

nder2024 NJCL CONVENTION FAX

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Last updated

N.B. If any links are not working, please check back at a later date. A few documents are still in progress.

CONVENTION OVERVIEW

The NJCL Convention is open to NJCL members, sponsors and adult chaperones, as well as Senior Classical League members. It is a week full of fun, fellowship, competition, and classics!

When: Monday, July 22, 2024 - Saturday, July 27, 2024

(Pre-Convention Housing available Sunday, July 21, 2024.)

Where: The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee

What: Download this [Convention Flier](#) to use as an overview and for promotion in your classroom or publication!

Krish Sharma, the NJCL President, has written “Conventional Wisdom,” which might guide you through some convention events. Here is the [link](#)!

CONVENTION DOMI

The NJCL will continue to feature **Convention Domi** as part of the convention. This is for delegates who cannot attend the convention in person for whatever reason but would still like to participate in the convention. As you read through this document, you will see information regarding *Domi* in purple. Throughout this document and in future Convention communications, our virtual delegates will be called “Long Distance Delegates” or “LDDs.”

HOW TO REGISTER

CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED.

REGISTRATION FOR PRE-CONVENTION HOUSING IS STILL AVAILABLE

Contact administrator@njcl.org

Once you have read the information on these pages, log in to your [account](#), then proceed to VIEW MY PROFILE. If you don't yet have an account on our site, select REGISTER to create one and follow the instructions. Once payment has been received you will receive a link to continue. Payments include school and JCL State Purchase orders.

N.B. Adults and SCL delegates must complete a [background check](#). You may register for the convention at the same time you start the background check. Please note that this is not a financial background check; it is a criminal background check, required by NJCL insurance and the University campus. NO BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED FOR VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS.

LDDs should follow the same instructions for Registration above.

COST

The basic cost of the Convention is \$735.00 (if paid by May 1) which includes the following: room, all meals beginning with lunch Monday, July 22, 2024 through breakfast on Saturday, July 27, 2024, *That's Entertainment!* Ticket, and Fall *TORCH: U.S.* After May 1, the cost will be \$750.00. The cost for pre-convention housing on July 21 will be \$85.00. Deadline for registering is June 7, 2024.

A refund of \$250.00 is available for cancellations if requested before June 14, 2024. ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 14, 2024.

Additional costs may include lost access cards and excessive room damage charges. These will be assessed following convention.

N.B. The University will provide special meals for those with dietary restrictions. All delegates will receive a link to a google form on which to indicate these needs after their registration is complete.

[Here](#) is a list of scholarship opportunities for both students and teachers.

Convention *Domi* delegates may register one of two ways. JCL delegates who would like to compete in the contests offered should register as for "LDD - Competitor." That cost will be \$100.00. JCL Delegates who would like to attend but NOT compete should register for "LDD - Spectator." That cost will be \$75.00. Any sponsors who wish to

register for *Domi* should register as “Convention Registration Spectator.” The cost will be \$75.00.

N.B. LDD - Sponsors will receive credit for a year toward their count toward a silver bowl, if they help with some of the on-line judging or proctoring.

HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

NJCL will address this closer to the time of convention after assessing the situation this summer. Check this document often for updated information.

COVID-19 HEALTH INFORMATION

NJCL strongly recommends that all in-person attendees are up to date with COVID vaccinations, including bivalent boosters.

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a high-quality mask or respirator when indoors in public.

PRE-CONVENTION HOUSING

Pre-Convention Housing is available for registered Convention delegates on the night of Sunday, July 21, 2024.

The cost is \$85.00 per person. This includes Sunday night housing, dinner on Sunday evening and breakfast on Monday morning. Delegates are urged to register for Pre-Convention housing if they are unsure. The deadline for requesting a refund is JUNE 15.

Check-in for Pre-Convention Housing starts July 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. **THERE IS POSITIVELY NO EARLY CHECK-IN**, and there is no possibility of leaving luggage at the NJCL Check-in area.

A chaperone of the same sex must also be registered for Pre-Convention housing. It does not have to be the same chaperone you will have during the rest of convention. Pre-Convention housing should be paid for at the same time as the regular convention registration. If your travel plans change, email the NJCL Office at njcloffice@njcl.org.

N.B. Once students check-in on campus, they are considered delegates and all convention rules apply. Please see the Code of Conduct for these rules.

GETTING TO CONVENTION

Travel to the NJCL Convention is an individual's responsibility. Students should check with their state chairs to see if the state is traveling as a group.

Transfers from the Airport to Campus: NJCL does not arrange for airport transfers.

Special this year! The University of Tennessee Conference Department will be organizing shuttles to campus from the Knoxville's McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS). Check here for information: <https://utconferences.eventsair.com/njcl-2024/airports>.

Groups flying into Atlanta can contact Peter Tsai at microvacay@gmail.com. His company can arrange transportation and tour itineraries.

