

## Agenda

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Opening Prayer
- 3) Introductions
- 4) Reports
  - a. President
  - b. Tournament Director
  - c. Vice President
  - d. Secretary
  - e. Treasurer
  - f. Speech Reps
  - g. Debate Rep
  - h. Congress Rep
  - i. Tech Rep
- 5) Elections
- 6) 2019 – 2020 Schedule
  - Hosts – Open/Closed – Categories Offered – Student Judging
- 7) NYCFL Agenda Items
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- 8) NCFL Agenda Items
- 9) Items from the floor
- 10) Adjourn

I am unable to attend this year's moderators' meeting. There are some issues regarding debate that I do need to bring up, however.

1. For various reasons we seem to have defaulted to 3 rounds at our regular contests. My personal preference is 4 rounds, but given that I have zero debaters and that the people who prefer 3 rounds have umpty-ump debaters, I bow to their quantitative superiority. So, henceforth, always 3 rounds, first round at 10 am, most likely everyone out the door after awards at around 5 pm.
2. One problem with 3 rounds is that 50% of the field have winning records, hence earning medals. But that is problematic on a number of counts, not least of which is Charlie Sloat's inability to hand out the medals as quickly as I can read the names. I mean, a field of 60 means prizes to 30. That's too many. I propose that we give medals to the top  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  of the field. That is still generous, but not generous to a fault. And in PF, speaker awards to the top 10%, and not some number I make up at random depending whether Jupiter is aligned with Mars.

3. We now have a manual for debate. I highly recommend it. I also wrote it. It is on the NYCFL website.
4. For the record, we have taken on the Online Policy League (OPL) as part of our standard tournament set. It is now going into its third year; Janet Novack from Lexington is running it. Whether it will continue depends on numbers this coming season. Policy has gotten very weak in the region, and we thought an online program might help, but there is some question whether online is still viable in the shadow of the pandemic. We shall see.
5. This past season saw a number of ethical violations at different tournaments. Simply put, this is a problem that all coaches must face and address. In aid of this, I am adding the following paragraph (which has been vetted by a number of people) to all the various tournaments I run, and propose adding it to NYCFL events as well:

*Among the goals of high school debate are the enhancement of students' basic education and the providing of a competitive arena in which to develop important life skills. The very nature of these goals*

*requires that coaches promote an environment of strong, positive ethical behaviors. To aid coaches in this pursuit, some actions that should be avoided, either as clear ethical violations or giving the appearance and/or opportunity for such violations, include the following: communication during a round between debaters and persons not debating; communication during a round between judges; accessing documents during a round to which others also have access (including sending cases to a team email rather than a debater's personal email); live-streaming a round to outside persons; recording rounds without permission; intimidation of debaters or judges in any fashion; the use of fabricated/misrepresented evidence. While not all-inclusive, this list should provide a starting point as we work together as a community to maintain the benefits of competitive debate for all involved.*

6. The NSDA will no longer be using the Civil Disobedience resolution for LD novices. (Kudos to us as the original creators of the idea, btw, originally designated the Modest Novice Topic.) Instead, NSDA will be slating a different permanent resolution: mandatory armed service commitments. In Massachusetts the debate folks have already demurred and come up with another topic that is

neither armed services nor civil disobedience. In order to avoid conflicts among ourselves and with those with whom we compete in November, I am proposing that at our one local debate event in late October, the LD novices debate whatever is the Nov-Dec topic, which is released on Oct 1. (JV and V would continue to debate the Sept-Oct topic in October.) I have run this by the LD coaches; those who responded, including Joe Vaughan who runs his own event for novices in November, think it is the way to go. (Scarsdale would, in other words, run Nov-Dec in all divisions at its November event, rather than a detached novice topic in that division.)

7. I have been working with Brown University to create a new tournament on the weekend of November 4-5. It will be virtual, with novice and varsity divisions of PF. At the moment we are still working out the details, but it is up on tabroom, and I urge NYCFL folks to help get it off the ground. That should be a nice weekend for a reasonably accessible PF event.
8. Finally, I would love someone to volunteer space to run an in-person novice event on Harvard Saturday. We've done this a few times in the past and it was a nice little something for those of us too poor to 1)

get hotel rooms in Boston, and 2) pay more money in registration fees at one tournament than the entire rest of the year put together. (No offense, Harvard, ~~you greedy bastards.~~) I would volunteer to host it myself, but my house just isn't that big.

