

2025 FGCCFL JAS Grand Finals
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PLEASE READ THIS INVITATION CAREFULLY!

This is the qualifying tournament for NCFL Grand Nationals in Chicago. It has different registration requirements and a significantly different schedule than FGCCFL's regular All Events tournaments. *Pay close attention to deadlines and requirements.*

Tournament Information

Events and Entry Limits: All NCFL events. No more than **FOUR entries** per event. No double entries. LD will use the **March/April resolution**. PFD will use the **March resolution**. Declamation is limited to students in grades 9-10.

Eligibility: To be eligible to attend Grand Finals, member schools must have competed in *at least two* 2024-2025 FGCCFL tournaments, and students must have competed in *at least one* 2024-2025 FGCCFL tournament.

Schedule Note: All events will be held all day Saturday only. An updated schedule will be provided before the tournament.

Fees: \$40.00 per competitor including host/meal fees PLUS an additional \$10.00 meal fee for each judge. Fees can be paid via PayPal (@payfgccfl), check for the full amount (payable to FGCCFL), or cash. All fees must be paid in full by the tournament's fourth round. Late payments are no longer accepted.

Food: Closed campus (FGCCFL rule). No one may leave campus for meals, and no one may have meals delivered during the tournament. Meals are automatically ordered for students and judges as part of registration; one complimentary lunch will be provided to each school for the head coach. **Coaches must order all vegetarian meals on Tabroom.**

Judging requirements:

- Policy: One (1) judge for each Policy team
- Speech/Congress: One (1) judge per four (4) entries or fraction thereof
- LD and PFD: One (1) judge per two (2) LD or PFD entries or fraction thereof

Schools must meet their judge quotas, regardless of the date and venue changes. All judges must be available through the final round, even if the school's entries are no longer competing. We will use three-judge panels for IE events with 12+ entries [requiring a Final Round]; Debate Elimination Rounds; and Super Congress.

COACHES: Do NOT count yourself in your judge quota as we must be able to use you where needed. All coaches should be prepared to serve as Parliamentarians, supervise Extemp Prep, and/or judge paneled break rounds. Judges should be cross-trained in all events within their division. Remember to list conflicts (by STUDENT FULL NAME) in the "Judge Notes" space on Tabroom. At least one Speech/Congress judge should have no entry conflicts in Congress.

Electronic Balloting: This tournament will use Tabroom electronic ballots IN ALL EVENTS. Judges must have a linked Tabroom account and provide a suitable connected device (laptop or tablet). Paper ballots will be available in the event of equipment failure or network outage.

Registration for the Tournament

Go to <http://fgccflgf.tabroom.com/>. Be sure to register for the correct tournament. Registration must be submitted online by the head coach only. Registration will not be accepted after the entry deadline or by any means other than Tabroom unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee. Pay attention to your school registration for students in correct events, judges in correct divisions/pools, and total meal orders. Please confirm your registration before registering the team on Tabroom.

Schools must REGISTER new entries and judges, CONFIRM previously registered entries and judges, and or DROP entries no longer able to compete.

The entry deadline for Grand Finals is 9 p.m. EST on Thursday, March 6. Tabroom will stop accepting registrations at that time. Ensure sufficient time to complete your registration by the entry deadline.

Coaches must have set up team and judge rosters on Tabroom before attempting to register. All students and judges must set up their own Tabroom accounts.

Additional Registration Requirements

Title/Publication Requirements for IE: *It is the affirmative obligation of all FGCCFL coaches to ensure that all materials in interpretation events are available and readily accessible to all members of the League.* Coaches must provide sufficient publication information to enable the League to confirm that their students' IE pieces meet the availability requirement. This may include ISBNs, URLs, and/or other publication or bibliographic information. Specifically:

- For Original Oratory, provide the title of the speech. A printed copy of the text of the speech must be available at Grand Finals.
- For Dramatic Performance and Duo Interpretation, provide title, author, and appropriate publication information (URL for public, non-paywalled websites; publisher, date, and ISBN/ISSN for most other sources). If publication information cannot be provided, the coach must furnish a receipt for the purchase of the work. A physical copy of the source (or a photocopy including the title page, recto and verso) must be available at the Grand Finals.
- For Oral Interpretation of Literature, enter the prose and poetry *program titles* (or single work titles) in Tabroom's Title field, separated by a slash: *Go Carolina / Poetry of WWI*. Then enter complete bibliographic citations (MLA or APA) for *each work* used in both programs in the Bibliography field. In addition, a physical copy of each source (or a photocopy including the title page, recto and verso) must be available at the Grand Finals.
- For Oratorical Declamation, provide the title of the speech in Tabroom's title field and information about the date, place, and circumstances of the speech's initial delivery in the Bibliography field. This takes the form of a simple statement, a URL, and/or a bibliographic citation. A physical copy of the text of the speech must be available at the Grand Finals; a photocopy of a published work must include the title page, recto and verso.

Legislation Requirements for Congress: Each school entering Student Congress **MUST** submit at least one (1) piece of satisfactory legislation. Schools may submit up to four (4) items of legislation, but no student may sponsor more than one (1) item. As used herein, "satisfactory" means legislation that:

- (i) represents a valid legislative response to a timely and significant issue of national interest;
- (ii) is written using the approved FGCCFL legislation template and submitted as a Microsoft Word document; *and*
- (iii) has not previously appeared on the docket for an FGCCFL tournament.

Congress entries will be waitlisted until at least one (1) item of legislation from the school has been uploaded to Tabroom, reviewed, and deemed satisfactory. Admission of students to the tournament does not guarantee placement of legislation on the Grand Finals docket. Unless a bill's author has dropped from the tournament, we will move forward with the legislation already uploaded. Coaches must only upload NEW legislation.

Coaches may email NEW legislation to Jym Froelich <James.Froelich@sarasotacountysschools.net> for review (*highly recommended*); allow 48 hours for a response. This is not a substitute for uploading the legislation to Tabroom.

The Congress docket, including Super Congress legislation, preliminary session chamber assignments and seating charts will be published within 24 hours of the close of registration.

Changes After the Deadline

Drops may be made online until 9 p.m. on Monday, March 10. All other changes made after the entry deadline but before the start of the tournament must be emailed to Jym Froelich <James.Froelich@sarasotacountysschools.net>, Dr. Terri St John <tessspeak@aol.com>, AND Hunter Sexton <Hunter.Sexton@sydneygrp.com>. Schools will forfeit fees for all drops made after the entry deadline.

PLEASE NOTE: The Executive Committee will levy additional tournament fees of \$25.00 for any dropped entry not declared before noon on Friday, March 14, and for each registered, but missing judge.

Tournament Day Registration (7:15-7:45 a.m.)

Only the head coach should proceed through the registration line. Coaches should have invoice and registration forms printed from Tabroom and correct fees in check/large bills or paid online via the website.

Head coaches should report to the Tab Room in the Media Center (Building 11). Please follow signs straight back after entering through gate. Students will report to the Auditorium. Judges will report to their Lounge in the Media Center. (There will be students and signs to point you in the right direction.) Schools **must** register by the end of the registration windows above. Announcements will begin at 8 a.m., followed by postings/judge calls and rounds.

Directions

FROM THE SOUTH/DALE MABRY BLVD: Follow I-75N and FL-618 toll/Selmon Expressway to US-92W/W Gandy Blvd in Tampa. Take exit 1B from FL-618 toll. Travel south on Dale Mabry Highway, take a right onto Mango Avenue. Continue west on Mango and turn left (south) onto Lois Avenue. Robinson is immediately on your right. Continue past the main campus building, then take the slight right turn into the student parking lot. Volunteers will be present to help guide visitors.

The FGCCFL Grand Finals Tournament is committed to providing a safer, more inclusive speech and debate competition. To that end, we will offer a Belonging and Inclusion Station as a tournament resource to provide interpersonal support to anyone who feels that an element of the tournament has excluded them. The BIS will also safeguard any concerns about behavior that violates our harassment and discrimination policy.

Anyone seeking interpersonal support or needing to raise concerns about harassment and discrimination may visit our Belonging and Inclusion Advocate Jym Froelich in the Tab Room.