For those who do not want to schedule through the UT Conference Department, the Knoxville [airport website](#) lists different carriers for transportation from the airport. The Arena is approximately 17 miles from the airport. Taxis and ride share options are available.

Driving Directions: You should be able to get directions to The University of Tennessee with any map app. Convention Registration will be at Thompson Boling Arena at the Food City Center. You may park temporarily at the Arena in the G-10 Parking Garage (1500 Phillip Fulmer Way, Knoxville, TN 37996) while you check in, but then you will be directed to parking areas closer to the residence halls.

Delta Airlines Discount: Delta Air Lines is pleased to offer special discounts for American Classical League Institute and the National Junior Classical League Convention. Please [click here](#) to book your flights. You may also call Delta Meeting Network® at 1.800.328.1111* Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (EST) and refer to Meeting Event Code NY394. For NJCL Convention, attendees may fly into Knoxville (TYS) or Atlanta (ATL). *Please note there is not a service fee for reservations booked and ticketed via our reservation 800 number.

Parking: Parking will be available in designated lots during convention. There will be a fee for parking a vehicle during the week. Use this link to purchase your permit from the University of Tennessee.

[Purchase your University Parking Permit Here](#) If you are renting a car and don't yet know the details, you may put RENTAL in the required fields and update the information upon arrival. If you are bringing a bus, purchase a pass and put BUS in the vehicle information fields.

Parking Permits should be bought by **July 10, 2024**. After that date those who want to park a car to purchase their permit on campus when they arrive at Parking Services. Parking Services is located at 2121 Stephenson Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996. Their hours are 7:30a-4:30p Monday to Friday. There will also be a limited number of permits available to buy at Registration.

If your delegation plans to park a bus during the week, please notify the NJCL Office.

Check-in on Campus: Delegates will register at the Thompson Boling Arena. Greeters will direct traffic as you arrive. The Arena's address is 1600 Phillip Fulmer Way, Knoxville, TN 37996. You can temporarily park in the G-10 Parking Garage during registration.

Check-in Times:

Sunday, July 21, 2024 from 3:00 until 11:00 pm. This is available ONLY for pre-registered and pre-paid attendees. If your plans necessitate arrival after 11:00 pm, please contact the NJCL Office.

Monday, July 22, 2024 from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm.

Campus Map: This [link](#) will take you to a virtual tour of The University of Tennessee. We will offer a map of the places on campus which JCL delegates will be using closer to the convention date.

Mailing Address: If you need to mail anything to yourself at the University of Tennessee, please use this address* between the dates of July 17 and 26, 2024.

Delegate's Name/JCL Delegation
Attention: NJCL Conference
2021 Stephenson Drive
C/O: Mail Services
Knoxville, TN 37996

Please note: Packages and mail should NOT arrive until Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Delegates, please note: The NJCL Board of Directors has worked hard to make a schedule with minimal conflicts. Required events have no conflicts (General Assemblies and State Fellowships). There are, however, places where you will need to make a choice. This is inevitable. For example, if you would like to do the Service Project, you will not be able to do a Colloquium Session that day. We offer more events than there are hours in the day, so you need to study the schedule and make the choices that are best for you and will make your convention experience the best for you!

CODE OF CONDUCT

Delegates must adhere to all NJCL and the University of Tennessee rules. University police will be on duty 24 hours a day. Please read these rules carefully. Your signature on the permission form acknowledges that you have read these rules and regulations and will abide by them. Your presence at convention allows us to photograph you and put your photograph, taken by authorized NJCL photographers, on the following NJCL

outlets: website, publications, social media, promotional materials, etc. Regulations which will be in effect starting on Sunday, July 21 through Saturday, July 27, 2024 are:

General Guidelines:

- NJCL and the University of Tennessee are committed to providing a climate that fosters respect for all those involved in our activities. As such, NJCL prohibits harassment based on gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or protected activity (such as reporting alleged harassment).
- Individuals attending the NJCL Convention are expected to use school-appropriate language throughout the convention. Lewd, obscene, or offensive language will not be tolerated.
- Your own name tag must be worn around your neck at all times. In the case when a name tag cannot be worn in a competition, the name tag must be carried by the student to the event.
- Attendance at all General Assemblies is mandatory for all NJCL delegates, sponsors, and chaperones.
- Fellowship is mandatory for all NJCL delegates, sponsors, and chaperones. Sponsors and chaperones are responsible for holding State Fellowship.
- Each delegate is expected to attend at least one colloquium and to participate in at least two contests. It shall be the responsibility of NJCL sponsors and chaperones to see that these expectations are met.
- Delegates are expected to participate in all contests with integrity.
- No children under the age of 12 may attend convention. If there are extenuating circumstances, contact the NJCL office.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, fireworks or weapons by anyone attending the NJCL convention is strictly prohibited. Possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, fireworks or weapons constitutes a major infraction of the rules, and delegates will be sent home at their parents' expense, but only after local authorities have carried out any required proceedings.
- NJCL delegates, sponsors, chaperones, and SCL members who fail to adhere to all convention rules will be notified after the annual Fall Planning Meeting of the NJCL Executive Board as to whether or not they will be allowed to attend the following year's convention.
- All NJCL Convention delegates, sponsors, chaperones and SCL members are to remain on campus during the entire convention period. No side trips for sight-seeing in the vicinity are to be taken during the convention period.
- Switching rooms without the consent of the NJCL Registrar is strictly prohibited. All delegates will be held responsible for any and all damages done to their assigned rooms.

