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# NCFL Diocesan League Directors Spring Meeting 2022

May 21

Virtual On-Line, Not in DC  
(But moving in that direction soon!)



All Times in This Presentation Are EDT



# Agenda

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- President's Report – Susan Peebles
- Elections
- Tournament Update
- Upcoming National Tournaments
- Fall Meeting, Sept 23-24, Louisville, KY
- Questions



# NCFL 2022

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***Things That Are Like In The Past***



# Competition Sites

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## **Saturday:**

- Policy, LD, PF, DEC, OO, EXT on the floor of Convention Center
- OI in hard rooms at Convention Center and Marquis
- DP, DUO in hard rooms at the Marquis
- Congress at the Hyatt
- Lunch is in Convention Center, Exhibit Hall C, Cash-and-Carry

## **Sunday:**

- Policy & Speech Elims at the Marquis
- PF & LD Elims at the Renaissance
- Congress at the Hyatt



# By-Laws Updates

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- Reminder that LD & PF are double-flighted on Saturday, with a Play-In Round (on Sunday) as specified in the ByLaws
- Internet Connectivity now allowed in Congress and Extemp Prep
- Smaller Congress Chambers, Breaking to Semis, then Finals



# Internet

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- Provided at all sites
- Do NOT use it to stream video or music ... Use your own cell connections for that
- We must prioritize internet for judges so they can submit ballots
  
- You CANNOT Connect to persons outside the competition/prep room during a round ...
  - Do not text/communicate with coaches, assistants, etc outside



# Power

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- All Policy & PF Teams should bring one power strip with at least 4 outlets
- All LD Debaters should bring one power strip with at least 3 outlets
- This will allow each debater and 2 judges to plug into each strip from each side
- All Speech judges should bring a strip with at least 2 outlets to use in Rounds on Saturday as needed



# Notifications: APP & LiveDocs

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- Download the APP
- Updates will be sent out through the APP
  - Search APP STORE and PLAY STORE for NCFL
- Speech and Debate Events will have LiveDocs, like last year
  - Pay attention to Event Specific updates in those
- Student Congress will push updates and announcements via their web page
- Event Chairs should remember to put the event in the subject line when they push out TABROOM announcements



# Service Project

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## Martha's Table

- This year, our hosts in the Washington/Arlington Diocese have selected Martha's Table to be the beneficiary of the NCFL's annual service project. Martha's Table:
  - Works to support stronger children, stronger families, and stronger communities by increasing access to quality education programs, healthy food, and family supports.
  - Believes that every child deserves the opportunity for their brightest future and a deeply engaged family and community committed to their success.
- We would like to help them accomplish that goal!

Donation Link:

<https://marthastable.networkforgood.com/projects/160178-martha-s-table-national-catholic-forensic-league-s-fundraiser>



# NCFL 2022

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## ***Things That Are Different***



# Getting Help

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- An On-Line NCFL Help Desk will be available throughout the weekend
  - All questions can go here, they'll refer out as needed to others
- Judges or Students with Missing Judge, Missing Kid, Conflict, or Room Problems can text their Tab Team directly ... Numbers in LiveDocs
- WACFL Host Volunteers will be in Red STAFF Shirts throughout the weekend, at all locations
- No "Dance Cards" distributed ... Everything is On-Line



# Judge Training

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- Speech Tab will do On-Line Judge Training on Monday, 5/23.
- All of the Events will do a Ballot Test on Friday for all judges.
- Equity & Bias Training for all Judges will be available this week.



