

Catholic Forensic League of Scranton

2026 National Qualifier Tournament

February 18, 2026

Dear Coaches,

Our national qualifier tournament will be held at Selinsgrove Area High School in Selinsgrove, PA, on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

The **top three entries in each event** will advance to the NCFL Grand National Tournament in Washington, DC, over Memorial Day Weekend. If your students cannot attend Nationals to represent the league, please **do not** register them for the qualifier. More information about the national tournament can be found at ncfnationals.org.

High school students in grades 9-12 are eligible to compete in the following competition events:

- Declamation
- Dramatic Performance
- Duo Interpretation
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Original Oratory
- Oral Interpretation
- Student Congress
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Public Forum Debate

The following pages outline registration deadlines, fees, and important dates. If you have any questions, please reach out.

Sincerely,

Katrina Joyce

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General Tournament Information

Location

Selinsgrove Area High School
500 North Broad Street
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Event Rules

We will use NCFL rules for all events.

Double Entries

Double entries are not permitted in any event.

Debate Topics

Lincoln-Douglas Debate will use the NSDA March/April topic:

Resolved: The United States military ought to abide by the principle of non-intervention.

Public Forum Debate will use the NSDA March topic:

Resolved: The United States federal government should ban corporate acquisition of single-family residences.

Congress Legislation

Schools with entries in Student Congress must submit at least one piece of legislation. Please submit legislation by **Sunday, February 22, 2026**. Upload your bills directly to [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com) or email to Katrina Joyce. The bill packet will be posted by **Monday, February 23, 2026**.

Registration

Registration is open on [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com) until **5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2025**. Changes made after the registration deadline must be communicated to Katrina Joyce.

Tabroom Accounts

All coaches, judges, and competitors must have [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com) accounts.

Entry Fees

\$3.00 per Individual Entry (IE) or Lincoln-Douglas debater

\$6.00 per Public Forum or Duo team

NOTE: Entry fees will be adjusted at the close of registration to reflect CFLS payment plan discounts.

Judge Requirements

*1 judge for every 5 Speech or Congress entries or fraction thereof. A Duo team counts as one entry.

*1 judge for every 2 Public Forum teams or fraction thereof

*1 judge for every 2 Lincoln-Douglas debaters or fraction thereof

Judges are expected to be available for the entire day.

Checks

Checks should be made out to the **Catholic Forensic League of Scranton**.

Lunch Tickets

Coaches may purchase lunch tickets for their students. Lunch will consist of pizza, chips, and a drink. Please use the Concessions tab on Tabroom.com to **pre-order by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.**

Tentative Schedule

8:00 - 8:30	Registration
8:45 - 9:00	Opening Assembly
9:15 - 10:00	Round 1 - LD/PF
9:15 - 10:15	Round 1 - IE
9:15 - 11:30	Session 1 - Student Congress
10:15 - 11:00	Round 2 - LD/PF
10:30 - 11:30	Round 2 - IE
11:30 - 12:00	Lunch
12:15 - 1:00	Round 3 - LD/PF
12:30 - 1:30	Round 3 - IE
1:30 - 2:15	Round 4 - LD/PF
1:45 - 2:45	Finals - IE
2:00 - 2:45	Finals - LD/PF
3:00	Awards Ceremony