



## NFCFL #1 2024 - Olympia High School - September 28th

Dear Coaches,

We are excited to invite you to the first tournament of the North Florida Catholic Forensic League 2024-2025 season - [NFCFL #1 @ Olympia](#). This tournament will be held IN PERSON at Olympia High School ([4301 S Apopka Vineland Rd, Orlando, FL 32835](#)), on Saturday, September 28th, 2024.

Team check-in on the day of the tournament will begin at 8:30 am and close at 9 am. HEAD COACHES will be asked to verify their entries to tab staff at check-in, and will sign a guarantee that all adults brought to judge have received judge training and have been given relevant judging materials.

**\*\*\*It is the affirmative responsibility of each coach to make sure every judge they bring is trained to judge the events in the pool they are covering (either speech/ congress or debate)**

In order to register, schools must be invited via [Speechwire](#). If you do not see this tournament on your school's list of upcoming tournaments, please contact [nfcflpresident22@gmail.com](mailto:nfcflpresident22@gmail.com) immediately and either provide us with your school's name on Speechwire or create a school profile on Speechwire to share with us.

All schools who are members of NFCFL (or another CFL) are welcome to compete in this tournament.

All events EXCEPT congress and Declamation will offer separate novice and varsity divisions should entry numbers allow. Should an event's entry be too small to hold it separately, the NFCFL reserves the right to collapse novice and varsity into a single division. "Best Novice" trophies will be awarded in all combined division events except Declamation.

There will be four rounds of competition in all events except Congress (which will have two 2.5 hour rounds) and World Schools (which will have two rounds with prepared topics and an

impromptu round after lunch) . Check-in will conclude at 9 AM. The tournament will begin by 9:30 AM and conclude after the Awards (hopefully by 5:30 PM roughly).

**REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE Friday, September 20th by 5 PM. All entries and meals MUST be added by then.**

## EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Congressional Debate
- Declamation (9th/10th grade only)
- Dramatic Performance (mixed DI/HI)
- Duo Interpretation
- Informative Speaking\*\*\*
- Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Oral Interpretation (Prose and Poetry)
- Original Oratory
- Program Oral Interpretation\*\*\*
- Policy Debate
- Public Forum Debate
- World Schools Debate\*\*\*

\*\*\*NON-NCFL National Qualifying Events - While students may compete in these events at local CFL tournaments they **may not compete in these events at NFCFL Grand Finals** to qualify for Nationals (as there is no NCFL Nationals equivalent). Participation in these events can count towards students' 2 tournament quota for Grand Finals, but students will still need to compete in a qualifying event before Grand Finals at least once in order to enter.

+Observers **must be registered with your team**. While there is no cost for observing you must order a Judge/Observer meal for each observer at the price of \$10 per meal. For student observers this will be added automatically when you enter them, for adults please enter them as judges (with observer status) and remember to purchase their meals.

++DOUBLE ENTRY in IE events is allowed at NFCFL tournaments for an additional \$10. You cannot double-enter in any debate event, including Congress, XD, and World Schools. PLEASE CONTACT US if you have a double entry to amend your invoice.

## Topics:

- Lincoln Douglas Debate: We are using the September/October 2024 NSDA topic - Resolved: The United States ought to require that workers receive a living wage.
- Public Forum Debate: We are using the September/October 2024 NSDA topic - Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially expand its surveillance infrastructure along its southern border..
- World Schools Debate Prepared Motions (there will be 1 impromptu motion as well)
  - TBA

- Extemporaneous Speaking Topic Areas:
  - Round 1: The Daily (all questions from September episodes of The Daily podcast on the New York Times).
  - Round 2: US Elections
  - Round 3: Public Health
  - Round 4: Africa and the Middle East

**EVENTS LIVEDOC:** Updates for Congress, Extemp and WSD Impromptu Topics will be posted at the appropriate times on event livedoc. Please make certain competitors who do these events have the link!