- Delegates are permitted only in their assigned residence halls. If an officially scheduled NJCL event as listed in the NJCL Convention Program is scheduled for a residence hall, delegates are not permitted beyond the common area in the residence hall. Violation of this rule will be considered a “major rules” infraction and may result in the delegate(s) involved being sent home at parents’ expenses.
- Electronic devices such as (but not limited to) cell phones, music players and game-playing devices shall not be used during General Assemblies, workshops, seminars, test sessions, and Competitive Certamen.
- NJCL delegates may not drive vehicles during the convention.
- No one is allowed to drive students during the convention. This includes any rideshare companies. Designated drivers will be available in case of emergencies. Call the NJCL desk 513-461-1301.
- Campaign materials may be posted only after the NJCL Parliamentarian has given permission to do so and only in university-approved areas. Be sure to check with the NJCL Parliamentarian for locations.
- Sponsors, chaperones, and SCL members will adhere to all rules pertaining to the convention and will behave in a manner that will set an example for all students at the convention and will attend to all assigned convention duties in a positive and respectful manner.
- Convention Attendees shall act in a respectful manner to all other convention attendees and university personnel. Any instance of misconduct should be referred to the Vice-Chair.
- The University of Tennessee furniture cannot be removed or moved for any event. Although the building lobby and community rooms may be used for your event, this is NOT considered part of your agreement and furniture will remain as the University of Tennessee Housing staff decides.
- Glitter, Confetti, Rice and Fake Snow are NOT allowed in any part of the housing facilities. If these items are found in any areas, there will be a \$500 removal fee charged to the Group.
- No sign, banner or display shall be affixed to any part of the housing facilities, except on designated bulletin boards. Absolutely no pins, nails, staples or tape of any kind may be attached to the walls, windows, furniture or ceilings. Any damages will be charged to the Group.
- Alcohol is not allowed on campus or at any NJCL Event.

PERSONAL SAFETY:

- Do not bring valuables to convention since NJCL and the University of Tennessee will not be responsible for any personal items lost or stolen.

- Report lost access card or key immediately to the NJCL Office so access can be removed from the lost card.
- The University of Tennessee policies prohibit the practice of propping doors, especially exterior doors of Residence Halls which puts residents at a high risk, and will also trigger an alarm to dispatch to which they will respond by sending an officer to the site.
- Fire evacuation — when the fire alarm sounds everyone must proceed to the nearest exit or stairwell and evacuate the building. Do not use the elevators.
- Tampering with fire alarms, fire-fighting equipment, elevators, or other safety and security equipment is strictly prohibited; it is a misdemeanor and is punishable by law. Fire alarms at the University are extremely sensitive so caution is required not to set them off. Excessive noise or horseplay is not permitted.
- The use or possession of tobacco products by anyone under the age of 18 is prohibited by the state laws of Tennessee. Possession of tobacco products by individuals under the age of 18 constitutes a major infraction of the rules. Delegates not complying with this regulation will be sent home at their parents' expense, but only after local authorities have carried out any required proceedings.
- Do NOT prop open doors in Residence Halls and please KEEP YOUR ROOM DOOR LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.

UNIVERSITY RULES:

- Smoking is prohibited both indoors and outdoors on campus. The use of tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes and e-cigarettes, is not permitted on any university-owned or leased property, which includes but is not limited to, buildings, university grounds, parking areas, walkways, recreational and sporting facilities and personal vehicles parked on university grounds.
- Alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited.
- The University charges for replacing lost access cards. This will be passed on to the attendee. There will be a \$45.00 charge to replace any residence hall room access card. There will be a \$45.00 charge for any lost physical keys.
- Any destruction or damage of the University of Tennessee property is strictly prohibited. Disciplinary action will include financial remuneration for such damage or theft. ALL areas of the university must be left in the same condition as found upon arrival. Window screens must not, under any circumstances, be removed; failure to comply will result in a fine.
- Throwing objects from residence hall windows is a federal offense. Perpetrators will be sent home at their own expense and the University of Tennessee may prosecute.

