

2021 Gulf Coast Novice Championship

Hosted on Tabroom and NSDA Campus

April 17, 2021

Events: All NCFL events. LD will use the March/April 2021 resolution. PFD will use the April 2021 resolution. Policy Debate will use the 2020-2021 national topic.

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).

Novice Requirement: All contestants must be in their **first year** of high school forensic competition.

Cost: \$10.00 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 Individual Events judge for every four (4) IE and Congress entries. One Debate judge for every two (2) LD/PFD entries. One Debate judge for **each** Policy team. Senior (grade 12) students with at least 150 NSDA merit points on record may judge (and may receive 5 service points per round judged).

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. Cameras must be ON when competing or judging.**

Registration for the Tournament

This tournament's Tabroom page is <<http://fgcnovice.tabroom.com/>>. Registration opens March 9.

Only the head coach should register for the tournament. Registration will close **at 9 PM on Monday, April 12.** 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 IE script information.

Drops may be made online until Thursday evening 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 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 last name. Competitors should report to their assigned first round (or Extemp Prep) at the appropriate time.

NOTE: 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.

Student Congress Requirements

All schools with Student Congress entries **must** submit at least one satisfactory bill or resolution 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 Thursday, April 8**. A docket of 8-12 B/R (including supplemental legislation) will be published on Friday, April 9.

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.

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

Saturday, April 17

7:00-8:00 a.m. Online check-in; report changes to tab staff in the Coaches' 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 – All Events** (Extemp @ 8:45)

10:15 Judge Call
Extemp Draw

10:30 **Round 2 – All Events** (Extemp @ 10:45)

12:45 Judge Call
Extemp Draw

1:00 **Round 3 – All Events** (Extemp @ 1:15)

2:45 Judge Call
Extemp Draw

3:00 **Round 4 – All Events except Policy** (Extemp @ 3:15)

5:00 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** – 1 hour
- **Speech** – 1 hour 20 minutes
- **Congress, Policy** – 1 hour 40 minutes