

South Carolina Forensic Coaches Association

State Tournament

March 6-7, 2020

Southside HS in Greenville, SC

Dear Coaches and Teams,

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2020 SCFCA State Tournament to be held March 6-7 at Southside HS in Greenville. The tournament will begin Friday afternoon and will include 5 rounds of preliminary competition in all events followed by semifinal (in events that have large enough numbers) and finals. At the end of the tournament the state champions will be crowned as well as the top schools in 1A-5A divisions. We hope that each of you will make plans to take part in this big speech and debate event!

Registration is in Tabroom at <http://scfcstates.tabroom.com>

The following events will be offered:

Lincoln-Douglas Debate (novice and varsity divisions if number warrant)

Public Forum Debate (open division)

Congressional Debate

Extemporaneous Speaking

Impromptu Speaking

Original Oratory

Informative Speaking

Expository Speaking

Declamation (9th and 10th grade only)

Dramatic Interpretation

Humorous Interpretation

Duo Interpretation

Children's Literature

Novice Reading (first year only)

Program Oral Interpretation

Prose

Poetry

Registration Due in Tabroom.com by March 4 at 5 pm

Final Registration at Southside - Friday, March 6, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Opening Meeting for all – 4:15 pm at Southside Auditorium (Friday)

Round 1 for all events – 5:00 pm (Friday)

Round 2 for all events – 6:45 pm (Friday)

Round 3 for all events – 8:30 pm (Friday)

Round 4 for all events – 8:30 am (Saturday)

Round 5 for all events – 10:15 am (Saturday)

Semifinals 1:00 pm – (Saturday)

Finals 3:00 pm – (Saturday)

Awards Program – Saturday 6 pm at Southside

Please read the information that follows for more details.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at Southside!

President: Deanna Faircloth, Wade Hampton HS

Vice President (tournament host): Sonja Coppenbarger, Southside HS

Treasurer: Coralie Watkins, Greenville Technical Charter

Tournament Manager: Gail Nicholas, Bob Jones Academy

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Registration:

1. Schools may have unlimited entries as long as as required judges are provided.
2. Each competitor must have competed in at least two (2) South Carolina tournaments prior to the State tournament and during the 2019-2020 school year. This includes YIG and Mock Trial and does include a tournament in which the student worked.
3. Register at Tabroom.com

Double/Triple Entries:

1. There is no limit on the number of double entries per school. Any school that does not meet its judge's quota will be required to drop the appropriate number of entries at registration to meet its quota.
2. There is no limit on the number of triple entries. Any school that does not meet its judge's quota will be required to drop the appropriate number of entries at registration to meet its quota.
3. No Debate (LD, PFD, CX, Congress) participant may double enter.
4. Interp participants who double/triple enter must use a different selection for each event.
5. Extempers may double enter but not in DUO or any of the debate events.
6. Student entered in Novice Reading MAY double enter but must use different pieces.
7. Student who are double/triple entered must first go to the event in which they are posted highest.

Judging Requirements:

1. Each school must provide ONE judge regardless of numbers.
2. One judge for every six Speech entries
3. One judge for every six Congress entries.
4. One judge for every four LD entries
5. One judge for every three PFD teams.
6. One judge for every 2 CX teams (not offered this year)
7. Hired judges are very limited and must be requested in advance at a cost of \$75 each.
8. Large school are encouraged to find and designate unaffiliated judges for the tournament.
9. Small-School Bonus – to encourage small schools (under 10 entries) to bring an extra judge, the SCFCA will pay \$50 per day for each additional judge brought beyond the school's required quota. In order to receive this bonus, the extra judges must judge the entire tournament for that day – through the final rounds on Saturday. Small schools must pay the state dues. The extra judge money will be paid at the end of the tournament once the rounds have been judged.
10. All judges are obligated for all rounds.
11. All coaches should be aware that the following penalties will be imposed for no-show judges:
 - a. \$50 per round per no-show judge.

- b. A member school must pay all fines within 30 days after the tournament to be eligible for the 2021 tournament.
- 12. Judges will be entered into one of four judging pools – speech, LD, PFD, Congress – based on the individual’s ability to judge certain events. If an individual can judge in more than one pool, this should be noted in Tabroom.com. If a Congress judges is not used, he will be moved to the debate or speech pool for the tournament. Please note that a judge may count as a required judge in only one category.
- 13. A panel of three judges will be used in each break round if judge pool numbers allow. Panels of three judges MUST be used in Finals of each event.
- 14. When registering judges, use the comment section to mark the following judges:
(Please “clean out” any comments from previous tournaments.)
 - a. Parents – give the events that their children compete in.
 - b. College freshmen
 - c. Graduates of competing high schools who are judging for a different school.
 - d. Parliamentarians should be noted.
- 15. Please remind college judges that in order to maintain an appearance of fairness and maturity, they should spend their free time in the judges lounge rather than fraternizing with competitors.

