
**CHARLOTTE LATIN FORENSICS
2014-2015 FREE SCRIMMAGE SERIES INVITATION**



Fellow Coaches,

Hello! I want to take a moment to invite you and your students to join us at Charlotte Latin for another series of free, after-school scrimmages that we'll be hosting this year. This concept, pioneered by Lynne Coyne and Dan Jewett during their tenures at Lexington and Manchester Essex respectively, provides students with additional interscholastic practice rounds in a low pressure, zero-cost environment. We at Latin are excited to offer these scrimmages as a service to the forensics community in our area. So, please join us! We look forward to useful practice and good fellowship here on our campus among the forensics community.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Peele".

Jonathan Peele
Director of Forensics

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Scrimmage Dates & Times: Tuesday, September 16, 2014; Thursday, October 16, 2014; Tuesday, November 18, 2014; Tuesday, January 27, 2015; Thursday, February 19, 2015; and Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Final registration takes place at 3:50 PM. Two rounds of each event will be held (one session of Congress), running on a staggered schedule from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Events Offered: Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Congressional Debate, Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, and Duo Interpretation. No double entry is permitted. "Maverick" entry is not permitted in partnered events, though the tournament director may allow teams of three if extenuating circumstances are explained upon final registration.

Place: Registration takes place in the Horne Performing Arts Center lobby on the campus of Charlotte Latin School, 9502 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC, 28227. Students and judges will be directed to their lounge area (which may vary by date) from the final registration table.

Food: Two slices of cheese pizza and bottled water will be available to all attendees for \$5.00. Otherwise, all attending competitors, judges, and coaches should plan to bring a snack or dinner.

Rules and Resolutions: The tournament will use NFL rules and debate the varsity resolution corresponding to the month of the tournament, except in September/October when we will use the novice LD resolution. Congress legislation will be announced and posted at least one week in advance of each scrimmage. The use of manuscripts in interpretive events and notes in Extemporaneous Speaking and Original Oratory is allowed. Students of any experience level are permitted to enter, though coaches are encouraged to consider using their most experienced students as judges.

Registration: Enter online via tabroom.com, closing at 2:00 PM on the Friday prior to each scrimmage. Due to the heavy use of our campus in the evenings, space will be very limited (approximately 20 classrooms). Waitlists may be established and will be cleared as space permits immediately following the close of registration. Please understand that names placed on any waitlist should actually be available to attend. Hoarding of entries or otherwise manipulating the registration system will result in the offending school's invitation being revoked for future scrimmages.

Judging Ratios: One judge per two teams or fraction thereof calculated independently in each of Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, or Public Forum debate. One judge per four entries or fraction thereof calculated by combined entry in Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, and Duo Interpretation. One judge per eight entries or fraction thereof in Congressional Debate. Varsity students having attained at least the NFL Degree of Excellence (150+ points) are encouraged to attend as judges. Judging requirements will be strictly enforced. It is an absolute, non-negotiable certainty that any students entered beyond those covered by a school's registered judges will be denied. Extra judges beyond these requirements are welcomed and appreciated. Schools that habitually drop significant numbers of entries at final registration due to judging shortfalls will not be invited to attend future scrimmages.

Observers: Schools are encouraged to bring new students to watch rounds. All rounds are open to observers so long as they are a respectful audience. No competitor, judge, parent, or coach shall request that observing students be denied entry to a round, be denied the ability to flow the round, or be denied the ability to take said flow with them at the conclusion of the round. Scouting is strongly encouraged.

Supervision Requirements and Liability Release: It is essential that each attending school have a chaperone that is a legal representative of that school and that the participation of that school has been approved by its administration. Parent volunteers, unless in possession of a letter signed by the school principal authorizing them as a legal chaperone, are not adequate to meet this requirement. Charlotte Latin reserves the right to deny entry to any students, parents, and coaches who cannot demonstrate that their school has met this requirement. Entry via tabroom.com further indicates that the attending students, their parents, and their school take full responsibility for their participation in this program, assume all risks involved in said trip, and agree to hold Charlotte Latin School harmless for any accident, regardless of degree, and any injury incurred to said attendees to, from, and during said tournament, and do fully release Charlotte Latin School for any liability therefore.

Competitor Attire: Casual, though students are free to wear tournament attire should they so choose.

Results and Ballots: Records, ranks, and speaker points will be recorded as appropriate in each event. Judges are strongly encouraged to write exhaustive, constructive comments. Disclosure and oral critiques are strongly encouraged at the conclusion of each round (including in speech events), time permitting. There will be no awards given at the conclusion of the scrimmage.

Fees: All entries are free. No hired judging is available.

Questions and Contact: Please feel free to contact Jonathan Peele, Director of Forensics at Charlotte Latin School, via email jpeepe@charlottelatin.org, office 704.846.1100 x770, or home/cell at 910.273.7798.