelim Record | Percentage | Points |  | Elim Record | Points |
| 4-0 to 9-0 | 100% | 16 |  | Unanimous win | 6 |
| 4-1 to 8-1 | 80 to 99.99% | 15 |  | (3-0, 5-0, a bye, etc.) |  |
| 3-1, 5-2, 6-2, 6-3 | 67 to 79.99% | 14 |  | Split decision win | 5 |
| 3-2, 4-2, 4-3, 5-3, 5-4 | 50.01 to 66.99% | 13 |  | (2-1, 3-2, 4-1, etc.) |  |
| 2-2 to 4-4 | 50% | 12 |  | Split decision loss | 4 |
| 2-3, 2-4, 3-4, 3-5, 4-5 | 33 to 49.99% | 11 |  | (1-2, 2-3, 1-4, etc.) |  |
| 1-3, 2-5, 2-6, 3-6 | 21 to 32.99% | 10 |  | Unanimous loss | 3 |
| 1-4 to 1-8 | .01 to 20.99% | 9 |  | (0-3, 0-5, walk over/forfeit, etc.) |  |
| 0-4 to 0-9 | 0% | 8 |  |  |  |

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# NDT District Map

