

The Newton South Speech & Debate Team  
Invites you to  
an MFL

# “AFRICAN SAFARI”

Speech & Debate Tournament  
7 January 2012

an MFL sanctioned, double-entry tournament.  
17 MFL events will be offered – and one Extra!

## Tentative Schedule

8:15-8:45	Registration Please call between 7:00 – 8:00 to check in
8:30	Judge Meetings
9:15	General Opening Meeting and Postings in the Cafeteria
9:30	Round 1
10:45	Round 2
12:00	Round 3
1:15	Round 4
2:00	Multiple and Semi-finals
3:15	Draw for finals in Library
3:45	Finals
5:45	Awards

Lisa Honeyman (Tournament Director)

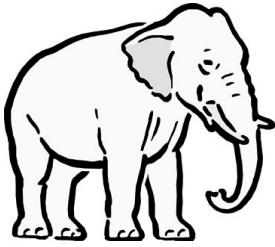
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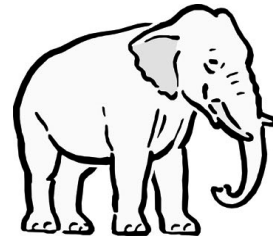
[lisa.honeyman@verizon.net](mailto:lisa.honeyman@verizon.net)

Dipal Nagda, Henry Yun, and Caroline Zola  
(Student hosts)

Snow Date: Saturday, January 14



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**



Delicious breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages  
will be sold throughout the day

1. The tournament is double-entry in all events except NX, VX, Radio, Group, PFD and Congress. Double-entered students may not enter the same event more than once and may not use the same material in more than one event.
2. All students except those entered in Congress and PFD may enter Multiple Reading. Those who are already double-entered may "triple-enter" in Multiple.
3. Registration is \$5 per entry in speech events and \$10 for PFD. Duo Interpretation and Multiple Reading count as one entry each. Registration fees may be paid by cash or check. Checks should be made out to **Newton South High School**. Please note that if you have late drops that incur fees, you will be expected to pay those fees when you register even if you bring a check that was made out for the original registration amount.
4. You are required to bring one judge for every five entries or fraction thereof in speech events and one judge for every 2 entries or fraction thereof in PFD. (We hope to be able to single-flight at least part of the tournament.) Judges must be available to judge all preliminary rounds *and* finals. If one of your judges must leave early, you must arrange for a replacement judge to take his/her place. Because we are running semi-finals, judging will be tight and we need everyone to be available. There will be a \$50 fine for each missing judge. This fee is not to be used in lieu of providing required judges.

*Please note that judging requirements are finalized at the time registration closes on Wednesday at 5:00 pm. If you have drops after that time, it does not change the number of judges you are required to bring.*

5. There is a cap of 8 PFD teams per school and an overall limit of 52 PFD teams. We will start a waitlist beyond that and see if we have enough space, based upon other event registration, to accommodate more.
6. At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, please have a representative from your school pick up your results folder. Ballots will not be mailed and will not be given out before the end of the awards ceremony. If you cannot stay until the end of the day, you may pick up your ballots at NSHS the following week or we can bring them to the next MFL tournament for you to pick up there.

## **GROUP DISCUSSION TOPIC:**

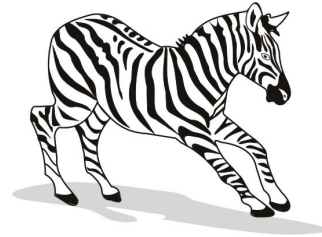
Current issues affecting Africa.

## **EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING:**

Questions will focus on areas of national, international and economic news. The final round will focus on problems facing countries in Africa.

## **PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE:**

We will use the January NFL PFD topic.



## **CONGRESS:**

Bills will soon be available at [www.massforensics.org](http://www.massforensics.org). Contact Mr. PJ Wexler, VP Congress, if you have questions.

The Congress day will be broken into three sessions. Session 1: 9:30-11:45; Session 2: 12:15-2:30; Finals: 3:30-4:45 (or thereabouts). This will allow us to have three separate judging teams. Judges who are assigned to congress will judge one session of congress and will judge other events during the other times. There will be two judges in each chamber during each of the two preliminary rounds in addition to the parliamentarian. Each judge will write ballots and will nominate and vote for students at the end of their session. The parliamentarians will also write ballots and will nominate and vote for students based upon what they see throughout the two preliminary sessions. Thus, students are seen by more judges and should benefit from more feedback and a greater variety of perspectives. Students must be active in the chamber during both preliminary sessions so that both sets of judges have the opportunity to see them speak. If you have any judges that are particularly interested in judging this event, please let the tournament know and we'll try to get those judges into a session.