# NYCFL - Tentative Schedule

## 2023 - 2024

### ALL IN PERSON TOURNAMENTS WILL NEED A HOST

Date(s)	Tournament	School	Categories
9/9	NYCFL Moderators' Meeting	Iona	EMAIL AGENDA ITEMS to tbjnyc@aol.com
9/27	9/28 NCFL Moderators' Meeting	Pittsburgh, PA - Nationals in Chicago	
9/23	first NYCFL	Regis	JV X, V X, JV Prose, V-Prose, Duo (Binder), DP, OO, POI- Three Prelims (no Finals)
10/7 (SAT test)	NYCFL	TBD	Dec, Congress JV X, V X, JV Prose, V-Prose, Duo (Memorized), DP, OO, POI
10/7	NYCFL Online Fall Debate	Online - NSDA Campus	Varsity PD and LD, Speech (3 rounds and a final)
10/13 PSAT date	10/15 NYC Invitational - IN PERSON	Bronx Science / PS 95	All Speech, Debate, Congress
10/21	NYCFL - Online Policy League	Online	Policy, Nov, JV and Varsity
10/21 could be 10/28	NYCFL - Sr. Raimonde Service Tournament (No Trophies)	TBD	JVX, VX, OO, JV Poetry, V Poetry, Duo, Dec, DP, POI, Congress
10/21	NYCFL - Debate	TBD	LD, PF
11/4	NYCFL	TBD	All Speech and Congress and Debate
11/4	NYCFL - Online Policy League	Online	Policy, Nov, JV and Varsity
11/11	Mini - Scar	Scarsdale	VPF, VLD, NPF, NLD, jvx,jvoi,dec
12/2 (SAT test)	NYCFL - Emily Clemente Memorial	Virtual???	JV - X, OO, JV-OI, V-OI, Dec (Senior Judging Allowed)
12/16	NYCFL Christmas Chlassic	Regis	Congress, PF, LD (3 rounds)
12/16	Online Policy League	Online	Policy, Nov, JV and Varsity
1/6	Chaminade Invitational	Chaminade	JV & Varsity Speech / Congress
1/13	NYCFL - Sr. Raimonde Memorial	Regis/Loyola	All Speech/Congress
1/20	NYCFL - Online Policy League	Online	Policy, Nov, JV and Varsity
1/20	NYCFL - Bump Invitational	Online	Novice and JV PF and LD
1/29 could be 2/4	NYCFL	TBD	All Speech, Congress, POI (Senior Judging) Double Entry
2/18	NYCFL	Would love to have Harvard weekend	PF, LD, CX (Nov and JV)
3/1	3/3 Lakeland	Online?	Novice and Varsity LD/PF/Policy
3/9 (SAT test)	NYCFL	TBD	Last Chance Speech - Double Entry (Varsity Judging for JV Categories) and POI and INFO
3/16	OPL Finals	Online	CX
3/16	NYCFL - Grand Grand	Stuyvesant	Speech / Debate / Congress / CX ???

5/24

5/26 NCFL Nationals

Chicago, IL

100% IN PERSON

This is an extremely tentative schedule. It is plagued by mistakes omissions and tiptoes.  
Check NYCFL.org and individual tournaments for more complete information

PLEASE NOTE: ALL NYCFL TOURNAMENTS ARE ONLY OPEN TO NYCFL MEMBER SCHOOLS (What do we open and what stays closed)

9/29 - 10/1	Yale	Speech/Congress/Debate	debate is virtual
10/27 - 10/28	Tim Averill Invitational	Online	
11/18	Little Lex	PF/LD/Policy	
11/18 - 11/19	Villiger	All Speech / Congress	
12/1 - 12/3	Princeton	All Speech/LD/PF/Congress	
12/9 - 12/10	Ridge Debates	N and V in LD, PF	
1/5 - 1/6	Newark	PF/LD/Policy	
1/13 - 1/15	Big Lex	PF/LD/Policy	
1/28 - 1/29	Emory	Speech /Debate/Congress	
1/26 - 1/28	Columbia (online)	Debate	
1/27 - 1/28	Ridge	Debate / Speech	
2/3 - 2/5	Pennsbury Falcon	Speech	
2/9 - 2/11	U. Penn	All (Novice PF/LD online)	
2/17 - 2/19	Harvard	All	
2/25	NYC - Speech Regionals	Regis	
???	NYC - LD and Con Regionals	Regis	
???	NYC - PF - Regionals	Regis	
???	NYC - Districts Debate	Regis	
???	NYC - District Speech	Syossett	
???	NYC - District Congress		
3/1	Mid-Hudson Regionals - Iona	Congress Only	
3/2	Mid-Hudson Regionals - Pelham		
3/2	Mid-Hudson Districts- Pelham		
?? - ??	States - Hoffstra??	All - No CX	
6/16 - 6/21	NSDA Des Moines	All	

For additional dates and tournaments see:

<http://www.jimmenick.com/henhud/sked.html>

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## NCFL Tentative Agenda

- Student Congress Manual complete rewrite. Finally making it more readable and easier to find things.
- Student Congress ByLaws. Mostly moving things from the Manual over to the ByLaws that need to there. And changing the sizing so it follow what we did in Louisville (goal is 18 per chamber) as opposed to pre-pandemic size assumptions.
- Middle School membership and a Virtual Middle School Tournament. Interesting. Could help us grow, and could raise some funds.

Here's what might be coming in Agenda items:

- Might be getting a proposal to change Policy Debate to 2-judge panels to be consistent with LD and PF judge quota of 1 judge per entry.
- Should be getting a proposal to change Policy Debate Elims. Do we need to break the top 32 when only 80 teams are entered.
- Might get a wording change on LD & PF Counterplans.
- Might need to talk about Podcasts as a source for Speech.
- Might need to talk about does a "Single published play" or "Single work" mean you can use multiple episodes from a serialized show (TV, streaming, podcast) or only one episode?

Any Board items we should consider:

- It looks like in Speech the rule of truncating ranks to the smallest section in Speech got lost in an update somewhere. We need to put it back.
- Need to update Extemp Rules about timing yourself (to deal with the problem we had to handle in the DQ and Appeals).
- Consider revising the Tab Rep rules for small leagues, or just continue to waive it as we do now? A league of only 1 entry, or quota of 1 really can't provide both a judge and a Tab Rep. Do we formalize that?

Finance Committee Items:

- Adjust the Outside the Block Surcharge to \$100 per student vice \$50.
- Increase in School Membership Dues?
- Increase in Tournament Entry Fees?



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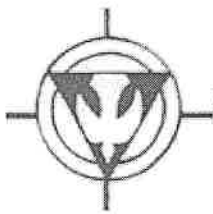
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**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

This school is a member in good standing of the Local Diocesan League.

**LEAGUE DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