- Sign posting is only allowed on bulletin boards. There are bulletin boards throughout campus buildings, in residence hall lobbies and near the information desk at the Student Union. Please do not hang anything on any other surface anywhere on campus.
- Fireworks and firearms are not permitted.
- NJCL convention delegates are not allowed to use skateboards, roller blades, skates, hoverboards or scooters on campus. Bicycles are allowed on designated pathways.
- The University of Tennessee has adopted a policy that strictly prohibits the use of candles or any open flames within all UT facilities. Tampering with fire and safety equipment is a violation of city fire code.
- There may be on-going construction on campus. Construction areas are completely off limits to any convention participant. Any trespassing into the construction area will be considered a serious offense.
- Only service animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, are permitted in facilities. A service animal, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, means a dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Service animals perform some of the functions and tasks that an individual with a disability cannot perform for him/herself in activities of daily living. The animal must be clearly identified as a certified guide/therapeutic animal and remain on a leash, except when doing so would interfere with the task(s) they're trained to perform to mitigate the impact of the disability. Written documentation must be provided upon request.
- Glitter, confetti, artificial snow, hay, shaving cream, water balloons, water guns, silly string or other similar decorations that cause tracking and are fundamentally ineffectual to clean up are prohibited anywhere on campus at during General Assemblies or the Spirit Contest. Cleaning fees will be assessed if these items are brought into any facility on campus.
- Incense, candles, fog/haze machines or anything producing an open flame/haze/mist is strictly prohibited.
- Pets / Domesticated animals (excluding service animals as noted above), reptiles, snakes, spiders, and other similar creatures are restricted.
- The University of Tennessee prohibits the practice of propping doors, especially exterior doors of Residence Halls which puts residents at a high risk, and will also trigger an alarm to dispatch to which they will respond by sending an officer to the site.
- The Event identification provided must be worn at all times by students and adults.
- Please use all pedestrian crosswalks. Jaywalking causes a significant safety risk, given the amount of traffic that will be present during the event. Perpetrators may be fined and/or cited for refusing to use pedestrian crosswalks.

Curfew:

- All NJCL delegates must be on their assigned floors in their assigned residence halls at Call to Floors.
- NJCL delegates are to be in their assigned rooms each night at the time listed for Call to Rooms in the convention program.
- At Curfew all NJCL delegates are NOT to leave their rooms to get refreshments, do laundry, socialize with others, *etc.*
- Delegates are not permitted to leave their rooms after Call to Rooms in order to receive food deliveries, purchase refreshments, do laundry, or socialize with students in other rooms. Any food deliveries (pizza, *etc.*) to the dormitories must arrive before Call to Rooms each night.
- Sponsors and Chaperones are expected to monitor their assigned delegates to make sure these times are observed and respected.

Dress Code: NJCL, SCL, Sponsors, Chaperones:

Please remember that this is a school-related event and not simply a social function, and, therefore, the expectation of appropriate school attire also applies to our convention. In order to ensure the positive image of the NJCL and all its participants, the National Committee has established these rules:

- No clothing should contain inflammatory, suggestive, racial, or other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.
- Athletic wear suitable for participating in Ludi and Olympika events is encouraged for the safety of the participants.
- When participating in swimming events or open swimming, bathing suits / trunks must be worn; no “non-bathing suit” clothing may be worn in the water.
- Anyone appearing on stage (including Roll Call participants and award presenters) should wear more professional attire.
- For the Day in Old Rome, Roman clothing is to be worn for spirit, the assembly, and the banquet.
- For the Farewell Dance, dress-shirts, dress-pants, slacks, ties, dresses, and skirts are requested, but not required.
- State Chairs and Sponsors are asked to remind all attending of these recommendations before they pack for convention.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DOMI DELEGATES

The following Code of Conduct is designed to protect both you and the outstanding reputation of the National Junior Classical League. The receipt of your registration, as well as your attendance online at this convention, indicates that you have read and do understand these rules. Failure to abide by this code of conduct can result in minor or major penalties, expulsion from this and future conventions, and even criminal prosecution if state or local laws are violated.

- NJCL is committed to providing a climate that fosters respect for all those involved in our activities. As such, NJCL prohibits harassment based on gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or protected activity (such as reporting alleged harassment).
- Individuals attending the NJCL Convention virtually are expected to use school-appropriate language throughout the convention. Lewd, obscene, or offensive language will not be tolerated.
- Your own name must be displayed on your Zoom or other virtual interfaces at all times.
- Attendance at all General Assemblies is highly recommended for all NJCL delegates, sponsors, and chaperones.
- Fellowship is encouraged for all NJCL delegates, sponsors, and chaperones. LDDs should contact their State Chair to see how they might attend Fellowships virtually.
- Each delegate is encouraged to attend at least one colloquium. It shall be the responsibility of NJCL sponsors and chaperones to see that these expectations are met.
- Delegates are expected to participate in all contests with integrity.
- LDDs must have completed sixth grade to attend convention. If there are extenuating circumstances, contact the NJCL office.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, fireworks or weapons by anyone attending the NJCL convention is strictly prohibited. Possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, fireworks or weapons constitutes a major infraction of the rules, and delegates will be dismissed, but only after local authorities have carried out any required proceedings.
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CONVENTION HOUSING