## **A NOTE ABOUT MULTIPLE:**

If there are 5 or fewer Multiples competing at the tournament, there will be no final round held in that event. If there are more than 5 multiples, then between 3 and 4 will break to finals. The goal will be to make a clean break and the number that will advance will be determined by the tournament director.

## **SEMI-FINALS:**

If an official MFL event has 40 or more entries after drops on the morning of the tournament, we will run a semi-final round, in addition to the three preliminary rounds. (This will not apply to Congress or PFD or Group Discussion.) We can do this as long as we do not have more than 3 events that reach the 40+ entry level. If more than 3 events are this large, we will only run semi-finals in the 3 largest events. Once registration closes, we will update coaches. Because multiple will run at the same time as semi-finals, it would be impossible for a student to be in a group semi-final and also do multiple.

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In addition to the 17 official MFL events, we will offer "Storytelling" as a special event. For this event, we will use the NFL rules provided below.

## **STORYTELLING RULES**

1. A single published, printed story, anecdote, tale, myth or legend must be retold without notes or props.
2. The maximum time is 5 minutes (30 second grace), but the story may be briefer without penalty. Any introduction must be included within the 5 minute time limit.
3. The delivery must be extempore, not read. No book or script may be used. The story may be delivered standing or seated.
4. Gestures, pantomime and characterization, may be used with restraint but the focus must be on the narrative.
5. The retelling must be true to the original tale. The contestant may not add original material or materially change the content of the story.

The Storytelling Theme will be "Tales of Adventure."



## **AWARDS:**

Trophies will be awarded to all finalists. The “Top Novice” in each non-novice event will also receive an award. Semi-finalists will receive medals. The top 4 Multiple entries and the top 4 PFD entries will receive trophies. A special award will be given to the top ‘new’ school, a school that is an MFL member for the first time this year.

Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top 10 schools. We will use the 5-4-3-2-1-1 system to award points for preliminary ranks and final standings. The top 10 scores in 10 different events plus the next two high scores in any events (figured after finals) will count toward sweepstakes. We will use preliminary ranks as well as ranks from semi-finals and finals to determine the final standing in events that have a semi-final round. All semi-finalists will earn one additional sweepstakes point over what they earn from their preliminary ranks. This is consistent with the 5-4-3-2-1-1-1 system for final placement. Thus, all students in out-rounds who rank 7th -12th will earn one additional point, while those placing 1st through 6th will earn a few more points, depending upon where they place. Competitors who make it to finals will earn points for their final standings (not ranks in finals).

Standard rules of professionalism and etiquette  
must be abided by at all times

## **PLEASE NOTE**

*Students must be accompanied by an adult, approved by their school administration, who will be responsible for them during the entire time they are present at the “African Safari” Tournament. Schools are responsible for making sure all adults that they bring to the tournament have passed the CORI check, required by Massachusetts State Law.*

In order to be able to host tournaments, we rely upon the generosity and good will of the faculty and staff at Newton South. Please be respectful of their classroom spaces, as well as their belongings. No one, including judges, should sit at or touch anything on a teachers’ desk. If you discover that something is amiss, please report it to the TAB room as soon as possible so that we can address the issue before Monday morning.

Students found in parts of the building that have been designated as off limits –including, but not limited to, the field house or the roof— may be disqualified from the tournament and asked to leave.

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Register on-Line at <http://www.massforensics.org>

Deadline For Adds: Wednesday, January 4, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

### **DROPS:**

You may enter your own drops in the system until Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Drops made between Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm must be e-mailed to Lisa Honeyman at [lisa.honeyman@verizon.net](mailto:lisa.honeyman@verizon.net). Drops that occur after 9:00 pm on Friday should be called in on Saturday morning between 7:00-8:00 am. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail within a few hours or if you prefer to use the phone, please call (617) 875-1347 with drops. All changes to registration made after January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm will incur a \$5 nuisance fee in addition to the \$5 registration fee.

### **SATURDAY MORNING CHECK-IN:**

*Please call (617) 559-6544 to check in between 7:00-8:00 am on Saturday morning. If there is no answer, **do not leave a message.** Instead, try again in a few minutes. Even if you have no drops, please call so we can begin to re-panel rounds at 8:00 am and start the tournament on time. MFL rules permit a \$25 penalty fee assigned to schools that fail to check-in during the morning call-in period.*