



20 May 2025

Dear Diocesan Directors and Tab Room Personnel:

Thank you for your commitment to the students of the NCFL. Before I get into the details, I want to take a moment to put us all in the right mindset for the task ahead of us. We recognize that everyone is going through any variety of stresses in their lives outside of our tournament, and we want to start by acknowledging that and letting that understanding lead our actions and our words throughout the weekend. We want to emphasize meeting all the Tournament Participants with grace and kindness. We want to provide a place they can focus on the activity and be greeted with genuine support and appreciation. The tab staffs set the tone, and the way we meet our members can change their experience. Each time we speak with a tournament attendee, it is important to recognize that we do not know where they are coming from and what they are bringing with them to the interaction. Our job is to meet them with understanding and grace.

On the attached sheets you will find your Tab Room staff assignments. If you foresee any difficulty with your assignment, please contact me immediately by email at [rburdett@ncfl.org](mailto:rburdett@ncfl.org). The assignment presumes that you will be present. If the person representing your League is someone other than you, please pass this letter on to the appropriate person and let me know.

On Saturday, all Policy Debate, L-D Debate, Public Forum Debate, and Student Congress tab personnel should plan to report to your tab room locations at 6:45am, about 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the rounds for that event. Extemp Prep personnel should report to the Extemp Prep Room at 7:15am, about 45 minutes prior to the first round draw time. Individual events personnel should be at the tab room at 7:30am, about 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start for Round 1. All tab room locations are noted in the attached pages.

Please approach your assignment with the highest degree of professionalism. You are in the Tab Room to assist in the running of the Tournament *and not to check on the progress of contestants*. We ask that you **not** generate a list of selections presented at the Grand Tournament. ***Under no circumstances are you to reveal results, pairings, clearing students, assignments, records required to clear, or other information to anyone in any way!*** Please do not take any photographs or screen-shots of any ballots, print-outs, pieces, or our data entry and results screens at all.

Please remember that as diocesan director, you have definite responsibilities. Make certain that all of your coaches are familiar with NCFL rules governing all events. Also **remind your coaches** of the need to bring original sources in the event of any challenges.

Please inform your coaches, judges, and competitors to have the links to the LiveDocs that will be used throughout the weekend. We will be posting the LiveDocs by Friday morning. We will be distributing updates and information via the LiveDocs throughout the weekend.

Keep emailing us any changes through Friday, May 23. Emails about changes should be sent to [ncfl@tabroom.com](mailto:ncfl@tabroom.com), questions or other concerns can be sent to my [rburdett@ncfl.org](mailto:rburdett@ncfl.org) address. Mike Colletti and his family, along with all the Chicago Catholic Forensic League, look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Roland Burdett, III,  
NCFL Grand Nationals Tournament Director

Chicago, IL

**TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS**

**NCFL National Officers and Assignments:**

**President:** Tom Beck (New York)

**First Vice-President:** Katy Cecil (Louisville), Extemp Prep

**Second Vice-President:** Marc Rischitelli (Worcester), Speech Events

**Publicity Dir / Recording Secretary:** Carolyn Cook (Kansas City), Debate Events

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Michael Colletti (Chicago), Host

**Grand Nationals Tournament Director:** Roland Burdett, III (Arlington)

**Event Manager:** Sarah Donnelly (Worcester)

**Chief Operations Officer:** Charlie Sloat (New York)

**Chief Communication Officer:** Amanda Parker (Worcester)

**Local League Liaison:** Susan Peebles (Erie)

**NCFL 2025 Grand National Hosts:**

Mike Colletti & Family and Friends

The Chicago Catholic Forensic League

**Policy Debate:** Jeff Kahn (Philadelphia), Chair

*Saturday and Sunday at the Palmer House, Cresthill Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)*

Steven Sprouse (Baltimore)

Kristie Taylor (Palm Beach)

Sheryl Kaczmarek (Boston)

April Linder (Philadelphia)

Gary Peters (Indianapolis)

D'Arcy Robinson (Portland)

John Cierpial (Newark)

Willie Warren (Raleigh)

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate:** Joe Vaughan (New York), Chair

*Saturday at the Hilton Chicago, Mobley Room (Lower Level);*

*Sunday at the Palmer House, Ashland Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)*

Danielle Jones (Arlington)

Christopher Berdnik (Philadelphia)

Chris Harrow (Charlotte)

Ben Edwards (Pittsburgh)

Tiffany Dacheux (Harrisburg)

William Clemens (Rockville Centre)

JD Ferries Rowe (Indianapolis)

Bryan Whyte (Springfield-Cape Girardeau)

**Public Forum Debate:** David Long (Allentown), Chair

*Saturday at Hilton Chicago, Astoria Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor);*

*Sunday at the Palmer House, Harvard Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)*

Robert Biemesderfer (Arlington)

Rachel Page (Louisville)

Mark Deaton (Arlington)

Jim Menick (New York)

Lindsey Donovan (Boston) (Sat. Only)

Stephen Goldberg (Sacramento)

Janet Novack (Boston)

Charles Schletzbaum (San Jose)

**Student Congress:** LeAnne Schmidt (Detroit) & Keith Pittman (Charlotte), Co-Chairs

*Saturday & Sunday at the Hilton Chicago Hotel, PDR #4 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)*

Debra Orendorf (Altoona-Johnstown)

Katrina Brownsberger (Pensacola)

Phillip Helt (Kansas City-St. Joseph)

Eamonn Cummings (Rockville Centre)

Jordy Barry (Newark)

Katrina Joyce (Scranton)

Ashley Carter (Pensacola)

Marna Weston (St. Augustine)

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**TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS**

**Individual Events:** Greg Cunningham (Boston), Co-Chair  
Dave Yastremski (Newark), Co-Chair  
Marc Rischitelli (Worcester), Co-Chair

