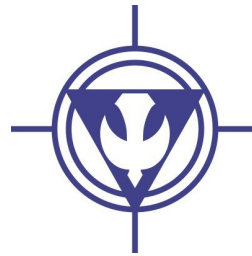


National Catholic Forensic League
Charlotte Diocese
cltspeechanddebate.org



Dear Coaches,

The Charlotte Diocese of the National Catholic Forensic League is excited to invite you to the CFL of Charlotte November Qualifier Tournament on Saturday, November 6th, 2021.

Given that there are fewer opportunities for competition this year, we have established this tournament as an opportunity for students to earn qualification to the NCFL National Tournament in 2022. For more information about qualification procedures, please visit our website at www.cltspeechanddebate.org.

This tournament is also open to competitors outside of the Charlotte Diocese, provided they meet all tournament entry requirements.

We will host competition in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Student Congress, Dramatic Performance, Duo Interpretation, Oral Interpretation of Literature (Program Oral Interpretation), Original Oratory, Oratorical Declamation, and Extemporaneous Speaking. We will offer four rounds of preliminary competition in all events, with 2 sessions of preliminary competition in Congressional Debate.

All speech and debate events will be held live via NSDA Campus. We will also serve as a Tarheel Forensic League state bid qualifier.

We hope that you will join us for an exciting day of competition! Please review each section of this invitation carefully for information about events, rules, schedules, and registration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the tournament director at megans.butt@cms.k12.nc.us. We look forward to seeing you in February!

Sincerely,

Christopher Harrow
League Moderator

Scott Bennett
Board of Directors

Keith Pittman
Board of Directors

Michael Bischoff
Board of Directors

Megan Butt
Board of Directors

Registration

Online registration will open in early October on Tabroom.com. All competitor and judge entries should be made through your team's Tabroom account. Online registration will close for added students on November 1, 2021, and will close for all drops, name changes, and judge registration on November 3, 2021.

Final registration will take place on Tabroom.com on November 5, 2021. This registration is for confirmation and last-minute changes to judges or entries.

We request that any late entry changes after the close of online registration (drops/adds/name switches) be emailed to megans.butt@cms.k12.nc.us or texted to (704) 254-1267.

Independent entries must email a letter of permission on school letterhead signed by an administrator to megans.butt@cms.k12.nc.us acknowledging the students who may participate and an authorized adult contact no later than November 1, 2021. Non-approved entries will be rejected.

Entry Fees

Entry fees will be \$10 per entry. Duo Interpretation and Public Forum entries will be \$20.

Thank you to the North Mecklenburg HS Speech & Debate Booster for facilitating payments for this CFL of Charlotte competition. If you have questions about payment or need to submit proof-of-payment, please email michaelj.bischoff@cms.k12.nc.us.

Please make all checks payable to NMHS Speech & Debate Booster.

Please mail all checks or submit a photograph of a check as proof-of-payment prior to the start of competition:

NMHS Speech & Debate Booster
P.O. Box 883
Huntersville, NC 28070

Judging

We value high-quality competition and take judging very seriously. We will only accept judges who are high school graduates (no current students). Please ensure that all judges are qualified and any first-time judges are fully trained on their role, how to adjudicate rounds, and how to use online ballots.

Judge Quotas:

- Individual Events: 1 judge per 4 entries
- Public Forum Debate: 1 judge per 2 entries
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate: 1 judge per 2 entries
- Congressional Debate: 1 judge per 5 entries

We will not offer judges for hire this year. Schools must cover all entries with adequate judging in order to be able to compete. **In the event that a school cannot cover its judging obligation, we will drop entries from the tournament.**

We will be using electronic balloting through Tabroom.com in all events. All judges must have access to an electronic device with Internet connectivity (we suggest a laptop computer) and an account on Tabroom.com that is linked to their school prior to the beginning of the tournament.

Event Guidelines

All events will follow NSDA event rules found in the High School Event Rules section of the NSDA Unified Manual unless otherwise noted here.

Electronics Policy:

Students may use the Internet in Congressional Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, and during Extemporaneous Speaking Prep. **Students may use the Internet to access files and evidence, but may not use the Internet to communicate with any other person.** Any student found to be communicating electronically during competition will be disqualified.

Congressional Debate:

The tournament will provide a legislation packet for competitors to be made available on Tabroom no later than 1 month prior to the tournament. We will hold two preliminary rounds and, if entries permit, a final session. We will utilize the “direct questioning” format in competition.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

The tournament will be using the **November/December topic** for Lincoln-Douglas published by the NSDA. The event will follow all NSDA time limits and evidence rules. Sides will be pre-assigned in all rounds and high-low power matched after round 2. Speaker points will be assigned in increments on a scale of 20-30. Points may tie between speakers but low-point wins are not permitted in Lincoln Douglas.

Public Forum Debate:

The tournament will be using the **November/December topic** for Public Forum published by the NSDA. The event will follow all NSDA time limits and evidence rules, including the new NSDA rules for summary (3 minutes) and preparation time (4 minutes). Sides will be “flip” in all rounds. All round assignments will be high-low power matched after round 2. Speaker points will be assigned to individual speakers in increments on a scale of 20-30. Points may be tied between individual speakers and between teams. Low-point wins are not permitted in Public Forum.

Individual Events:

All individual events will follow NSDA rules with the exception of Declamation, which will follow published NCFL rules. All individual events will feature four preliminary rounds of competition. Individual events will feature Open competition with the exception of Declamation, which is limited to 9th and 10th grade students. Competitors in individual events may enter up to two (2) events but should be aware that in order to stay on schedule, no rounds will be held past their scheduled end time to allow double-entered students to compete.