

2026 FGCCFL Grand Finals

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PLEASE READ THIS INVITATION CAREFULLY!

This is the qualifying tournament for NCFL Grand Nationals in Washington, D.C. 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 **January/February resolution**. PFD will use the **February resolution**. Declamation is limited to students in grades 9-10.

Eligibility: To attend Grand Finals, member schools must have competed in *at least two* 2025-2026 FGCCFL tournaments, and students must have competed in *at least one* 2025-2026 FGCCFL tournament. At least one coach (as listed on the school's 2025-2026 NCFL Data Card and FGCCFL Membership Form) must attend the entire tournament with students. Grand Finals is a championship/national qualifying tournament. If a coach cannot attend the tournament, do not register the team. If a coach becomes unavailable after the close of registration (February 12), contact the League to drop the school's entries.

Schedule Note: All events will compete all day Saturday only. See the enclosed timetable for more information.

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. **Lunch: Meat (default) or Veggie from Mr. Empanada.** Coaches must order all non-default meal options on Tabroom. **PM Snack: Pizza**

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

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 Debate runoffs 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.

The entry deadline for Grand Finals is 9 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 12. 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: *All FGCCFL coaches' affirmative obligation is 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 speech title. 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 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 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 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.

Coaches may email legislation to Hunter Sexton <Hunter.Sexton@SydneyGrp.com> 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 registration closing.

Changes After the Deadline

Drops may be made online until 9 p.m. on Monday, February 16. All other changes made after the entry deadline but before the start of the tournament must be emailed to Hunter Sexton <Hunter.Sexton@SydneyGrp.com> and Doug Evans <DEvans@farragut.org>. 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, February 20, and for each registered, but missing judge.

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

Only the head coach or principal-designated substitute 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 (Multipurpose Room)**. Students will report to **the Cafeteria**. Judges will report to **their Lounge in the Multipurpose Room**. 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: Take 275 North to Exit 41A for US 92 E/N Dale Mabry Hwy, Turn right onto FL – 574 E, Turn left onto N Himes Ave, and the school will be on your right.

FROM NORTH TAMPA: Take 275 South to Exit 41 B towards North Himes Ave and continue for over two miles and the school will be on your right.

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

7:15-7:45 Tournament Day Registration (Coaches Only)

Announcements

8:00 Extemp Draw

8:30 **Round 1** – Debate

8:30-10:15 **Session 1** – Congress (includes Preliminary Business)

8:30 **Round 1** – Speech

10:00 Extemp Draw

10:15 **Round 2** – Debate

10:30-12:00 **Session 2** – Congress

10:30 **Round 2** – Speech

11:30-1:00 Lunch

12:30 Extemp Draw

12:30 **Round 3** – Debate

12:45-2:15 **Session 3 & Special Orders** – Congress

1:00 **Round 3** – Speech

2:15 Extemp Draw

2:15 **Round 4** – Debate

2:45-5:15 **Super Session** – Congress

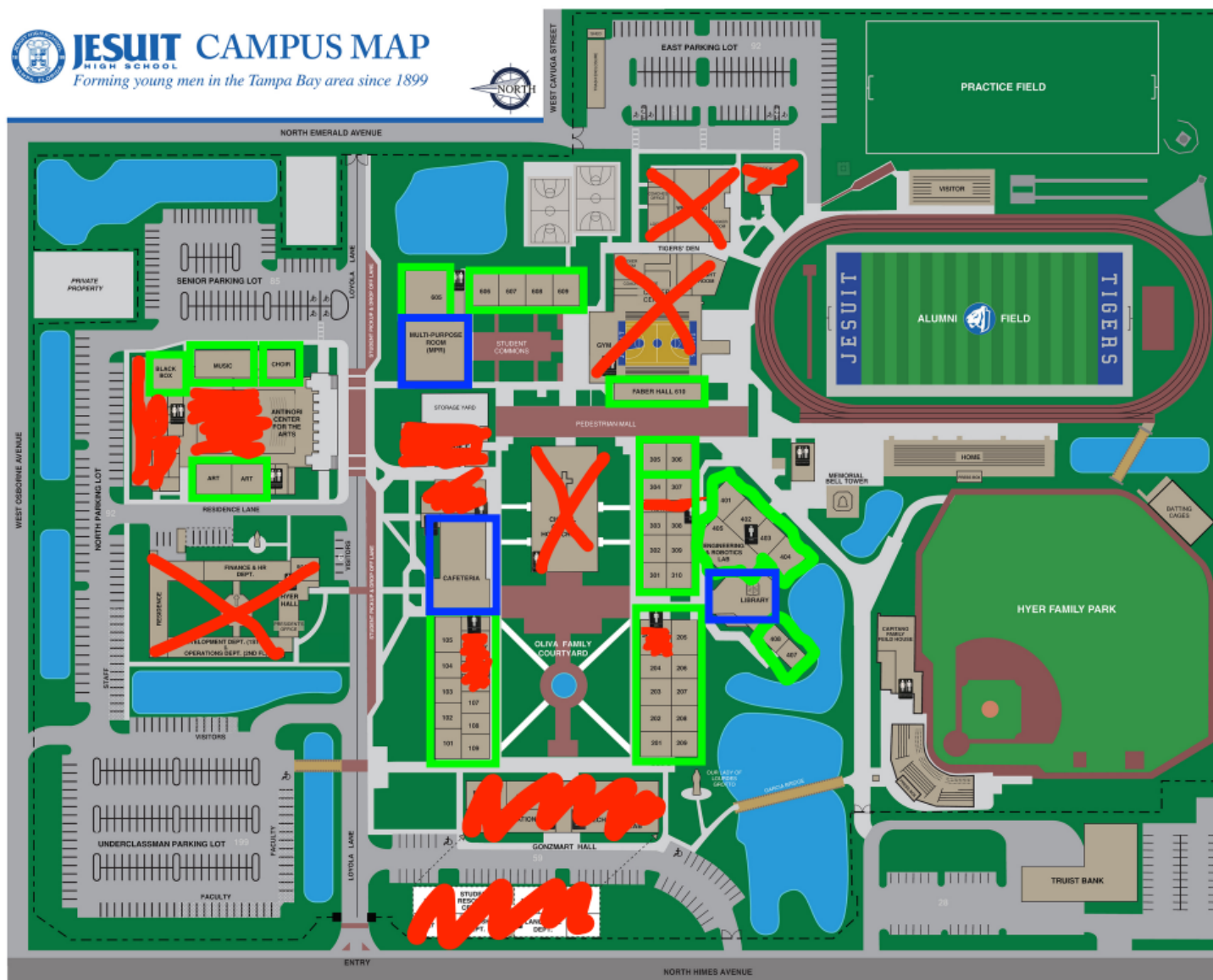
2:45 **Round 4** – Speech

4:00 **Runoffs** – Debate

4:30 **Finals** – Speech

4:45-5:30 PM Snack

6:30 or ASAP **Awards**



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.