

**Washington Arlington Catholic Forensic League
Student Congress Metropolitan Championship Final Tournament
March 13 & March 14, 2020 @ BASIS Independent McLean
(8000 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102)**

Following are instructions for registering qualified students for Student Congress Metro Finals on Friday-Saturday, March 8-9 at Basis Independent McLean (8000 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102). **Please adhere to deadlines** and other instructions carefully. In order to ensure that students have a reasonable amount of time to prepare for Metro Final competition; **exceptions to this schedule or deadlines cannot be made.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION – ALL INFORMATION INCLUDING LEGISLATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE COACH. PLEASE NOTE: THE STEPS ARE DIFFERENT FROM PRIOR YEARS.

1. Registration will require three steps: (1) Each qualified student must be entered by the coach into the tournament on Tabroom.com **by 6pm eastern on 2/25/2020**. The appropriate number of qualified judges must also be entered by the coach into the tournament on Tabroom.com. (2) Each qualified student must submit one piece of legislation for use in the six preliminary rounds of the Metro Final tournament. (3) In addition, each school must submit one piece of legislation to be considered during the Metro Final Championship rounds. ***Coaches will upload legislation via Tabroom.com. It should not be emailed.***

All THREE steps above MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE DEADLINE in order for your students to be registered. Please ensure that your student's name and your school name are on the legislation. Only your school name should appear on the school legislation for the Metro Final Championship rounds.

Judge Requirements. You will need one (1) judge (with experience judging at least **two** (2) WACFL Student Congresses) for every **five** (5) students or fraction thereof. Each school must designate a judge to be available for the Metro Final Championship rounds, **even if no students from that school qualify for those rounds.**

2. Legislation may be on any topic of the student's choice. However, frivolous legislation, whether frivolous in topic choice or in treatment of a topic, will not be considered. In addition, **poorly written and incorrectly formatted legislation will not be selected.** Please make sure you examine the sample bill and resolution found on the WACFL website for the proper format. Also make sure your legislation contains the proper numbering. When there are duplicate topics, the best legislation will be selected for consideration at the Metro Final tournament.

In Tabroom.com, after you enter a student into the tournament, you will see a "Legislation" tab. By clicking on that tab, you will be able to upload the legislation for each student. You will need to provide a piece of legislation for each student and indicate if the legislation is Domestic, Economic, or International. As the coach, you want to make sure the legislation from your school is distributed across all three (3) categories.

In order to upload the piece of school-provided legislation for the Final Sessions, please enter a student with the first name of "LEGISLATION" and last name of your school. Then when uploading the legislation, please indicate the "School" category. **Legislation should be uploaded as PDFs.**

3. Metro Finals legislation will be posted on tabroom.com no later than the evening of Friday, February 28th.
4. Call-ups, if any, for the Metro Final tournament will begin February 25th.
5. Drop deadline for students is **Tuesday, March 10th at 9:00pm**. Any drop reported after that date **does not** relieve a school of judging obligations nor of Metro Final entry fees.
6. There is a fee of \$10.00 per student regardless of the dues option that your school has chosen. Please bring that fee with you to the Metro Final tournament.

METROFINAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

BASIS Independent McLean (8000 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA 22102)

Please note carefully the following information regarding procedures for the Metro Final Student Congress tournament.

1. **Please note that this is a two-day tournament.**
2. **Please note that registration times are firm.** We will begin promptly. If you are not there, we will begin without you and **you will be dropped from the competition.** A copy of the complete Metro Final tournament schedule is included herein.
4. Please ensure that students have their own copies of each piece of legislation. Do not expect the host school to make copies for you – the host is not obligated to do so. Come prepared.
5. Students must participate in **all** preliminary sessions of the Metro Final tournament in order to be eligible for qualification to the Grand National tournament of the NCFL.
6. Tournament Format:
 - In the Washington Metrofinal Championships there will be one house, holding six 1 hour and 15 minute sessions across Friday evening and Saturday morning. **Three speeches** are required during the six preliminary rounds in order to qualify for either the Metro Final round or for the NCFL Grand National Tournament.
 - In the Arlington Metrofinal Championships there will be two houses, holding three 1 hour and 15 minute sessions on Friday night. Two speeches are required to advance to the Arlington Final House on Saturday morning. The top half of each of the Arlington Semi-Final houses on Friday evening will advance to the Arlington Final Session on Saturday morning. The Arlington Final House will hold three 1 hour and 15 minute sessions on Saturday morning. Two speeches are required to advance from the Arlington Final House to the Metro Final round or for the NCFL Grand National Tournament. Only students who qualify for the Arlington Final House can qualify for the NCFL Grand National Tournament.
7. A seeding list determines who shall preside and who will be chairpersons of committees during the Metro Final tournament. Only those students with previous presiding officer experience this year will be eligible to act as presiding officers at the Metro Final tournament.
8. The top eight speakers from each diocese will compete in the Metro Final rounds. This “Super Session” of both Arlington and Washington competitors does NOT affect qualifications for NCFL Grand Nationals.
9. During the Metro Final Championship rounds, students must speak twice, or preside for one session and speak once, in order to qualify for an award.
10. Presiding officers for the Metro Final round will be chosen based on the seeding of the students who served as presiding officers during the preliminary rounds of the Metro Final tournament. One presiding officer will be chosen from the Arlington Diocese and one presiding officer will be chosen from the Washington Archdiocese. Ties will be broken by appeal to parliamentary score and then to speaker point scores.
11. **Six students from the Arlington Diocese and five students from the Washington Archdiocese** will qualify to the NCFL Grand National Tournament over Memorial Day weekend in Chicago, IL.

Metro Final Tournament Schedule
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Friday, March 13, 2020

Registration	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Committees	3:30 – 4:00
Rules Committee	4:00 – 4:10
Round 1	4:15 - 5:30
Dinner	5:30 – 6:15
Round 2	6:15 – 7:30
Round 3	7:45 – 9:00

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Re-Registration	8:30am - 8:45 a.m.
Round 4	8:45 - 10:00
Round 5	10:15 - 11:30
Round 6	11:45 - 1:00
Lunch	1:00 - 2:30
Announcements of Metro Final Round Qualifiers	2:30 p.m.
Metro Final Round Committees	2:45 - 3:00
Metro Final Round Session I	3:00 – 4:00
Metro Final Round Session II	4:15 – 5:15
Awards	6:00 p.m.

Resolution #657

Title

- 1 Whereas: State the current problem (this needs to be accomplished
2 in one brief sentence); and
- 3 Whereas: Describe the scope of the problem cited in the first
4 whereas clause (this clause needs to flow logically from
5 from the first); and
- 6 Whereas: Explain the impact of or the harms perpetuated by the
7 current problem (once again, the clause needs to flow in
8 a logical sequence).
- 9 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled
10 that: state your recommendation for dealing with the
11 problem (the resolution should be a clear call for action).

Respectfully submitted,

Maryland High School

Bill #643

Title

- 1 Article I: State the new policy to be adopted in a brief
2 declarative sentence, or in as few sentences as
3 possible.
- 4 Article II: Define any ambiguous terms inherent in Article I.
- 5 Article III: Indicate the implementation date.
- 6 Article IV: Name the government agency that will oversee the
7 enforcement of the bill along with the specific
8 enforcement mechanism.
- 9 Article V: State that all other laws that are in conflict with this
10 new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia High School