

Feb 11, 2021

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. As you can imagine, this year's qualification and National tournament will be quite different, so we will require everyone to be prepared for these tournaments. All qualifications will be done online through NSDA Campus. The National Tournament will probably be done online as well. This year, if we are online, we will qualify 9 in every event. That will require more judges (debaters will be required to bring 1.5 judges per LDer/PF team), so do not compete if you cannot fulfill this quota.

**Likely Information about Nationals:**

Location: NSDA Campus

Tournament Dates: Fri May 28-Sun May 30

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. Speech Tournament: March 6
2. LD Tournament: March 13 (afternoon)
3. Duo Interp, Public Forum, and Student Congress: March 20

**I. SPEECH TOURNAMENT**

A. Date: Saturday, March 6. Registration begins at 8:30 and ends at 8:45.

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. Schools may send a maximum of 20 contestants.

E. Speakers may double enter at this contest. If a speaker is double entered, that speaker must declare his or her desired event after awards, should the speaker qualify in 2 events. That choice is binding.

E. Judge Quotas:

- 1-4 speakers: 1 judge
- 5-8 speakers: 2 judges
- 9-12 speakers: 3 judges
- 13-16 speakers: 4 judges
- 17-20 speakers: 5 judges

**NOTES:**

1. All judges must be out of high school. NO seniors may judge. First year college students may judge.

2. All judges must have judged at least once previously in a bona fide interscholastic speech tournament. All judges should have online judging experience.

3. We will have a judge meeting at 8:45. Attendance is MANDATORY. Any judge who fails to attend this meeting will be removed, and the school will be forced to remove an appropriate number of speakers. All judges will be expected to navigate NSDA Campus. If your judge is uncertain, please direct them to the LIFA website. Any judge unable to judge online will be removed and the school will be forced to remove the appropriate number of speakers.

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

5. All speakers will compete in 4 preliminary rounds (unless numbers warrant fewer rounds). Finals will be scheduled at the discretion of the tournament.

6. If a team registers after 8:45 am., all or some of its competitors could be eliminated. You must click onsite registration by 8:45 am.

7. Preliminary Registration: Please register your students on Tabroom by 9 pm Tuesday, March 2. Schools failing to register at this time will not be allowed to compete in the tournament. If we have 9 or fewer entries, we may not hold the event. Therefore, you must register your students on time so that we know where we stand. 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.

## II. LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE TOURNAMENT

A. Date and Time: Saturday March 13. Registration will go from 1:30 until 1:45.  
Note: If SAT's cause a delay, please email so that we can make appropriate adjustments.

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. First year college students may judge.

2. All judges must have judged at least once previously in a bona fide interscholastic debate tournament. All judges should have online judging experience.

3. We will have a judge meeting at 1:45. Attendance is MANDATORY. Any judge who fails to attend this meeting will be removed, and the school will be forced to remove an appropriate number of debaters. All judges will be expected to navigate NSDA Campus. If your judge is uncertain, please direct them to the LIFA website. Any judge unable to judge online will be removed and the school will be forced to remove the appropriate number of debaters.

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

5. 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 3-4)—until we have determined the nine representatives to nationals.

6. L-D topic: We will post the topic two weeks before the tournament. It will be on the website.

7. Preliminary Registration: Please register your students on Tabroom by 9 pm Tuesday, March 9. Schools failing to register at this time will not be allowed to compete in the tournament. If we have 9 or fewer entries, we may not hold the event. Therefore, you must register your students on time

8. If a student qualifies in speech and LD, he or she must choose at the end of the debate contest which event he or she will compete in at the nationals.

### III. DUO INTERP, PUBLIC FORUM, STUDENT CONGRESS TOURNAMENT

A. Date: Saturday, March 20

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

C. Rules: NCFL rules for all events. We will try to hire neutral judges for congress. .If we are unable to hire neutral judges, we will use speech percentages (as outlined in the CFL Constitution.)

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. Congress judges may be used in Duo or PF as need arises. SENIORS MAY NOT JUDGE.

E. We will have a judge meeting at 8:45. Attendance is MANDATORY. Any judge who fails to attend this meeting will be removed, and the school will be forced to remove an appropriate number of debaters. All judges will be expected to navigate NSDA Campus. If your judge is uncertain, please direct them to the LIFA website. Any judge unable to judge online will be removed and the school will be forced to remove the appropriate number of debaters.

F. 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. Preliminary Registration: Please register your students on Tabroom by 9 pm Tuesday, March 16. Schools failing to register at this time will not be allowed to compete in the tournament. If we have 9 or fewer entries, we may not hold the event. Therefore, you must register your students on time

**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. Please mark prelims and elims bills. Bills are due by March 4.**

Immediately after the final tournament, I will contact you on the number of judges you will need. It will be a large number of judges for a 3-day period, so you will need to work fast.

Good luck at the Grand Tournament.

Sincerely yours,  
Bro. John