Instructions for Judges:

1. Students must perform in the order they are posted unless double/triple entered. When a double/triple enter contestant arrives and you have already passed their speaking assignment, fit them in as the next speaker. DO NOT let them wait until last.
2. Students must compete in the room to which they are assigned. Please read postings out loud before beginning the round. Please be sure to begin each round on time. The round may begin without the double/triple entrants in the room who are posted lower (later) as they might be competing in their other event/s.
3. Make sure that you push the “start” button as the round begins. The tabroom will be watching for rounds to begin, so this is your signal to them that you are present and judging. Make sure at the end of the round you push “complete.”
4. A competitor whose piece runs more than 30 seconds over the time allotted cannot receive first place for that round (NSDA Rule). A greater penalty is given at the judge’s discretion.
5. Other than over time, time should NOT be a factor in judging.
6. Please be sure that sound is turned off on all beepers, phones, and other electronic devices during rounds.
7. Judges may not substitute for other judges from the same school without getting permission from the tab room. All judges changes must be made by the TAB room.
8. Judges should NOT observe during free rounds due to conflicts with later assigned rounds.
9. Decisions/results should not be revealed after rounds. Only the TAB room can announce results.

Fees and Fines: The following fee schedule has been approved for the 2020 Tournament. Please make sure that all debts with the SCFCA are paid from year to year.

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| 1. SCFCA Dues paid BEFORE March 6, 2020
(Make check to SCFCA and mail to Coralie Watkins
106 Seminole Drive Simpsonville, SC 29680-2420 | \$55 |
| 2. SCFCA Dues paid on March 6, 2020 | \$75 |
| 3. Entry fee per Single Event | \$15 |
| 4. Second/Third entry for a student | \$15 (per entry) |
| 5. Team Entry Fee (Duo and PFD) | \$30 |
| 6. Hired Judges | \$75 |
| 7. Any "No Show" Judge PER ROUND | \$50 |
| 8. Fine for each DROP after 5:00 pm Thursday, March 5
(instead of the \$15 entry fee) | \$20 |
| 9. \$200 Judges Bond (will be returned at the end of the tournament to each school that meets its
judging requirements). Please make a separate check to SCFCA. | |

Pairings:

1. Speech Events – five (5) random rounds, break to semi finals or final round based on the number of entries. The winners in speech events will be based on rolling cum's from round 1 through finals.
2. Debate (PD, PF, CX) – three (3) random rounds. Rounds 4 and 5 will be powered based on the computer program's set up (usually hi/lo within brackets). Break to quarter-final, semi-final, and final rounds based on the number of entries.
3. Congress – Three sessions (one Friday and two Saturday). The chambers will be determined by a random draw of the computer. School entries will be numerically separated into chambers as evenly as possible. Chamber lists will be available at the final registration.
4. Judges – one judge in preliminary rounds; three judges in break rounds. The exception to this might be quarters if the judge pool is not large enough. Two judges will be provided for each Congress session. One of these judges may also serve as a parliamentarian if numbers do not allow for a separate parliamentarian.

Event Number Requirements:

1. Events with fewer than six (6) entries by the March 4 deadline will not be offered. Schools that have entered dropped events will be notified immediately.
2. Events with two divisions will collapse into one division if:
 - a. There are fewer than 6 entries in either division (VLD and NLD; Prose and Poetry)
 - b. There are fewer than 4 entries in either division (NCX and VCX – but not offered this year)

Trophies:

1. We will award trophies to 1st-6th place in each speech event with over 12 entries.
2. Debate events will award trophies for quarters, semis and finals as offered.
3. The best Presiding Officer in each congressional chamber will receive a gavel but no sweepstakes points.
4. Sweepstakes trophies will be given to those schools that place 1st-6th overall.
5. One classification championship trophy per class will be given (A, AA, AAA, AAAA, AAAAA)
6. Only three trophies will be given in any consolation events offered.
 - a. 2019 – SPAR Debate
 - b. 2020 – SPAR Debate (registration will take place after Round 5)

Schedule of Events:

1. Please see the schedule posted above.
2. This schedule is TENTATIVE. Unexpected situations may later the scheduled times. Therefore, all coaches and competitors are responsible for being aware of any delayed or early postings. The forfeit rule will apply in all case with no exceptions.
3. Awards are scheduled for 6:00 pm on Saturday in the school auditorium. Please make sure all rides away from the high school arrive within 30 minutes of the end of the ceremony.

Concessions and Meals:

1. While there will be no scheduled dinner break for the Friday rounds, food will be available for students to purchase in the school cafeteria.
2. Food will also be provided on campus Saturday. (all teams should remain on campus both days in anticipation of early round postings)
3. ALL FOOD AND DRINK MUST REMAIN IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA/COMMONS AREA.
4. A hospitality lounge will be available to all coaches and judges throughout the tournament. Complimentary meals will be served to coaches and judges. The judges lounge is provided for judges and coaches only. Student must purchase meals/snacks at concessions.
5. The tournament schedule take priority over the meal schedule. Meals will be on the run.

Observers:

1. Any contestant may observe his own round – there will be no closed sessions.
2. A contestant will not be allowed to ask his/her fellow competitors to leave the room during a performance.
3. No observers will be allowed in LD, PF, or CX (not offered this year) until the final round.
4. All speech rounds will be open to observers who are not in the judge pool.
5. Coaches are asked to encourage their team members to observe the semi-final and final rounds of all speech events. However, room sizes may limit the number of observers.
6. Appropriate behavior is expected of all observers. Distracting or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.
7. Judges should NOT observe unless permanently released from the Judging Pool.