# Registration

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A **Two-Tiered** On-Line "Start of Tournament" Registration approach

- **Local League Directors MUST Email [NCFL@TABROOM.com](mailto:NCFL@TABROOM.com) or Zoom (link TBD) that everything is set with their League's Registration**, or they can use those same resources if they have problems or questions.
  - **Thursday - beginning at 9am and completed by 9pm (EDT)**
- Coaches can Email [NCFL@TABROOM.com](mailto:NCFL@TABROOM.com) or Zoom (link TBD) if they have problems or questions with their team registration once their Local League Director has confirmed per above.
- League Directors and Coaches MAY stop by **Marquis Salon 12-13** on Thursday afternoon or Friday, between 9 and 6 if there are questions or concerns.
- Coaches MUST stop by **Marquis Salon 12-13** on Friday, between 9 and 6 if they have not been able to resolve registration problems via Zoom or Email. Diocesan Directors must be informed of any registration discrepancies.
- **Once School Registration is correct, Coaches must click the "Here" Button online to confirm they are on site and their school (entries and judges) is ready to go.**
  - **Friday - beginning at 9am and schools MUST check in by 6pm (EDT)**



# Health & Safety - VaccineCheck

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## **VaccineCheck**

- Thanks for your cooperation
- We are 95% Vaccinated !!
- The other 5% MUST Upload a Negative Test Result on Friday, May 27 between 11am and 11pm

## **Wristbands**

- Indicate the VaccineCheck process has been completed
- Must be worn inside our Competition Spaces ...
  - Ballroom Levels of Marquis, Renaissance, Hyatt;
  - The Convention Center
- League Directors, Coaches, or their designee, pick them up at the Marquis on Friday, from 12pm – 8pm
  - Designate alternate persons to pick-up using the form in the APP
- Coaches or Individuals pick them up at the Marquis on Saturday, between 6:30am and 9:30am



# Health & Safety - Masks

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## Masks

- Must be worn by everyone ... Students, Judges, Coaches, Staff
- No particular style is required, but the mask must cover nose and mouth
  - Recommend: multi-layer KN-95/N-95 style
- Must be worn all the time in our Competition Spaces, including elevators
  - Except when ...
    - Speaking / Presenting
      - ◆ But during Cross-Ex and Partner "chatter" masks must be worn by all
    - Eating / Drinking in designated lounge spaces
- If in a round, remove your mask to take a drink, but put it back
- A student can choose to wear their mask during their speech
  - Judges will not deduct points or comment on it
- Outside of Competition Spaces ... Follow your own school rules



# Health & Safety - Enforcement

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## **Mask & Wristband Enforcement**

- If you see someone without a wristband, please inform STAFF
- If you see someone without a mask, please remind them
- Judges in rounds, please remind each other and students as needed
- Students in rounds, remind other students, if you have a concern about a judge, please text your Event Tabroom's HELP line for assistance
- After multiple reminders for non-compliance, that student/judge/observer will be dismissed from the facility and the tournament



# Health & Safety – Reducing Crowds

## *Eliminating As Much Crowding As We Can*

- We are not holding In-Person Registration
- Saturday Lunch is in Convention Center Exhibit Hall C
  - Can eat it there, take it back to your hotel room, or take it outside
- We are not holding a Public Mass
  - It will be provided online on Saturday evening
  - And the recording will be posted after that
- We are not holding a Postings Party
  - Postings will be provided online as soon as they are all ready
- In Speech Rounds, after your speech, if you are more comfortable, you can leave the room. You are not required to stay, and won't be penalized.



# Health & Safety – Reducing Meetings

## *Eliminating As Many of Our Meetings As We Can*

- We are not holding Opening Meetings on Saturday
  - All information will be distributed via LiveDocs
  - Some events may do Pre-Recorded Meetings
- There is a Judges' Lounge at the Convention Center in Room 146-ABC
- There are Student Lounges:
  - At the Convention Center in Rooms 145-AB and 147-AB
  - At the Marquis in Marquis Ballroom Salon 5-6
- We are not holding Judge Calls on Sunday.
  - Pairings and Assignments will be distributed via Tabroom.com
  - Stand-By Judges for a Pool will gather in the Judge Stand-By Rooms for each event



# Health & Safety – NO Observers

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## **NO Observers in Preliminary Rounds or Elims Until Semis/Finals**

- On Saturday ... No Observers In Any Rounds At All ... None
  - Not coaches, not assistants, no family members, no kids tagging along with parents judging
  - Seriously no one ... We aren't even putting extra chairs in most of the rooms
- On Sunday ... No Observers in Play-Ins, Doubles, Octos, or Quarters
- On Sunday ... Observers Are Allowed in SemiFinals of Speech, PF, LD, or Policy
  - But Not in Semis of Congress
- On Sunday ... Observers Are Allowed in Finals of All Events
  - Limited Seating in Semis & Finals ... Do not crowd, you must be in a chair or you will be asked to leave the round.



