

Jan. 19, 2012

To all CFL Speech and Debate Coaches:

The Maine CFL Diocese and Poland High School cordially invites all members of the Maine CFL organization to attend the National Qualifying Speech and Debate Tournament at Poland High School on Saturday, February 11, 2012. **Please read through all the information in the invitation carefully** in order to facilitate a safe and speedy tournament.

ENTRY LIMITS:

Since the diocese has **four** qualifiers this year in each category, the tournament will not have entry limits. There will be qualifiers in the following categories: Student Congress, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Extemporaneous Speaking, Oral Interpretation of Literature, Dramatic Interpretation of Literature, Duo Interpretation of Literature, Original Oratory, and Oratorical Declamation. There are no novice levels at this tournament. There is also no **double entering** at this tournament. Every attempt will be made to run every category, but if a category is not full the students who are entered into the category are the national qualifiers by default. However, All students should be prepared to compete during the tournament.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION:

Since CFL recognizes different competitive categories, a description of each category with differences noted follows:

Student Congress; Group assembly which debates legislation. There is not a Senate and a House designation. The students will debate the state /NFL docket.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Single individual value based debate. Uses the national resolution; RESOLVED; It is morally permissible for victims to use deadly force as a deliberate response to repeated domestic violence. (Jan/Feb. topic)

Public forum Debate: Team Debate centered on current event issues. Uses the national resolution: RESOLVED: Birthright citizenship should be abolished in the United States.

Please note that this is the Feb. topic.

Extemporaneous speaking: answers a question concerning either domestic and foreign current event topics. No note cards. Seven minutes in length.

Dramatic Interpretation of Literature: Selection that comes from a published source either dramatic or humorous in nature. Must have introduction, 5-10 minutes in length. Memorized.

Duo Interpretation of Literature: Form a published printed source with two or more characters. Five to ten minutes in length with an introduction. May be humorous or dramatic in content. Memorized.

Oral Interpretation of Literature; A program event with alternating rounds of poetry and prose. Delivered from a manuscript. Each student will do poetry twice and prose twice. First round determined at the tournament. Each selection is 5-10 minutes in length.

Original Oratory: Persuasive, memorized speech. Seven to ten minutes long with citations.

Oratorical Declamation: A memorized speech written and publicly delivered by another individual. This event is only opened to freshmen and sophomore competitors.

Coaches: It is the coaches responsibility to bring copies of all competitive material used by the students to the tournament in case of a challenge.

If you have any questions or want a more detailed description of the event and the judging criteria, please go to the National Catholic Forensics' League website.

REGISTRATION:

Registration must be made by **5:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, Feb. 8nd** to D'Arcy Robinson at PRHS in all categories (speech, debate, and student congress) via tabroom at <http://www.tabroom.com/index/index.mhtml>. **No adds** will be accepted after this time. Judges' names and area of expertise should also accompany the registration. Please make sure that students have their codes before they come to the tournament. Drops may be done via tabroom until 5:00 P.M. Friday evening, February 10th without fee or penalty. (Drops on tournament day result in a nuisance fee--fewer drops, fewer delays!). After 5 PM, please send drops via email to D'Arcy Robinson at drobinson@rsu16.org until 8PM. For drops on the day of the tournament please call D'Arcy at 998-5400 ex.457 or at 207-462-3059 as soon as possible. Judge drops and questions can be emailed to D'Arcy at drobinson@rsu16.org.

Registration will be from 8:00-8:30 in the front lobby. We will handle invoices during the tournament. Please call ahead with any last minute drops.

Student Congress: Please make sure that I have student names Wednesday, Feb. 8nd.

Important note: The students must be either in the café or in rounds. The tab room will be in the Information Center.

JUDGES:

Speech: One judge per three speakers, or any fraction thereof, is required to provide adequate tournament coverage. **Debate:** One judge is required for two debate entries.

Student Congress: Schools must provide one judge for every five student congress entry or fraction thereof.

Note: you must provide the speech judge for all four rounds of speech and debate. If an affiliated judge departs early with no one to cover the remaining rounds, the responsible team will be penalized accordingly!

FEES:

All speakers-\$7.00 per entry

Hired judge-\$50.00 per judge (if available)

Drops on tournament day will be assessed a \$10.00 nuisance fee per entry.

Checks and P.O.'s should be made out to:

D'Arcy Robinson, CFL Moderator.

1457 Maine Street

Poland, Maine 04274

AWARDS:

National Qualifying medals given to the four top contestants in each category. Two alternates will be recognized in case the national qualifier is unable to attend.

Tentative Schedule: Be early; This is tentative because there may need to be adjustments due to the number of entries. If possible, schedule will be tightened up so please tell students and judges to be flexible.

All students are guaranteed four rounds.

The day is scheduled as follows:

8:00-8:30 Registration check in (get there early)

8:45-9:00 Tournament meeting in theatre

9:15 Round One: All Events Student Congress session one

Rounds will be posted as quickly as possible. There will be a lunch break after round III.

Lunch: There will be lunch available for students in the café along with snacks. Coaches and judges will have lunch supplied in the coach's lounge.

Extemp Topics:

Topics similar to the ones used at the State Tournament.

Directions to the School:

Take Interstate 495 to the Gray-New Gloucester exit (60) for route 26. Take 26 North to PRHS which will be on the left side. It is just past the new Dunkin Donuts and Family Dollar and about nine miles from the exit.

One last note; Please respect the signs concerning food allergies in the building. We try to restrict peanut products to the cafe. Also, there is no food in the classrooms—water only.

We hope that we have covered all the bases. Feel free to call D'Arcy Robinson at any time if you have questions. We hope to make this a great CFL Tournament for all, and we hope that you will join us.

Sincerely,
D'Arcy F. Robinson, CFL Moderator

