



NCFL GRAND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT CONGRESS INFORMATION

NEW THIS YEAR: At the NCFL Fall Meeting, the diocesan directors approved a [completely revised Congress Manual \(click here\)](#). It is essential that ALL participants in the Student Congress process -- diocesan directors, coaches, debaters, judges, and parliamentarians -- read the document. Any questions can be addressed to congress@ncfl.org.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION--

- **Parliamentarians:** Remember that all leagues with 4 or more participants in Student Congress **must provide** a judge that is **a qualified, experienced Parliamentarian**. [Parliamentarians \(defined here\)](#) from all leagues are welcome, but those entering 4 or more students are **required** to provide one. These persons should expect to be Parliamentarians on Saturday or Sunday. Parliamentarian duties are defined on page 19 of the [NCFL Congress Manual \(click here\)](#). Persons not experienced as a Parliamentarian should not be assigned to these critical roles. Please only list those judges who are experienced as Parliamentarians.
- **Scorers** (a.k.a Judges): [Scorers \(defined here\)](#) are expected to be available for the General Meeting and at least 15 minutes after the start time of the session in the Judges' Lounge. The Diocesan League may incur fees for scorers not present during these crucial times. Scorers may not observe other sessions to which they are not assigned.
- **Students:** Students will not be assigned to Preliminary Sessions with members of their Diocesan League, but all will follow the same base schedule for main breaks. Chamber assignments will not be released until Saturday morning. Coaches should individually discuss the caucusing procedures, including seeking to serve as a [Presiding Officer \(defined here\)](#) with Congress students.

Legislation: Every school participating in Student Congress at NCFL Grand Nationals may submit **one piece of legislation**, either a Bill or Resolution. **Additional submissions are welcome**, but they will only be considered if the first is rejected or there is a need for more legislation than has been received by the due date. Legislation must be submitted using [this form \(click here\)](#) by April 1st. The docket of legislation items for the all Grand National sessions of Student Congress will be posted online at NCFL.org AND at NCFLNationals.org at least one month before the Grand National tournament.

Ongoing Updates: All Student Congress participants are encouraged to consult the [NCFL Student Congress website](#) at <https://sites.google.com/view/ncflstudentcongress/home> for access to Student Congress resources, including the schedules, location information, individual bills and the sessions to which they are assigned, and LiveDocs for the Grand National Tournament.

Questions regarding Student Congress operations can be addressed to ncflclerkofcongress@gmail.com at any time.