

FGCCFL Tournament Invitation
FGCCFL Novice Champs
Sarasota Military Academy
801 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Registration 7:15 – 7:45 AM

Host Coach: Captain Esther Jaffe 941.302.0895 Esther.Jaffee@oursma.org

Events: All NCFL Events (SC, LD, CX, PFD, DEC, DP, DUO, EXT, OI, OO). No double entries. No more than SIX entries per event. No more than TWELVE entries in Student Congress.

Cost: \$30.00 per competitor including host/lunch fee PLUS an additional \$10.00 lunch fee for each judge. Fees can be paid via PayPal, checks (made out to FGCCFL) for the full amount, or cash. All fees must be paid in full by the tournament's fourth round. Late payments are no longer accepted.

Dress Code: Please be advised that pajama choices should adhere to established dress codes. Pajamas should not be revealing and should cover undergarments. Shorts length should meet the “fingertip” rule. Pajama bottoms may not have an open fly...they should be sewn shut or buttoned. Onesies, hoodie footies, and slippers are welcome. DUO and PFD may twin-dress, but competitors should not costume to fit their pieces. Please inquire directly if there are specific dress code questions.

Food: Closed campus (FGCCFL rule). Lunches 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 lunches on Tabroom. The host will be serving pizza and salad for lunch, and cookies for dessert!

Judging requirements: One (1) judge for every five IE and Congress entries combined; schools with Congress entries must designate at least one “Congress Preferred” judge. One (1) judge for every two LD entries. One (1) judge for every two PFD team entries. LD and PFD judges will be placed in one debate pool and must be cross-trained. One (1) judge for each CX team entry. **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, or judge if needed fourth round. Judges should be cross-trained. Remember to list conflicts (by STUDENT FULL NAME) in the “Judge Notes” space on Tabroom. Graduating seniors with at least 250 NSDA merit points on record may judge. The Executive Board will verify their points.**

Electronic balloting: All events at this tournament will use Tabroom for electronic ballots. Judges must have a linked Tabroom account and provide a suitable connected device (laptop or tablet preferred). Paper ballots will be available in the event of an equipment outage.

REGISTRATION FOR THE TOURNAMENT:

Go to <http://fgccflnovice.tabroom.com> Be sure to register for the correct tournament. Registration must be submitted online by the school's coach only. Registration will not be accepted once registration is closed or by any other means other than Tabroom unless directed to do so. Pay attention to your school registration for students, judges in correct pools, and total lunch orders. Tabroom registration will close at 9 PM on the Thursday before the tournament week. Please have registration confirmed before registering the team on Tabroom. The registration deadline for this tournament is 19 March 2026.

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

TITLE REQUIREMENT FOR IE: Selection titles, authors, and publication information (where applicable) must be specified for all entries in OO, DEC, DP, OI, and Duo. For OI, please list the two program titles (separated by a slash) in the Title field, then list all included works in the Bibliography field.

Please note: The Executive Committee will levy additional tournament fees of \$30.00 for any dropped entry on the tournament day including drops after the start of the first round, and for each registered but missing judge. All changes made after the close of registration, but before tournament day must be reported to Hunter Sexton at Hunter.Sexton@Sydneygrp.com. Schools will forfeit registration fees for all drops made after the close of online registration on the Thursday before tournament week.

Tournament Day Registration: 7:15 – 7:45 AM

Only the team Head Coach or Assistant 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 or Assistant Coaches should register in the Library. **Students** will report to the **cafeteria**. **Judges** will report to the **teacher work room**. Bring a copy of your registration from Tabroom, plus a check made out to FGCCFL, cash, or a PayPal receipt. Schools **MUST** be registered no later than 7:45 AM. Announcements for students and judges will begin at 8:00 AM. Rounds should begin by 8:30 AM.

CONGRESS RULES:

Every school entering Student Congress **MUST** provide at least one (1) piece of satisfactory legislation. Schools may submit up to six (6) items, but no student may sponsor more than one (1) item.

All legislation must be written using the templates on the FGCCFL website and uploaded to Tabroom by the registration deadline (9:00 p.m. on the **Thursday before tournament week**). Late, frivolous, stale, or unsatisfactory legislation will not be considered. The legislative docket and chamber assignments will be published on Friday evening.

Coaches may email legislation to Hunter Sexton {Hunter.Sexton@Sydneygrp.com} for review; allow 48 hours for a response. This is **NOT** a substitute for uploading the legislation to Tabroom.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM I-75 Exit 210 at Fruitville. Take west to N. Orange Avenue until just before the intersection of N. Orange and 10th Street.

Volunteers will be in place to guide traffic to either school parking or the JPL lot (indicated on map). Later arrivals will more likely have to park in the JPL lot, which is a walk of about a block and a half with no elevation change.

Please notify the tournament's head coach if you, a student, or a judge need a space reserved with a shorter walk time; we will accommodate and plan as needed.

FROM TAMIAMI TRAIL (US-41) Exit the roundabout at N. Orange. At the intersection of 10th Street and N. Orange, students will be in place to guide traffic to either school parking or the JPL lot (indicated on map). Later arrivals will more likely have to park in the JPL lot, which is a walk of about a block and a half with no elevation change.

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Tentative Schedule - Saturday, March 28

7:15 – 7:45 – Registration Check-In
8:00 – Morning Announcements
8:30 – Extemp Draw Round 1
9:00 – Speech, Debate, and Congress Round 1
10:15 – Extemp Draw Round 2
10:45 - Speech, Debate, and Congress Round 2
12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch
12:45 – Extemp Draw Round 3
1:00 - Debate, and Congress Round 3
1:15 – Speech Round 3
2:30 – Extemp Draw Round 4
2:45 - Debate, and Congress Round 4
3:00 – Speech Round 4

