

February 20, 2018

Dear C.F.L. colleague,

Once again, we are approaching our CFL Grand Tournaments to determine the Rockville Centre CFL representatives to the Grand National Tournament. Many of you are familiar with this letter and its details. However, I ask that all of you read this carefully so that the contests run smoothly and that our students are not disadvantaged due to our mistakes. **PLEASE NOTE: if you know that a student is not going to attend the Nationals (Memorial Day weekend), DO NOT LET THAT STUDENT ATTEND ANY OF THE CONTESTS. By sending your students to the tournament, you agree to utilize the transportation and hotel arrangements voted on by the League in September, unless you have made other arrangements with me before I set up transportation and rooms. Please note that if your students should drop from the tournament, your school is financially liable for any costs incurred by making those changes. Please be sure that you have discussed the financial arrangements with your students.**

Information about Nationals:

Location: Washington, DC

Travel Dates: Thurs. May 24-Mon. May 28

Tournament Dates: Sat May 26-Sun May 27

Hotel: Marriott Marquis

Judges at Nationals: All judges must be out of high school. Students in their first year of college may judge, but they may not judge on Sunday. Please realize if you send first-year judges, your other judges will have extra assignments on Sunday.

This letter contains several invitations. The dates, descriptions, and locations are as follows:

1. Lincoln Douglas Debate Tournament: Kellenberg Memorial HS. March 10 (Afternoon)
2. Speech Tournament: Roslyn March 17
3. Duo Interp, Public Forum, and Student Congress: Sacred Heart Academy, March 24

I. LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE TOURNAMENT

A. Date and Site: Saturday, March 10, at Kellenberg Memorial. Registration begins at 1:30 pm.

B. Number of contestants per school: 4 maximum

C. Judge quotas:

DEBATERS	JUDGES
1	2
2	3
3	5
4	6

NOTES:

1. All judges must be out of high school. NO seniors may judge.
2. All judges must have judged at least once previously in a bona fide interscholastic debate tournament.
3. Failure to observe these restrictions will disqualify a judge and will result in the disqualification of the corresponding number of students from the tournament.
4. Each coach will be asked to sign a statement indicating that all of the school's judges meet the qualifications listed above. This will be done at registration.
5. A school may not compete if all dues and fees for the Rockville Centre CFL have not been paid in full before the contest.
6. Round 1 will be preset. All succeeding rounds will be power-paired, generally following NFL criteria. Debaters continue in the tournament until they have lost two debates, at which time they are eliminated. All rounds will have three judges; a "win" is either unanimous or majority. We will have a maximum of 5 rounds of debate (usually 2-3)—until we have determined the six representatives to nationals.
7. L-D topic: We will post the topic two weeks before the tournament. It will be on the website.
8. Be sure to register by emailing me the numbers on or before the Wednesday before the contest, no later than 9:00 p.m. (no names, just numbers). Registration will take place at Kellenberg Memorial at 1:30. Please be ready by 1:45. Round 1 will begin at 2 pm. We will not need to instruct judges, so everyone should be ready to go at 2pm.
9. If a student qualifies in speech and LD, he or she must choose at the end of the speech contest which event he or she will compete in at the nationals.

I. SPEECH TOURNAMENT

A. Date and Site: Saturday, March 17 at Roslyn H.S. Registration begins at 8:30.

B. Events and Number of Contestants

1. Original Oratory: 4 max.
2. Dramatic Performance: 4 max.
3. Oral Interp: 4 max.
4. Declamation: 4 max.

5. Extemporaneous: 4 max.

C. Rules: those governing the NCFL.

D. No student may compete with a speech used in a previous year. No school may send more than 17 contestants.

E. Judge Quotas:

1-4 speakers: 1 judge

5-8 speakers: 2 judges

9-12 speakers: 3 judges

13-17 speakers: 4 judges

NOTES:

1. All rules for speech judges apply for debate with the appropriate changes (see below).

2. Each coach will be asked to sign a statement indicating that all of the school's judges meet the qualifications listed above. This will be done at registration

3. A school may not compete if all dues and fees for the Rockville Centre CFL have not been paid in full before the contest.

4. All speakers will compete in 4 preliminary rounds (unless numbers warrant fewer rounds): the three best scores will determine the 8 finalists (unless the number of participants warrant fewer finalists) in each event. In case of a tie, the fourth (worst) rank will determine the finalist. After that, the regular methods for determining finalists will be used.

5. If a team registers after 8:45 am., all or some of its competitors could be eliminated.

6. Preliminary registration: coaches should register by email to me (jmcgrory@chaminade-hs.org) no later than the Wednesday before the contest, no later than 9:00 p.m. Do not include names of the students, just the numbers. Schools failing to register at this time will not be allowed to compete in the tournament. Although contestants may be dropped after this time, **CONTESTANTS MAY NOT BE ADDED OR SWITCH EVENTS**. If you drop students, you are still obligated to bring the same number of judges that you registered. Failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 penalty per judge and the requisite number of contestants will be dropped. Payment for a dropped judge is due at the time of registration.

III. DUO INTERP, PUBLIC FORUM, STUDENT CONGRESS TOURNAMENT

A. Date and Site: Saturday, March 24 at Sacred Heart Academy

B. Number of contestants: 4 max. in every event.

C. Rules: special local rules for Congress, NCFL rules for PF and Duo Interp.

D. Judge quotas: one judge for Congress. One judge for 1-4 Duo Interp teams. LD quotas for Public Forum. All judges must be at least 18, out of high school and have judged at a bone fide speech, debate, or congress tournament for that event. SENIORS MAY NOT JUDGE.

E. Registration: 8:30-8:45 a.m.

NOTE: If a student has previously qualified for the NCFL National Tournament in speech or debate, qualification in this tournament automatically trumps previous qualifications. Students should NOT compete in this tournament unless they plan to compete at Nationals in these events.

F. Preregistration: email me with the numbers no later than the Wednesday before the contest at 9:00 pm. Remember, no names; just numbers.

NOTE: In order to compete in Congress, a school must send at least 2 pieces of legislation. These must be new pieces of legislation. They must be no more than 24 lines, 12 point type, in proper format. If a school fails to send in at least 2 new bills correctly formatted, they will be unable to compete.

A school may send up to 3 bills, with 2 for the prelims and 1 for the elims. Please mark prelims and elims bills. Bills are due by March 9.

Immediately after the Sacred Heart Tournament, I will work on costs for the tournament. If you know that you will not need a seat on the bus (you have a judge in the DC area, etc.), please let me know right by March 27. Please also have rooming arrangements by March 27. I will be setting up arrangements that day.

Good luck at the Grand Tournament.

Sincerely yours,
Bro. John