\*\*\*NOTE: This Livedoc Link will remain THE SAME throughout the season for all NFCFL local tournaments (not for invitationals that can count as CFLs).

### **Congress Legislation:**

While not required to compete, coaches wishing to submit Congress legislation for this tournament must send their delegation's bills to [thechairhighlyfrowns@gmail.com](mailto:thechairhighlyfrowns@gmail.com) before 10 days out (Wed. 9/18 by 3pm). At that time the tournament legislation will be finalized on the **Events Live Doc**. Congress bills will be updated on this document as they are submitted and accepted for your students to begin preparing for them.

**Congress Legislation MUST be submitted BY A COACH as Google Docs** using the bill templates available at the [Events Live Doc](#).

While competitors may set the dockets for their chambers, ANY bill with an author present in the room MUST be debated. If it is not debated in the morning session then no other bill may be debated in the afternoon session until it is.

8-10 pieces of legislation is a reasonable number to ask debaters to research and write about. If coaches send in more than one piece of legislation, we may ask you to hold others for future tournaments. (Each bill may be debated only once per year.)

### **Judges:**

- The judge obligations for this tournament are . . .
  - 1 judge per **two** PF, **two** LD, or **two** WSD entries. (XD and WSD judges will be drawn from the PF, LD, or FLEX pools so judges in those categories should be trained in these forms of debate); Judges to cover WSD entries can be added to either the PF, LD, or FLEX pool;
  - 1 judge for every **five** IE (Speech/Interp/Congress) entries;
  - 1 FLEX judge (a judge able to judge ANY event) for any school with **ten** or more entries.

- We encourage schools to designate more of their judges as FLEX judges to give us maximum ability to make certain that every round may get a clean judge. Please do so by marking them in their original pool but then leaving a note that says "FLEX" on their entry to let us know they may be moved to FLEX.
- **NO VARSITY COMPETITOR** may fill a judge spot, only adults cleared by your schools may serve as judges.
- All judges MUST be trained before being brought to the tournament. Head coaches will be responsible for making certain that this has happened and that all judge materials from the NFCFL have been handed out and will sign a waiver at Registration to confirm this.

### **Meals:**

All registered competitors will receive a meal as part of their registration cost. All additional meals (coaches/judges/observers) will cost \$10 per person. Please ensure that you have ordered 1 meal per person who will attend the tournament. The meal options are...

- Turkey Sandwich
- Ham Sandwich
- Veggie Sandwich

*\*\*\* Entries that do not have a meal entered by the weekend before the tournament will be added to your entry/invoice and will receive whatever is available.*

### **Coaches:**

**An officially-designated coach recognized by each school's administration MUST be present for the entire tournament.** If a coach cannot be present then the League must be contacted ahead of time and an alternative adult must be designated and a letter from the school must be provided designating them on school letterhead.

### **Fees:**

- \$20 per single person event entry
- \$40 per double event entry (Duo/PF)
- \$60-\$100 per WSD Team (3-5 people)
- \$10 will be added for a double entry.
- School Entry Fee - 0-4 Entries (\$5), 5-9 Entries (\$10), 10-14 entries (\$15), etc...

Fees may be brought with teams to the tournament or mailed to...

ATTN: Sherri Hyde  
 North Florida Catholic Forensics League (NFCFL)  
 Seminole High School  
 2701 Ridgewood Avenue

Sanford, FL 32773

If mailed fees MUST be received NO LATER than a week before the next tournament.  
All balances must be addressed before entry to another NFCFL tournament.

**DROP FEES:**

- Entry Fee - After Monday 9/23 - 3 PM
- Entry Fee + \$5.00 - After Wednesday 9/25 - 5 PM
- Entry Fee + \$10.00 - After Thursday 9/26 - 12:01 AM
- Entry Fee + \$15.00 - After Friday 9/27 - 12:01 AM
- Entry Fee + \$20.00 - After Saturday 9/28 - 12:01 AM
- Entry Fee + \$25.00 - Surprise Drops at tournament