



NFCFL #5 2025 - Bishop Moore Catholic High School - January 18th

Dear Coaches,

We are excited to invite you to the "fifth" tournament of the North Florida Catholic Forensic League 2024-2025 season - [NFCFL #5 @ Bishop Moore](#). This tournament will be held IN PERSON at Bishop Moore Catholic High School ([3901 Edgewater Dr, Orlando, FL 32804](#)), on Saturday, January 18th, 2025.

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 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 will be COMBINED DIVISIONS in preparation for NFCFL Grand Finals and other qualifier tournaments coming up. "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), Policy/CX (which will have 3 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, January 10th 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, Policy, and World Schools. PLEASE CONTACT US if you have a double entry to amend your invoice.

Topics:

- Lincoln Douglas Debate: We are using the January/February 2025 NSDA topic - Resolved: The United States ought to become party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and/or the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
- Public Forum Debate: We are using the January 2025 NSDA topic - Resolved: The African Union should grant diplomatic recognition to the Republic of Somaliland as an independent state.
- World Schools Debate Prepared Motions (there will be 1 impromptu motion as well)
 - This House Believes H5N1 will become a major public health crisis.

- This House Believes the United States should prioritize reducing the federal budget deficit over tax cuts or additional spending.
- Impromptu - A New Years Prompt
- Extemporaneous Speaking Topic Areas:
 - Media
 - US Foreign Policy
 - Economics
 - Justice

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 before 10 days out (Wed. 1/8 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, **two** CX, or **two** WSD entries. (CX 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 CX or 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 (who have attained a high school degree or better) that are 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 1/13 - 3 PM
- Entry Fee + \$5.00 - After Wednesday 1/15 - 5 PM
- Entry Fee + \$10.00 - After Thursday 1/16 - 12:01 AM
- Entry Fee + \$15.00 - After Friday 1/17 - 12:01 AM
- Entry Fee + \$20.00 - After Saturday 1/18- 12:01 AM
- Entry Fee + \$25.00 - Surprise Drops at tournament