The National Junior Classical League strives to create an emotionally safe and supportive atmosphere for all who attend the NJCL Convention. Given that some convention attendees may identify as transgender and request housing (or other accommodations) that reflects that identity, the NJCL will work with the attendee and the attendee's parents or guardians, and, where applicable, the attendee's sponsor and state chair(s), to accommodate such a request, contingent upon facilities or other factors. Direct any questions to Sherwin Little at administrator@njcl.org.

Housing for delegates will be assigned by the NJCL Office. Switching rooms without the consent of the NJCL Registrar is strictly prohibited. All residence halls are air-conditioned. ***Linens will NOT be provided this year. The beds are twin XL, so bring that sized linens!*** Maid service is not provided for any individual room during your stay. Guests should provide their own soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair dryers, and any other personal items needed during their stay. Washer and dryer units are

available in each residence hall at no charge, and delegates must supply their own detergent.

At no time may any doors, fire exits, elevators, hallways, or foot traffic be blocked by individuals, event or set-up. All Residence Hall rooms should be locked when participants are in the room and upon leaving the rooms. The use and/or storage of candles, incense or other devices with an open flame is strictly prohibited. Hotplates and similar cooking appliances are prohibited. All equipment and furniture in campus buildings must remain in the assigned rooms. No equipment or furniture can be moved without prior approval.

Remember to Bring: alarm clock, personal hygiene items (toothbrush, shampoo, etc.), swimsuit and towel (**none will be provided at the pool!**), athletic shoes, *toga* or *stola* for “Day in Old Rome,” sunscreen, lip balm, moisturizer, coat hangers, change for vending machines, and a hat (for outdoors.) *In addition, if you will need ear plugs during the spirit contest, please plan to bring them with you.* Adults may need a calculator for tallying scores in contests. Each building has facilities for laundry. There is no cost, but please plan to bring your own detergent! ***Linens, towels, and pillows will NOT be supplied. Delegates MUST bring their own items.***

MEDICAL SITUATIONS

For ***non-emergency medical situations***, such as first-aid, come to the NJCL desk in the University of Tennessee Student Union on the second floor of the Student Union. NJCL has contracted with a nurse who can take care of the non-emergency needs.

For **medical emergencies**, dial 911. Then contact the NJCL Office at 513-461-1301.

If you have a medical situation which requires **special accommodations** (e.g. accessible rooms, medicine that needs refrigeration), please contact the NJCL Office at 513-461-1301.

Report any [special dietary needs](#) via this form.

CONVENTION CONTESTS

The NJCL Convention offers many, many opportunities for competition. Please click on the link below to find more information on each contest. There will be a section for competition opportunities for LDDs in each area.

NJCL has adopted a new policy for level of competition. Please read this [document](#) thoroughly before choosing your level of competition.

Academic Contests (including Agon)

The following **Academic Contests** will be offered at the 2024 NJCL Convention: Heptathlon, Decathlon, Ancient Geography, Classical Art, Grammar, Greek Derivatives, Greek Life and Literature, Hellenic History, Latin Derivatives, Latin Literature, Mottoes, Abbreviations and Quotations, Mythology, Reading Comprehension, Roman History, Roman Life, Vocabulary, Triathlon.

Please note: the Vocabulary and Latin Derivatives tests will be leveled (i.e., Vocabulary ½ & 1, Vocabulary II+, Derivatives ½ & 1, Derivatives II+). Additionally, the Triathlon test is for students in levels ½ & 1 only. This test will consist of Language (grammar, vocabulary, derivatives), Mythology, and Roman History.

For Domi participants, the following contests will be offered for LDDs: Vocabulary, Mythology, Roman History, and Heptathlon. These contests will be offered via Google Forms. Information will be sent to LDDs after Convention registration closes in June.

Please consult official convention sources at this link:

<https://www.njcl.org/NJCL-Convention/Convention-Contests/Academic-Contests>

Agon will be offered at the 2024 NJCL Convention and is open to in-person delegates only. The competition is similar to Certamen but with Greek / Hellenic content. The typical breakdown of questions per round is (7 language, 4 mythology, 4 hellenic history, 4 greek literature, 1 classical art). There will be only one level for Agon and teams will not use state designations. Therefore, students are highly encouraged to partner with friends from other states. A sign up (via Google Forms) will be sent out in June. Given classroom space at UT, we may have to cap the number of teams, but hope to open it to as many as 27 total.

