

2021 FGCCFL Grand Finals

Hosted on Tabroom and NSDA Campus

February 19-20, 2021

Events: All NCFL events. LD will use the January/February 2021 resolution. PFD will use the February 2021 resolution. Policy Debate will use the 2020-2021 national topic. **The top six (6) entries in each event will qualify to NCFL Grand Nationals.**

Entry Limits: No more than FOUR (4) entries per event. No double entries. No mavericks in PFD or Policy. Oratorical Declamation is limited to grades 9 and 10 (NCFL rule).

Qualifying: To qualify for Grand Finals, a school must have attended at least two (2) FGCCFL online tournaments (with at least one student completing all rounds), and each registered student must have attended at least one (1) FGCCFL tournament (completing all rounds).

Cost: \$15.00 per participating student. No charge for judges. Schools will be invoiced immediately after the tournament, with payment due to Paul Jannereth in the following week. Payments may be mailed or submitted online via PayPal.

Team Events in Same Room: All Duo teams, and those PFD and Policy teams who choose to compete with both team members in the same room, must have parents' or guardians' express permission to do so. Coaches will be required to attest to having obtained this permission by registering these teams in the "In Same Room" category as well as in their regular event.

Judge Obligations: One Speech judge for every four (4) entries. One Congress judge for schools with Congress entries. One LD/PFD judge for every two (2) entries. One Policy judge for each Policy team. Schools with Congress, Debate, and/or Policy entries must meet their full obligation on both days; coaches may assign judges for either or both days. Saturday judges MUST be available for the full day because break rounds and IE finals will be evaluated by panels of three, which will include coaches.

COACHES: Do not count yourself in your judge quota as we must be able to use you where needed! Judges should be cross-trained.

Technology Requirements: All participants (students, judges, and coaches) MUST have a laptop or desktop computer with a camera, microphone, headphones or speakers, reliable Internet access, and Google Chrome browser to access NSDA Campus. Participants must also have an active Tabroom account with an up-to-date email address and (for judges) cell phone number. The "No emails or texts" box in the profile MUST be unchecked to ensure that postings and messages can be delivered. All participants should test their accounts by logging into Tabroom <tabroom.com> and NSDA Campus <campus.speechanddebate.org> at least 24 hours before the tournament.

Registration for the Tournament

This tournament's Tabroom page is <<http://fgccflgrandfinals.tabroom.com/>>.

Only the head coach should register for the tournament. Registration will close **at 9 PM on Monday, February 15**. Registration WILL NOT be accepted after the deadline or by any means other than Tabroom unless directed to do so. Pay attention to your school registration for students in correct events, judges in correct pools, judge conflicts and availability, and IE script information. Qualifying information for schools must be furnished on the "Qualifying" tab, and qualifying information for students must be furnished as part their registration. **Providing all information required may take some time. PLAN AHEAD!**

Drops may be made online until Thursday, February 18, but will forfeit the registration fee. All other changes made after the close of registration but before Tournament Day must be reported to Paul Jannereth at <pjannereth@carrollwooddayschool.org>. Please have registration details confirmed before registering the team on Tabroom.

NOTE: The Executive Committee **will** levy additional tournament fees of \$25.00 for any dropped entry on Tournament Day (\$50.00 for hidden drops), and for any missing judge at call.

Tournament Day Registration (Online Check-In)

The head coach should sign into Tabroom and use the **Entries** button to check in. Any final changes must be reported at that time in the NSDA Campus room provided. Squad rooms will be open at 3:30 p.m. Friday and 7:00 a.m. Saturday for coaches to meet with their teams. **Coaches MUST be in attendance for the entire tournament.**

Judges should sign into the Judge Pooling room for their event and surname. Students should report to their assigned first round (or Extemp Prep) at the appropriate time.

NOTE: The schedule is posted on Tabroom. **Schools with Debate and/or Congress entries MUST be checked in by 4:30 p.m. on Friday** so that we may begin Judge Call at 4:45 and Round 1 at 5:00.

All schools MUST be checked in by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning so that we may begin Judge Call and Extemp Draw at 8:15 and Round 1 at 8:30. **Schools with Debate and/or Congress entries must check in again on Saturday morning.**

Student Congress Requirements

All schools with Student Congress entries **must** submit at least one (and at most two) satisfactory bills/resolutions (B/R) for consideration for the docket. All Congress entries will be waitlisted until satisfactory legislation from their school has been submitted and confirmed.

HOW TO SUBMIT: Legislation must be written using the templates on the FGCCFL website, saved in Microsoft Word (.docx) format, and uploaded to Tabroom no later than **9:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8**. The legislation will be reviewed, and a docket of 8 B/R plus supplemental and Super Congress legislation will be published on Wednesday, February 10.

ADVANCE REVIEW: Coaches only may request advance review of their legislation by emailing it to Josh Schneider <joshschneider@me.com>. Please allow 48 hours for a response.

PRESIDING OFFICERS: Coaches may designate any or all of their Congress entries as Presiding Officer nominees **by registering them in "Presiding Officer" as well as Student Congress.**

PARLIAMENTARIANS: In general, coaches will be assigned as Parliamentarians. However, schools with judges who are qualified to serve as Parliamentarians should indicate this by checking the "Qualified Parliamentarian" box.

Tournament Schedule

Friday, February 19

4:00-4:30 p.m. Online check-in; report changes to tab staff in the “Coaches’ Meeting” room

4:45 Judge Call (in Judge Pooling rooms)
5:00 **Round 1 – LD/PFD, Policy, Congress**
6:30 Judge Call
6:45 **Round 2 – LD/PFD & Congress**

Saturday, February 20

7:00-8:00 a.m. Online check-in; report changes to tab staff in the “Coaches’ Meeting” room

8:15 Judge Call (in Judge Pooling rooms)
Extemp Draw (all extempers **MUST** be in the online prep room until their speaking time)
8:30 **Round 1 – Speech** (Extemp @ 8:45)
Round 2 – Policy
Round 3 – LD/PFD & Congress
10:15 Judge Call
Extemp Draw
10:30 **Round 2 – Speech** (Extemp @ 10:45)
Round 4 – LD/PFD & Congress
12:00 Judge Call
Extemp Draw
12:15 **Round 3 – Speech & Policy** (Extemp @ 12:30)
1:45 Judge Call
Extemp Draw
2:00 **Round 4 – Speech** (Extemp @ 2:15)
Round 5 (Break Round) – LD/PFD
2:00-4:15 **Round 5 (Super Congress) – Congress**
3:30 Judge Call
Extemp Draw [if needed]
3:45 **Round 5 (Finals) – Speech** (Extemp @ 4:00) [if needed]
Round 6 (Break Round) – LD/PFD
Round 4 (Break Round) – Policy [if needed]
5:15 or ASAP Awards

Judges are expected to write their comments on the electronic ballot during the round.

Unless otherwise specified, allotted ballot return times (**from the START of the round**) are as follows:

- **LD, PFD, Extemp** – 55 minutes
- **Speech** – 1 hour 15 minutes
- **Congress, Policy** – 1 hour 40 minutes (Super Congress: 2 hours 30 minutes)