



20 May 2024

Dear Diocesan Directors and Tab Room Personnel:

In a few short days we will gather in Chicago, IL for the National Catholic Forensic League's 2024 *GRAND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT*. On the attached sheets you will find your Tab Room staff assignment. Mike Colletti and his family, along with all the Chicago Catholic Forensic League, look forward to seeing you soon.

On the attached sheets you will find your Tab Room staff assignments. If you foresee any difficulty with your assignment, please contact me immediately by email at rburdett@ncfl.org. The assignment presumes that you will be present. If the person representing your League is someone other than you, please pass this letter on to the appropriate person and let me know. For those of you who suggested additional names, we thank you. As we discussed this year our Tab Staff is smaller than in the past, and our Judge Pools are tighter than usual. In some instances, the assignments will change from Saturday to Sunday so please note the special indicators on the assignment sheet.

On Saturday, all Policy Debate, L-D Debate, Public Forum Debate, and Student Congress tab personnel should plan to report to your tab room locations at 6:45am, about 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the rounds for that event. Extemp Prep personnel should report to the Extemp Prep Room at 7:15am, about 45 minutes prior to the first round draw time. Individual events personnel should be at the tab room at 7:30am, about 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start for Round 1. All tab room locations are noted in the attached pages.

Please approach your assignment with the highest degree of professionalism. You are in the Tab Room to assist in the running of the Tournament *and not to check on the progress of contestants*. We ask that you **not** generate a list of selections presented at the Grand Tournament. ***Under no circumstances are you to reveal results, pairings, clearing students, assignments, records required to clear, or other information to anyone in any way!*** Please do not take any photographs or screen-shots of any ballots, print-outs, pieces, or our data entry and results screens at all.

Please remember that as diocesan director, you have definite responsibilities. Make certain that all of your coaches are familiar with NCFL rules governing all events. We prefer not having to invoke sanctions against offending judges or the leagues or schools they represent. Also **remind your coaches** of the need to bring original sources in the event of any challenges.

Please inform your coaches, judges, and competitors to have the links to the LiveDocs that will be used throughout the weekend. We will be posting the LiveDocs by Friday morning. We will be distributing updates and information via the LiveDocs throughout the weekend. We will again publish the codes of all registered students and judges on Thursday evening.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in person. Keep emailing us any changes through Friday, May 24. Emails about changes should be sent to ncfl@tabroom.com, questions or other concerns can be sent to my rburdett@ncfl.org address.

Sincerely,

Roland Burdett, III,
NCFL Grand Nationals Tournament Director

NCFL National Officers and Assignments:

Chicago, IL

TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS

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Policy Debate: Jeff Kahn (Philadelphia), Chair
Saturday at the Palmer House, Cresthill Room (3rd Floor); Sunday at the Hilton Chicago, PDR#1 (3rd Floor)
Danielle Jones (Arlington) Kristie Taylor (Palm Beach)
Steven Sprouse (Baltimore) April Lindner (Philadelphia)
Sheryl Kaczmarek (Boston) D'Arcy Robinson (Portland)
Gary Peters (Indianapolis) Willie Warren (Raleigh)
John Cierpial (Newark)

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Joe Vaughan (New York), Chair
Saturday at the Hilton Chicago, PDR#1 (3rd Floor); Sunday at the Palmer House, Cresthill Room (3rd Floor)
Steven Wang (Atlanta) Ben Edwards (Pittsburgh)
Chris Harrow (Charlotte) Amanda Hurd (Salt Lake City)
Tiffany Dacheux (Harrisburg) Danielle Johnson (St. Louis)
Christopher Berdnik (Philadelphia) Luisa Villamil (St. Petersburg-Tampa)

Public Forum Debate: David Long (Allentown), Chair
Saturday at Hilton Chicago, Mobley Room (Lower Level); Sunday at the Palmer House, Harvard Room (3rd Floor)
Robert Biemesderfer (Arlington) Stephen Goldberg (Sacramento)
Janet Novack (Boston) Charles Schletzbaum (San Jose)
Bob Hall (Burlington) Jack Smale (Spokane)
Allyson Cooper (Cleveland) Randy Snyder (Wheeling-Charleston)
Jim Menick (New York)

Student Congress: LeAnne Schmidt (Detroit) & Keith Pittman (Charlotte), Co-Chairs
Saturday & Sunday at the Hilton Chicago Hotel, PDR #2 (3rd Floor)
Sheryl Gusman (Arlington) Jordy Barry (Newark)
Marie Bakke (Arlington) Michelle Boswell (Raleigh)
Phillip Helt (Kansas City / St. Joseph) Katrina Joyce (Scranton)

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Individual Events: Greg Cunningham (Boston), Co-Chair
Dave Yastremski (Newark), Co-Chair
Marc Rischitelli (Worcester), Co-Chair

Saturday in the Hilton Chicago Hotel, Buckingham Room (1st Floor).
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Judge Assignments for I.E. Elim Rounds:

Marc Rischitelli (Worcester)
Chris Sheldon (Worcester)
Mark Deaton (Arlington)

Declamation Tab: Michael Robinson (Louisville), Chair
Charles Frodella (Brooklyn) (To Sweeps & Results on Sunday)
Rosie Camous (Orlando)
Jay Williamson (Springfield-Cape Girardeau)
Sasha Warbritton (St. Paul-Minneapolis)

Dramatic Performance Tab: Suzanne Culver (Albany), Chair
Charity Wang (Atlanta)
David Harper (Green Bay)
Debra Krotz (Salina)
Jordan Hart (St. Louis)

Duo Interpretation Tab: Holly Smith (Altoona Johnstown), Chair
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Brent Goetzinger (Omaha)
Eamonn Cummings (Rockville Centre)

Extemp Prep: Katy Cecil (Louisville) & Rosemary Cundiff-Brown, Co-Chairs
Shane Cole (Biloxi)
Dan Davis (Erie)
Eric Cecil (Louisville)
Brian McAninch (Orlando)
Teo Brugnerotto (Washington)
Katie Lakofsky (Wilmington)

Extemporaneous Speaking Tab: Jill Stedman (Atlanta), Chair
Mark Deaton (Arlington) (To Judge Assignments on Sunday)
Sonya Harvey (Jackson)
Jessica Cerchiaro (Pittsburgh)

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Protest Committee: Michael Nailor (Scranton), Chair

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Jharick Shields (Jackson)

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Jim Reagan (Newark)

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Mike Colletti & Family and Friends, and the Chicago Catholic Forensic League