

# Fluvanna County High School Forensics Invitational 2017

Dear Forensics Coach,

I am happy to extend an invitation to you and your team to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual FLUCO Classic at Fluvanna High School. The Invitational will take place Saturday, January 14, 2017, at Fluvanna County High School in Palmyra, Virginia.

Information on the Invitational is included in this packet. Due to the size of the tournament, all entries must be entered in Tabroom.com. Joining is free, and easy to set up. Please feel free to email or call me with any questions. My team and I hope to see you and your team on January 14!

Sincerely,

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## General Guidelines:

1. Schools must register online with [www.Tabroom.com](http://www.Tabroom.com). It is free to sign up and all info is available here.
2. VHSL rules will be followed in all categories (except DUO Improv). Please consult the Forensics Manual on the VHSL website ([www.vhsl.org](http://www.vhsl.org)) for contest rules.
3. Each student is guaranteed 3 preliminary rounds. The top 6 performers will then compete in a Final Round.
4. Students may double enter.
5. Extempers are discouraged from double entering, but may do so at their own risk.
6. No school may enter more than 6 contestants in any one category.
7. For any event, you are reminded: "A contestant may not use a speech, prepared selection, adaptation, or cutting (s)he used in a previous season."
8. Students may not enter more than one category with the same piece. EXAMPLE: A student who performs in Dramatic Interp may not use the same piece in Prose.
9. Coaches must have copies of student presentations in case of a challenge.
10. Students competing in Original Oratory must bring one copy of their speech for each round.
11. Students competing in Prose or Poetry should be using a black binder.
12. Students are encouraged to hang out in the cafeteria when not competing.
13. Individual event awards will be based on the cumulative scores of the preliminary and final rounds.
14. A qualified judge must be provided for every five contestants, and every fraction thereof. There will be a few judges for hire—cost will be \$100.00.
15. All judges must be available for the final round.
16. A fee of \$10 per individual event will be charged. DUO teams are \$20 per team per event.
17. There is a \$20.00 registration fee per school.
18. Drops will be accepted up through Friday, Jan 13, 6pm, without penalty. After that, each drop will be charged a \$15 nuisance fee. The school is still responsible for the entry fee.
19. A \$100 drop fee will be assessed for each absentee judge on the day of the tournament. The team coach is responsible for securing judges as described above because there will FEW, if any, judges for hire.
20. Lunch should be ordered in advance. Please note your order during Registration.
21. All fees must accompany the registration form. (Or paid at time of registration if entry is faxed or emailed.) No personal checks can be accepted.

## Deadlines:

- Jan 11, 6pm: Registration Deadline. No competitors can be added after this time. Substitutions will be allowed, with no penalty up to Jan 13, 6pm.
- Jan 13, 6pm: No more substitutions.
- Jan 13, 6pm: Drop deadline - **no penalty**. Drops after this point will be charged entry fee, plus \$15 late fee.

**Address:**

Fluvanna County High School, 1918 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra, VA, 22963

**Hotels near Fluvanna County High School:**

Here is a list of hotels closest to Palmyra. Please let us know if you are planning on staying overnight and we can recommend some restaurants or activities for the evening as needed.

**Best Western Plus Cross Roads**

135 Wood Ridge Terrace  
Zions Crossroads, VA 22942  
545-832-1700 ext 510  
fax 540-832-1854

**Comfort Inn-Monticello**

2097 Inn Drive  
Charlottesville, VA  
(434) 977-3300

**Hilton Garden Inn-Charlottesville**

1793 Richmond Road  
Charlottesville, VA  
(434) 979-4442

**Holiday Inn Charlottesville-Monticello**

1200 5th Street Southwest  
Charlottesville, VA 22902  
(434) 977-5100

**Events:**

The tournament will feature competition in all VHSL events, including original oratory, extemporaneous, impromptu, prose, poetry, storytelling, dramatic interpretation, humorous interpretation, serious duo, humorous duo and duo improvisation (a non VHSL event).

**Duo Improvisation:**

Each duo will select 3 random scenes from an envelope. They will choose 1 scene to perform for each round (and place the other 2 scenes back in the envelope.) The competitors will have up to 3 minutes to prepare. They may end preparation early. At the end of 3 minutes, the judge will call for the speakers to present their improv. The total time for preparation and delivery cannot exceed 7 minutes. Both eye contact and physical contact is allowed between partners.

**Awards:**

Awards will be presented to the top six finalists in each speech category based upon cumulative scores for the day. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive a trophy; 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> place will receive a medal. A top team award will also be presented to the top "Large" team and top "Small" team.

**Primary Rounds:**

- All students will compete in 3 primary rounds.
- Students will be randomly grouped with other students from their category and divided into rooms. These divisions will change each round as enough students compete in that category.
- Students will be ranked 1-5 in each room (one being the best performance). If there are more than 5 students in any given room, more than one 5 will be awarded in that room.
- The top overall scores will advance to a Final Round.

**Final Round:**

- Will be used in combination with earlier rounds to determine individual winners in each category.
- The top students will perform their selection for a panel of 2-3 judges.
- Each judge will independently rank the competitors in this round.

**Sweepstakes Rules:**

Schools will be divided up into large and small categories based on the number of entries. This number will be determined the day of the tournament.

In determining the overall winners, the following point system will be used:

- 7 points for first place in each final event round
- 5 points for second place in each final event round
- 3 points for third place in each final event round
- 1 point for fourth, fifth, and sixth places in each final event round

Fluvanna students will be participating, but will not be eligible for any sweepstakes awards.

Schedule (approximate):

Registration	8:00-9:00
Coach and Judge Meeting	9:00
Extemp Draw R1	9:00
Round 1	9:30
Extemp Draw R2	10:30
Round 2	11:00
Lunch	12:00
Extemp Draw R3	12:30
Round 3	1:00
Finals	3:00
<b>Awards (approximate)</b>	<b>5:30</b>

Reminder:

All registration and lunch orders will be handled through Tabroom.com.

Search for FLUCO CLASSIC in Palmyra, VA

Here is the link:

<http://flucoclassic.tabroom.com>