

NCFL Preview at BASIS Independent McLean

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Register at NCFLpreview.Tabroom.com

The following information is preliminary and subject to change

We are excited to offer students who have qualified for NCFL Grand Nationals in Public Forum or Lincoln-Douglas Debate the chance to compete on the new PF and LD topics. This is a unique opportunity to tune-up your arguments before hitting the national stage.

Supervision

All schools must have a school-approved adult on-site for the entirety of the tournament who will take responsibility for all students until they are picked up by their parent or guardian. This adult's contact information should be updated in Tabroom. Current high school students may not serve in this role, even if they are over 18.

Anticipated Schedule

Our anticipated schedule is as follows:

- 8:00: Doors open
- 8:30-9:00: check-in
- 9:30: Round 1
- 10:45: Round 2
- 12:00: Lunch
- 12:45: Round 3
- 2:00: Round 4
- 3:30: Awards

All rounds are single-flighted.

We hope to dismiss no later than 4pm.

Eligibility

This tournament is open to students who have qualified for NCFL Grand Nationals in Public Forum or Lincoln Douglas debate. Qualifying students from any diocese are welcome to compete.

Judges

To accommodate single-flighting, schools must bring 1 judge for every 2 entries or fraction thereof. Each school must individually meet these judge obligations.

Schools that have 1 entry each in LD and PF may bring 1 judge to cover both obligations as long as the judge is trained to judge both events. Please email Robert.Biemesderfer@basisindependent.com if you are taking advantage of this option.

It is expected that judges will have experience judging their event and be comfortable offering oral critiques at the end of each round. Coaches are encouraged to judge, both to meet their judge obligations and to get a sense of which arguments work well in preparing their own students for Nationals.

Feedback and disclosure

We are intentionally allowing more time between rounds to allow judges to give oral feedback to debaters. Students regularly report that this feedback is some of the most helpful they receive. Judges are also permitted, but not required, to disclose their decision after the round.

Nonetheless, judges should be sure this feedback does not drag the tournament behind schedule. Judges should be sure to submit their ballot online before offering oral feedback to students, and should conclude their critiques no more than 15 minutes after the end of the debate, including time to prepare a decision. Judges are still encouraged to write feedback on the ballot during the round to help inform coaches.

Resolutions

We will use the NCFL resolutions. The LD topic is typically announced in early April, and the PF topic is typically announced in mid-April.

Public Forum Specific Rules

All sides will be assigned in tab, and pro will always speak first.

We encourage students to make every effort to compete with their qualifying partner. However, if one partner is unable to attend, a debater may compete solo (“maverick” / “ironman”) in PF. All fees and prep time remain the same for maverick entries.

Awards

All debaters who finish with a winning record will receive a personalized certificate bearing their name and their final placement at the tournament.

Fees

- \$25 per LD entry
- \$30 per PF entry

There is no school fee.

Questions

Please email Robert.Biemesderfer@basisindependent.com with any questions.