Agon Syllabus and Registration: [here](#)

Lillie B. Hamilton Award

The Lillie B. Hamilton Award is granted to a student who earns the most points in at least four of the five major contest areas: Academics, Certamen (either Competitive or Open Certamen), Creative Arts, Graphic Arts, and Olympika. The point calculation will follow the following formula:

Points will be calculated by percentage in each contest area (excluding all Certamen). For instance, if there are 160 total points for Academics, and a student earns 92 points in Academics, they will receive 58 points toward the Lillie B. Hamilton Award (as 92 is 58% of 160). Likewise, if there are 280 total points available in Creative Arts, and a student earns 180 points in Creative Arts, they will receive 64 points toward the Lillie B. Hamilton Award.

Here is an example of how Student X's Lillie B. Hamilton score might breakdown:

Academics: 56 points in 16 contests ($56/160 = 35$ points for Lillie B. Hamilton) Graphic Arts: 78 points in 28 contests ($78/280 = 28$ points for Lillie B. Hamilton) Creative Arts: 30 points in 8 contests ($30/80 = 38$ points for Lillie B. Hamilton) Olympika: 100 points in 17 contests ($100/170 = 59$ points for Lillie B. Hamilton) Certamen: 9 points in 1 contest (9 points for Lillie B. Hamilton)

Student X's total points for Lillie B. Hamilton = 176

Certamen (including both Competitive and Open)

We offer **Competitive Certamen** and **Open Certamen** for JCLers. **Competitive Certamen** will only be played in person.

Competitive Certamen Semifinal and Final rounds will be live-streamed for LDDs. There will also be an opportunity for LDDs to participate in a separate **Open Certamen** competition for LDDs, if registration numbers warrant it.

The rules for Competitive Certamen 2024 are [linked here](#).

The **World Series of Certamen** will also be offered. This event will allow JCLers to watch their favorite adult attendees, SCLers, and Slashers play Certamen in a fun and entertaining environment.

Registration for each event will take place via Google Forms. Wild card players for Competitive Certamen can sign up with their State Chair's approval at Competitive Certamen orientation.

State Chairs will receive via email a Google Form that they must fill to register Competitive Certamen teams by July 15th. If details change once the form is submitted, they can either edit the form or email Jennie Luongo, Certamen Chair, at certamen@njcl.org.

Open Certamen players and volunteers will need to provide their own personal electronic device, such as a smartphone. To sign up for **Open Certamen**, click [here](#).

LDDs can use the same form to register for virtual **Open Certamen**, click [here](#). LDDs **MUST** be registered by July 22, 2024.

To sign up for **World Series of Certamen**, click [here](#).

Creative Arts

*Please note the submission deadlines for virtual contests.

The linked document gives all information concerning virtual and in person contests.

Graphic Arts

*Please note the submission deadlines for virtual contests (including digital scrapbook).

All other contests will be submitted in person at convention. The linked folder provides the rules for all graphic arts contests.

Olympika and Ludi

Non-Convention Contests

ELECTION INFORMATION

Necessary candidate information can be found in the 2024 Campaign Corner [here](#).

REMINDER: Starting this year, there will be **no candidate cuts** at the Nominations Committee - every candidate who properly profiles will be on the final ballot. If there is a

State of Emergency, we will seek candidates from the floor; all such candidates, prefiled or State of Emergency, will make the final ballot.

[Nomination Form](#) [Form P \(President Candidates **ONLY**\)](#)

For Voting Delegates and State Chairs

Required Meetings

In order to vote in the NJCL election, each State is required to send two voting delegates to the Nominations Committee and Amendment Committee Meeting (these will be separate this year). Also, each State must have at least 10% of its in-person JCL delegates including the voting delegates (2 minimum) present at the Candidates' Open Forum in order to receive two votes. It is suggested that one of the delegates should be the State's parliamentarian. If less than 10% of any State's in-person JCL delegates attend the Candidates' Open Forum, that state or province shall have no vote. Depending on delegation size, a candidate can serve as a voting delegate if necessary.

If only one delegate from a state or province is present at the convention, that delegate must attend both meetings to receive one vote. It is also recommended that a State Chair or a designated adult representative be present at both meetings (can be an SCL'er if necessary). The delegates that attend the Nominations Committee and Amendment Committee Meeting do not have to be part of the 10% of the delegation at Open Forum unless they are the voting delegates.

Ballots

Ballots for the elections will be distributed by e-mail after the Candidates' Open Forum. The two designated voting delegates will need to register before the start of the Nominations Committee and Constitutional Amendment Meeting. These delegates will provide an e-mail address where the NJCL Parliamentarian will send the ballots. Ballots may not be returned until after the Thursday afternoon State Fellowship has begun. If a State has not returned ballots by the beginning of General Assembly IV, the Parliamentarian will make a reminder announcement at the beginning of the Assembly. There will be no paper ballots.