*Saturday in the Hilton Chicago Hotel, Buckingham Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor).*

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**Judge Assignments for Speech:**

Scott Caron (Boston)

Scott Peterson (LaCrosse) (Saturday Only)

Marc Rischitelli (Worcester)

Chris Sheldon (Worcester)

**Declamation Tab:** Michael Robinson (Louisville), Chair, at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room

Shelby Miller (Cleveland) at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room

Gabriel Hopkins (Worcester) for Judge Standby Control at Jones College Prep

Jack Smale (Spokane) for Judge Standby Control at Jones College Prep

**Dramatic Performance Tab:** Jessica Cerchiaro (Pittsburgh), Chair, at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room

Trey Witt (Kansas City) at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room

Suzanne Culver (Albany) for Judge Standby Control at Jones College Prep

Larissa Maranell (Kansas City) for Judge Standby Control at Jones College Prep

**Duo Interpretation Tab:** Mary Schick (Miami), Chair, at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room

David Harper (Green Bay) at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room

Jordan Hart (St. Louis) for Judge Standby Control at Columbia College

Jennifer Mathieu (Wheeling Charleston) for Judge Standby Control at Columbia College

**Extemp Prep:** Katy Cecil (Louisville) & Rosemary Cundiff-Brown, Co-Chairs

*Saturday at the Palmer House (Red Lacquer Room); Sunday at the Hilton Chicago (Marquette Room)*

Shane Cole (Biloxi)

Nessa Gonzalez (Orange)

Dan Davis (Erie)

Brian McAninch (Orlando)

Sonya Harvey (Jackson)

Mary Gormley (Paterson)

Eric Cecil (Louisville)

Teo Brugnerotto (Washington)

**Extemporaneous Speaking Tab:** Jill Stedman (Atlanta), Chair, at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room

Jason Meyer (Minneapolis) at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room

Chip Frodella (Brooklyn) for Judge Standby Control at Palmer House, Crystal Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

Jym Froelich (St. Petersburg-Tampa) for Judge Standby Control at Palmer House, Crystal Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

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**TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS**

**Oral Interpretation Tab:** Scott Johnstone (Lafayette), Chair, at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room  
 Erez Kalir (Oakland) at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room (Saturday Only)  
 Lauren Hess (Pittsburgh), for Judge Standby Control at East-West University  
 Brent Goetzinger (Omaha) for Judge Standby Control at East-West University

**Original Oratory Tab:** Beth Young (Pittsburgh), Chair, at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room  
 Carla Wolfe (Salina) at Hilton Chicago, Buckingham Room  
 Mary Kay Waterman (Atlanta) for Judge Standby Control at Roosevelt University  
 Adesuwa Omoruyi (Houston-Galveston) for Judge Standby Control at Roosevelt University (Saturday Only)

**Speech Tab Main Info/Help Desk at Hilton Chicago (Buckingham Room):**

Saturday: Hugh Ringer (Erie), Carolyn Gregory (Miami), Aaron Schopper (Wichita)  
 Sunday: Hugh Ringer, Suzanne Culver, Trey Witt, Jordan Hart, Aaron Schopper

**Speech Tab Computer Team:**

Lisa Honeyman (Boston)  
 John Knetzger (Milwaukee)  
 Joyce Albert (Worcester)

**Speech Competition Room Control:**

Assigned to work at each Speech Building

Tyler Bates (Boston)

Jackson Carr (Boston)

Tony Kandalraft (Boston)

Friosi Mattheus (Boston)

Matt McCarthy (Boston)

Shayan Raza (Boston)

Jack Rischitelli (Worcester)

**Protest Committee:** Michael Nailor (Scranton), Chair

*Saturday & Sunday at the Hilton Chicago Hotel, PDR #1 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)*

Debbie Simon (Boston)

Kieran Larkin (Brooklyn)

Barbara Fontenot (New Orleans)

James Lyness (New York)

Joann Hamm (Rochester)

**Equity Advocates:** Crawford Leavoy (Raleigh) & Angelique Ronald (CHSSA), Co-Chairs

*Saturday & Sunday at the Hilton Chicago Hotel, PDR #2 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)*

Meghan Pafumi (Arlington)

Radi Muhammad (Charlotte)

Susan Peebles (Erie)

Sara Sanchez (Chicago, UDL)

Jharick Shields (Jackson)

Ashley Murphy (Philadelphia)

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TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS

**Sweepstakes Tabulation, Tournament Results, & Tournament Audit (Sunday Only):**

*Sunday at the Hilton Chicago, Pullman Boardroom (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), Beginning after 1pm*

Chris Palmer (Boston)

Frank Riccobono (New York)

Chip Frodella (Brooklyn)

Charlie Sloat (New York)

Scott Petersen (LaCrosse)

Joe Vaughan (New York)

Jim Reagan (Newark)

Jym Froelich (St. Petersburg-Tampa)

Tom Beck (New York)

**Events Team & Logistics:** Sarah Donnelly (Worcester) & Scott Pollack (Philadelphia), Co-Chairs

Ryan Julian (Boston)

Pat McGhee (Philadelphia)

Nora Kearney (Buffalo)

Supraja Sudarsan (Philadelphia)

Elena Cecil (Louisville)

Olivia Wright (Philadelphia)

Rayen Elmergreen (Milwaukee)

Travis Rother (Winona)

Stephanie King (Milwaukee)

Jacob Moldover (Worcester)

**NCFL On-Line Operations Team:** Charlie Sloat (New York) and Frank Riccobono (New York)

**Speech & Debate Tabulation Computer Programming:** Chris Palmer (Boston), Tabroom.com

**Next Year's Hosts:**

Mark Deaton and the Washington Arlington Catholic Forensic League