

Jan. 20, 2010

To all CFL Speech and Debate Coaches:

The Maine CFL Diocese and Poland High School cordially invites you to attend the National Qualifying Speech and Debate Tournament at Poland High School on Saturday, February 6, 2010. **Please read through all the information in the invitation carefully** in order to facilitate a safe and speedy tournament.

ENTRY LIMITS:

The CFL Tournament does have entry limitations. Schools are limited to *four* entries in each category. There will be three National Qualifiers in each of the following categories: Student Congress, Policy Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Extemporaneous Speaking, Oral Interpretation of Literature, Dramatic Interpretation of Literature, Duo Interpretation of Literature, Original Oratory, and Oratorical Declamation. There is no double entering at this tournament. Every attempt will be made to run every category, but if a category is not full the students who are entered into the category are the national qualifiers by default. All students should be prepared to compete during the tournament.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION:

Since CFL recognizes different competitive categories, a description of each category with differences noted follows:

Student Congress; Group assembly which debates legislation. There is not a Senate and a House designation.

Policy Debate: Team debate centered in generating a plan to solve a problem prompted by the resolution. Uses national topic; Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Single individual value based debate. Uses the national resolution; RESOLVED; Economic sanctions ought not be used to achieve foreign policy objectives.

Public forum Debate: Team Debate centered on current event issues. Uses the national resolution:

RESOLVED: In the United States, organized political lobbying does more harm than good. Please note that this is the Feb. topic.

Extemporaneous speaking: answers a question concerning either domestic and foreign current event topics. No note cards. Seven minutes in length.

Dramatic Interpretation of Literature: Selection that comes from a published source either dramatic or humorous in nature. Must have introduction, 5-10 minutes in length. Memorized.

Duo Interpretation of Literature: Form a published printed source with two or more characters. Five to ten minutes in length. May be humorous or dramatic in content. Memorized.

Oral Interpretation of Literature; A program event with alternating rounds of poetry and prose. Delivered from a manuscript. Each student will do poetry twice and prose twice. First round determined at the tournament. Each selection is 5-10 minutes in length.

Original Oratory: Persuasive, memorized speech. Seven to ten minutes long with citations.

Oratorical Declamation: A memorized speech written and publicly delivered by another individual. This event is only opened to freshmen and sophomore competitors only.

Coaches: It is the coaches responsibility to bring copies of all competitive material used by the students to the tournament in case of a challenge.

If you have any questions or want a more detailed description of the event and the judging criteria, please go the National Catholic Forensics' League website at <http://www.ncfl.org/>

REGISTRATION:

Registration must be made by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd at www.tabroom.com**. **No adds** will be accepted after this time. Judges' names and area of expertise should also accompany the registration. Please make sure that students have their codes before they come to

the tournament. Drops may be done via TabRoom until 5:00 P.M. Friday evening , February 5th without fee or penalty. (Drops on tournament day result in a nuisance fee--fewer drops, fewer delays!). After 5PM Friday, please send drops via email to D'Arcy Robinson at darcy@poland-hs.u29.k12.me.us For drops on the day of the tournament please call D'Arcy at 998-5400 ex.218 as soon as possible. Judge drops and questions can be emailed to D'Arcy at darcy@poland-hs.u29.k12.me.us.

Student Congress: Please make sure that I have student names Wednesday, Feb. 4th. Please have new bills written for this tournament to me by Thursday, Jan. 28th. Students may rewrite any bill that they have used during the year or create a new one. Otherwise, we will use the state docket.

Important note: The students must be either in the café or in rounds. The tab room will be in the Information Center.

JUDGES:

Speech: One judge per three speakers, or any fraction thereof, is required to provide adequate tournament coverage. **Debate:** One judge is required for two debate entries.

Student Congress: Schools must provide one judge for every five student congress entry or fraction thereof.

Note: you must provide the speech judge for all four rounds of speech and debate. If an affiliated judge departs early with no one to cover the remaining rounds, the responsible team will be penalized accordingly!

FEES:

All speakers-\$7.00 per entry

Hired judge-\$40.00 per judge (if available)

Drops on tournament day will be assessed a \$10.00 nuisance fee per entry.

Checks and P.O's should be made out to the D'Arcy Robinson, CFL Moderator.

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AWARDS:

National Qualifying medals given to the three top contestants in each category. Two alternates will be recognized in case the national qualifier is unable to attend.

Tentative Schedule: Be early; This is tentative because there may need to be adjustments due to the number of entries. If possible, schedule will be tightened up so please tell students and judges to be flexible.

The day is scheduled as follows:

8:00-8:30 Registration check in (get there early)

8:45-9:00 Tournament meeting in theatre

9:15 Round One: All Events Student Congress session one

Rounds will be posted as quickly as possible. There will be a lunch break after round III.

Lunch: There will be lunch available for students in the café along with snacks. Coaches and judges will have lunch supplied in the coach's lounge.

Extemp Topics:

Topics similar to the ones used at the State Tournament.

Directions to the School:

Take Interstate 495 to the Gray-New Gloucester exit (60) for route 26. Take 26 North to PRHS which will be on the left side. It is just past the new Dunkin Donuts and Family Dollar and about nine miles from the exit.

We hope that we have covered all the bases. Feel free to call D'Arcy Robinson at any time if you have questions. We hope to make this a great CFL Tournament for all, and we hope that you will join us.

Sincerely,

D'Arcy F. Robinson, CFL Moderator