2024 CONVENTION FEATURES

Colloquia Sessions:

SEMINARS are presentations given by specialists on a particular topic. These aim to help with the expansion of knowledge and understanding of a given topic or field of interest. Both sponsors and delegates should attend seminars.

WORKSHOPS are scheduled at designated times to provide opportunity for interested persons from all states to come together to share and exchange ideas in a particular area of interest.

Selected colloquia sessions will be broadcast live for LDDs. Some will be recorded and posted on SCHED. Some sessions will be pre-recorded and posted on SCHED.

Agora:

The purpose of the Agora is to provide an opportunity for NJCL and NSCL chapters and states to raise funds to accomplish their JCL/SCL projects, and for NJCL Convention participants to obtain goods promoting the JCL and the Classics.

Vendors at the Agora must be registered for convention and may be NJCL or NSCL members or sponsors, selling for the benefit of local, state, or national JCL and/or SCL organizations.

All items sold must be in good taste. The sale of consignment or re-sale items is permitted with the profit of the sale going to the JCL/SCL group.

N.B. Vendors will want you to pay in cash! Please come prepared!

Vendors may not sell items at any other times besides those listed above. There will be three sessions of the Agora this year.

Monday 7:30 - 9:45 pm

Tuesday 7:30 - 9:45 pm

Wednesday 7:30 - 9:45 pm

To reserve a spot, complete this [Agora Reservation form](#). Deadline to reserve tables is July 12, 2024.

LDDs will have a link to online vendors in the SCHED app.

That's Entertainment:

That's Entertainment is always a convention favorite, and this year will be no exception. That's Entertainment is a talent show in which JCL delegates compete for cash prizes. In past years, many excellent acts have appeared on the That's Entertainment stage. That's Entertainment is free to attend. Donations for the NSCL Scholarship Fund will be accepted at the door."

JCL delegates wishing to perform in That's Entertainment must register on Monday, July 22, 2024 - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. This year registration will take place online. The link will be on SCHED. The mandatory pre-audition meeting will be held Tuesday, July 23, 2024 - 4:45 pm - 5:00 pm (see program for location), and the auditions will be held from 5:00 until 8:00 pm. If you cannot make it to these auditions, contact SCL to make arrangements for an audition.

Performers will have a strict 3-minute limit on their performance time. A keyboard will be provided for acts to use during That's Entertainment and auditions. Performers will need to provide their own music, accompanist, or props for the act. Please make sure that all music is in good taste and that all props conform to the Code of Conduct. For additional information about That's Entertainment contact Amanda Roessler, NSCL President, at president@nscl.org, or Kyle McGimsey, Olympika Contest Chair/NSCL Advisor at olympika@njcl.org.

The NSCL will save at least one spot for an LDD. Instructions on how to audition will come during the summer. For more information contact Kyle McGimsey at Olympika@njcl.org. LDDs will be able to view *That's Entertainment!* live on YouTube during convention.

The Convention Ear:

The Convention Ear is a daily newsletter published by the NSCL. *The Convention Ear* contains reviews of the previous day's events and important information about upcoming activities during convention. Biographies of officer candidates and personal ads are highly anticipated features of *The Convention Ear*.

JCL delegates wishing to serve as reporters or contributors for *The Convention Ear* should register on Monday, July 22 2024, - 8:00 am - 10:45 am at the NSCL Registration Desk. JCL contributors will receive credit for any submissions that are published in *The Convention Ear*. For additional information about *The Convention Ear* contact Maxine Mandt, NSCL Editor, at editor@nscl.org or Trace Turner, NJCL Publications Chair, publications@njcl.org.

The Convention Ear will be made available to LDDs via the SCHED app.

Special Meals:

Monday

10:45 am NSCL Brunch for Current Members

11:00 am NJCL Officers and National Committee Lunch

Tuesday

11:30 am State Chairs' Luncheon

Wednesday

7:30 pm ACL President's Breakfast with NJCL/NSCL Officers

Thursday

11:30 am SPQR & Former National Committee Luncheon

1:00 pm NSCL Scholarship Working Lunch

Friday

12:00 noon NSCL Banquet

6:00 pm Day in Old Rome Banquet

Teachers Lounge:

A Teachers Lounge will be open daily for sponsors and chaperones. See program for times and location.

Display of Teaching and Learning Materials:

The display will include materials from various publishers. It will also include the complete display from the ACL's Resources for Excellence in Developing Instruction (REDI). See program for dates, times, and location. Students as well as teachers are invited to visit.

Evening Fun:

Each evening the Tennessee JCL will organize non-competitive events for the delegates' enjoyment. These might include: Open Swim, Team Trivia, Karaoke, Games, and Pandora's Escape Room. There will also be three dances. The National Officers encourage everyone to dress according to the theme for each night.