# Health & Safety – Before Awards

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- Using FlipGrid again to allow students receiving trophies to record the pronunciation of their names on Sunday afternoon prior to Awards
  - Opens Sunday morning around 10am.
  
- There are NO Diocesan League Packets at all:
  - Debate Medals for Double-Octo-Finalists can be picked up in their event Tab Rooms
  - Congress Medals for Semi-Finalists can be picked up in the Congress Tab Room
  - Speech Medals for Octo-Finalists can be picked up in Marquis Rose Garden Room after 12pm on Sunday until 4pm



# Health & Safety – Awards

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- Attending Awards on Sunday evening is Voluntary
- If you do not want to attend, you can pick up your Award, 9:30-10:30pm on Sunday night in Marquis Salon 4
- Reduced seating capacity
- Masks will be required throughout the Awards Ceremony
- No hand-shakes at presentation



# Health & Safety - Well Being

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## **A Positive COVID Result or feeling unwell:**

- If you test positive for COVID-19, or are not feeling well on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, please do not enter the Competition Spaces or other common areas.
- If you have a fever, cough, trouble breathing, loss of smell or taste, or other symptoms, please contact your coach and follow your school's protocols immediately.
- Coaches should notify the appropriate Tab Room if a student/coach/judge or observer has to withdraw because they are not feeling well.
- Please make your health and the health of our community a priority.



# Tab Room Locations

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## **Saturday:**

- Speech @ Convention Center, Room 152-B, Report at 8:30am
- Policy @ Convention Center, Room 153, Report at 7am
- PF @ Convention Center, Room 154-A, Report at 7am
- LD @ Convention Center, Room 154-B, Report at 7am
- Congress @ Hyatt, Washington Boardroom, Report at 7am
- Protest, Marquis, Salon 14, Report at 9am
- Equity Advocates, Marquis, Salon 15, Report at 7:30am

## **Sunday:**

- Speech @ Marquis, Salon 12-13, Report at 8:30am
- Policy @ Marquis, Capitol Hill Board Room, Report at 7am
- PF @ Renaissance, Dumbarton Oaks Room, Report at 7am
- LD @ Renaissance, Foundry Branch Room, Report at 7am
- Congress @ Hyatt, Washington Boardroom, Report at 6:45am
- Protest, Marquis, Salon 14, Report at 8am
- Equity Advocates, Marquis, Salon 15, Report at 7:30am



# Closing Items

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**Future Tournaments**

**Upcoming Schedule for This Week**

**Next Fall Meeting**



# Future Tournaments

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- 2023 – Louisville, KY
- 2024 – Chicago, IL (rescheduled from 2020)
- 2025 – Chicago, IL
- 2026 – Washington, DC
- 2027 – Minneapolis, MN (rescheduled from 2021)
- 2028 is open for bid next year, in 2023



# Upcoming Schedule

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## Scheduled Activities This Week:

- Speech Judge's Meeting (encouraged, but optional), **Monday, 8pm EDT**
- All Speaker and Judge Codes Finalized on Monday - **Do Not Distribute before then!**
- Diocesan League Registration, On-Line, Thursday, May 26, 9am – 9pm
- School Registration, On-Line, Friday, May 27, 9am – 6pm
- Friday Wristband Pick-Up, Marquis, 12noon – 8pm
- Saturday Wristband Pick-Up, Marquis, 6:30am – 9:30am
- Flip for OI Posted on the APP, Friday, May 27, approximately 6:00pm
- Congress Chambers Released in Tabroom, Saturday, May 28, approximately 7:00am



# Next Fall Meeting

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**Louisville, KY**

**September 23 - 24, 2022**

**Hope to see you there!!!!**