

SCRANTON CATHOLIC FORENSIC LEAGUE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: COACHES OF SCFL
FROM: GREGORY TITMAN & CRAIG SPECHT, LEAGUE DIRECTORS
SUBJECT: CFL NATIONAL QUALIFIER – MARCH 2, 2019
DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Our SCFL NATIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT will be held at Shikellamy HS in Sunbury, PA

The top three entries in each event will advance to the NCFL National Tournament in Milwaukee, WI over Memorial Day weekend. **If your students know now that they cannot attend Nationals to represent us, please DO NOT register them for the Qualifier.** There will be no NOVICE division at this tournament. Please check our constitution and bylaws for participation requirements for all schools regarding attendance at previous tournaments in order to compete at our Qualifier.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE: We are using an electronic registration procedure for this tournament. Your entries and judges must be listed at www.tabroom.com. Please submit your entry electronically by following the directions on the website. Registration is now open and will close at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

EVENTS: The following events will be offered:

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| •Extemporaneous | •Original Oratory | •Declamation |
| •Oral Interp | •Dramatic Performance | •Dup Interp |
| •LD Debate | •Policy Debate | •Public Forum Debate |
| •Student Congress | | |

CONGRESS: Schools may submit bills for the tournament up until **Friday, February 22, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.** The bills cannot be legislation that has been debated at previous SCFL tournaments this season. On **Friday, February 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**, I will be sending out a list of the bills submitted to all of the coaches. Each school will then get the opportunity to select, in order, the 10 bills that they would like to see debated at the National Qualifying Tournament. Coaches will have until **Tuesday, February 26, 2019** to submit their school's vote. I will email all of the coaches the order for debate by **Wednesday, February 27, 2018**.

ENTRIES: Each school may enter **up to four** entries in each event. Please note that dramatic duo, public forum and policy debate are two-person events -- so that you may enter four duos or teams. Also note that if you enter oral interpretation, the students must each prepare a prose and a poetry selection to be read in alternate rounds.

REGISTRATION OF LITERATURE: For the national qualifying tournament all literature used in oral interp, dramatic performance, duo interp, and declamation must be registered. No student may use material he or she used in a previous national qualifier. We had to disqualify students in past years because of this rule. It is a good idea to bring the original or the best copies of the original (including publication information) to the tournament in case of protest or questions.

Register the pieces of literature when you register online on tabroom.com It will have a place for all interpretation pieces to be registered.

JUDGES: As usual the National Qualifier requires one more judge than you have been used to bringing for the practice tournaments – so we are asking for 2 judges for the first five entries in speech, for example. Even though you are registering judges in specific areas, they may be asked to judge in other events. The quota is one judge higher than other tournaments. **Please do not send judges who have never judged before.** This has been a problem at past Qualifiers. It is your responsibility to provide qualified judges and to train them in the latest rules and procedures of the League. There are **NO** hired judges at this tournament. If you are having trouble meeting your quota, check with other coaches in the league who may be able to help you meet your quota.

COACHES' MEETING: We will have a brief coaches meeting prior to the announcement of national qualifiers to provide you with details on NCFL Nationals, to establish the dues for next year, and to vote on our Treasurer for the next two years.

LUNCH: Students can purchase lunch at Shikellamy HS.

COST: Plan A - no charge. Plans B & C- \$2.00 per entry.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: All changes to your registration must be made by **Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.** We will be working out the schematics Wednesday night. Please make all changes prior to this deadline. Changes after **Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** will be assessed a \$5.00 nuisance fee per change. I suggest that you alert your students to that fee and charge them if they create changes!

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE TOPIC: Resolved: The illegal use of drugs ought to be treated as a matter of public health, not of criminal justice.

PUBLIC FORUM TOPIC: Resolved: The United States should promote the development of market rate housing in urban neighborhoods.

TIME SCHEDULE: Please note that times are approximate. We will do our best to keep things moving along.

Registration	8:00 – 8:30
Round 1 (IE/Debate)	9:00 – 10:00
Session 1 (Congress)	9:00 – 11:30
Round 2 (IE/Debate)	10:00 – 11:00
Round 3 (IE/Debate)	11:00 – 12:00
Round 4 (Debate)	12:00 – 1:00
Semi & Finals	2:00 – 4:00
Awards	4:15

TOURNAMENT MORNING REGISTRATION: In order to improve the efficiency of the registration process at the tournament site, we are asking all coaches to text Craig Specht before they leave their schools on the morning of the tournament, at (570) 850-5208, to let him know the status of their registration for the tournament. At that point, let him know of any student or judge drops or let him know that you have everyone.

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