Dance Themes:

7/23: KaraSmokey Hokey Pokey

7/25: Rocky Top Sock Hop

7/27: TennesSEE You Later!

Spirit Contest:

The spirit contest is an opportunity for states to support their JCLs with chants and cheers, e.g. Virginia's "V-A" chant or Ohio's "Corn People" cheer. All states are encouraged to participate in the spirit contest, regardless of the size of their delegations. Even one delegate is enough to show your state pride! Please note: if the noise during the spirit contest affects you adversely, please plan to bring ear plugs to use during the contest.

Based upon the number of delegates attending the convention, each state will be placed in one of the following categories: small, medium, large, or extra large. Spirit will be judged fifteen minutes before General Assemblies II, III, and IV. Spirit for General Assembly IV will take place during the Roman Procession.

Roll call will be included in General Assembly II's spirit contest. Roll call, in the form of a state delegation report, will be limited to forty-five seconds and two participants on stage per state. Any candidates running for office may not participate in roll call due to campaigning rules. Delegates participating in roll call should be dressed in accordance with the NJCL Convention dress code while on stage; delegates not dressed appropriately can be told by a national officer or national committee member that they may not participate. If time limits are exceeded for roll call, a reduction in state points will result and participants may be asked to leave the stage, so be efficient!

Any type of misconduct or tasteless spirit displays will result in immediate disqualification. Such displays include but are not limited to: disparaging another state or the JCL, noise makers (except during roll call), and distasteful attire. Keep it classy, everyone! Please note: face paint and body paint will not be allowed on any day. Glitter, confetti, artificial snow, hay, shaving cream, water balloons, water guns, silly string or other similar decorations that cause tracking and are fundamentally ineffectual to clean up are prohibited anywhere on campus at or during General Assemblies or the Spirit Contest. Cleaning fees will be assessed if these items are brought into any facility on campus.

At the end of each General Assembly, snazzy spirit awards for that day will be presented to states scoring the most points in each category. During the final General Assembly, overall spirit awards from each category will be presented to the states that have accumulated the most points throughout the week. Roll call awards will also be given during General Assembly III.

If any delegate is unable to be in the hall during spirit, a quiet space will be provided for their comfort. Delegates might also consider bringing their own set of earplugs or noise-canceling headphones.

Daily Spirit Themes:

Tuesday: State T-Shirt Day | *Titans and Tunics*

Wednesday: Propless Spirit Day* and Purple & Gold Day | *Purple, Gold, and Singing the Blues*

Thursday: Silent Spirit | *ORANGE You Going to Say Something?*

Friday: A Day in Old Rome | *There's No Place Like Rome*

**No props should be brought for propless spirit days.*

There will be a Spirit and Service Orientation on the first day of the convention shortly after the conclusion of General Assembly I. Rules and regulations for daily spirit competitions and roll call will be discussed. All questions can be answered at this meeting as well. *N.B.* Two delegates from each state must attend or points will be deducted from state points. If there is only one delegate from the state, that delegate must attend in order to participate.

Following the Spirit and Service Orientation, there will be a workshop where delegates will have the opportunity to begin working on their DIY props.

For more information about the service project, spirit themes, roll call, and rubrics, email Natalie Allen at vp2@njcl.org.

For more information about the service project, spirit themes, roll call, and rubrics, check out the Spirit and Service Guide for the 2024 NJCL Convention at bit.ly/ssg23. (This link will be available soon!)

SPQR Luncheon:

A special luncheon for retired sponsors (SPQR) and former National Committee members will be held on Thursday, July 25 at 11:30 am. See program for location.

There will be a link on SCHED so those not available to attend in person may join the meeting.

Community Service Project:

Each year NJCL sponsors a Community Service Project under the guidance of the 2nd Vice President. Sessions for this project run concurrently with the Colloquia Sessions. This year, the National Service Project will be a series of 3 different projects. Delegates will bring new school supplies that will be collected after they arrive at convention. The supplies will be donated to children and schools in need in the Knoxville area. During the first half of the week, delegates will have the opportunity to participate in Service sessions where we will make blankets for sick kids through Project Linus. Then, for the second half of the week, during Service sessions, delegates will be making bookmarks to be sent to nursing homes in the Knoxville area.

Convention Domic attendees can collect school supplies and/or bookmarks at home and submit photos of them to the 2nd Vice President. Then, they can donate the school supplies and bookmarks to a donation center and a nursing home of their choosing. The NJCL will not be responsible for delivering LDDs' donations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION***Agenda or Convention Events:***

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Convention Registrar, Sherwin Little - (513) 461-1301 - Fax (513) 529-7742
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Telephone Numbers during Convention: NJCL Desk - (513) 461-1301

The University of Tennessee Police Department:

Non-Emergency - Contact NJCL first at the number above. Campus police may be reached at (865) 974-3114

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

- identify yourself as a JCL delegate to police

