



# Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE, PBCFL MEMBERSHIP INVOICE, AND  
NCFL SCHOOL DATA CARD ARE AT THE END OF THIS EMAIL

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Dear Fellow Debate Coach,

Hello, and welcome to another year of high school competitive debate, acting and public speaking!

What is provided here is an introduction to our global village. Being a debate coach is generally divided into two separate areas: **CLASSROOM/TEACHING**, and **COACHING/ADMINISTERING**. The various folders of information in the on-line curriculum guide are departmentalized as such; however, there are bound to be some areas where cross-application takes place. That's OK. Better to have too much than not enough.

Additionally, because this is a continual "work in progress," there may be some files in need of updating or that are missing. Let us know, we'll work on it!

This is a database of lessons, units, exams, and other important informational items. You are encouraged to use and adapt anything you find in these materials to your classroom, team, and coaching requirements and preferences.

These lesson/unit plans and administrative materials are available via the PBCFL web site ([www.pbcfl.net](http://www.pbcfl.net)).

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## COACHING – DEBATE LEAGUES AND CONTACTS

There are three debate leagues to which schools in Palm Beach and Martin counties generally belong:

1: The **Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League (PBCFL)** is the local affiliate of the **National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL)**, comprised of around 25-30 public and private high school programs primarily from Palm Beach and Martin counties.

PRESIDENT: Traci Lowe, Suncoast HS

VP, INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: Paul Gaba, Wellington HS

VP, DEBATE: Daryl Hall, Palm Beach Central HS

SECRETARY: Angie Anyzeski, Dreyfoos School of the Arts

TREASURER: Dale McCall, retired

Your officers, along with a number of other experienced coaches in the league, are available to answer questions, offer teaching and coaching ideas and perspectives, and assist you at both the classroom and debate tournament levels.

PBCFL WEBSITE: <http://www.pbcfl.net> (*this is where full-text Congressional Debate legislation will be posted*)

NCFL WEBSITE: <http://www.ncfl.org>

NCFL NATIONALS WEBSITE: <http://www.ncflnationals.org>

The PBCFL hosts seven tournaments a year between September and April, rotating among different schools in the league. The "Grand Finals" tournament is a national championship qualifier, and individuals who advance from that tournament will compete at the NCFL "Grand National" tournament over Memorial Day weekend. The 2018 CatNats will be in Washington, D.C.; 2019 will be in Milwaukee; 2020 will be in Chicago.

Your school will have to pay \$75 dues to the PBCFL for the school year. If your school competed at last year's PBCFL Grand Finals national qualifier but did not send students to the national championship, your team's yearly dues are already paid.

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2: The **Florida Oceanfront National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) District** reaches from Palm Beach north to the Indian River/Brevard county line and west to Hendry County. There are eight counties that make up Oceanfront: Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee, Highlands, Glades, and Hendry.

Roughly 25-30 schools are in the Florida Oceanfront District. Many are also in the PBCFL. Your officers are: Paul Gaba, Chair; Angie Anyzeski; David Childree (Oxbridge Academy of the Palm Beaches); Richard LoSardo (Martin County HS); and Traci Lowe. There are two NSDA national qualifier district tournaments a year – the Congressional Debate qualifier, and the Speech/Debate qualifier. Students advance from both to compete at the NSDA national championship. The 2018 nationals will be in Ft. Lauderdale; 2019 will be in Dallas.; 2020 will be in Albuquerque.

Until recently, NSDA was known as the National Forensic League (NFL). The acronym/reference is still likely to come up in discussion.

HOW TO ... Register with the National Speech & Debate Association  
920-748-6206

NSDA WEBSITE: <http://www.speechanddebate.org/>

FLORIDA OCEANFRONT NSDA WEBSITE: <https://www.facebook.com/FloridaOceanfrontNSDA>

The NSDA uses an online point recording system, which allows immediate updated team results. In order to use the online recording system, you have to make sure that your NSDA dues are paid. Go to the “Join The League” link, then click either “Join” or “Renew” and follow the instructions. (Or click the “To pay with check or purchase order” link.) You need to get a check requested from your school’s book keeper for \$149 made out to the National Speech & Debate Association. After the payment has been received by the NSDA, you can work with the online system. You will have to register with the NSDA. (Each individual lifetime student membership, after achieved, is \$20.)

3: A third league is the **Florida Forensic League**. About 12-15 area schools are members of the **FFL Macaw Region**, which stretches from Palm Beach County north to Volusia County. The Macaw Region representative position is Suncoast’s Traci Lowe. The FFL has three tournaments a year – a regional qualifier in early February, the state varsity championship in early March (novices are eligible to compete there, too), and a novice state championship in April.

FFL WEBSITE: <http://www.floridaforensics.org>

The FFL membership drive kicks off around Sept. 1. To join, go to [www.joyoftournaments.com/fl/ffl](http://www.joyoftournaments.com/fl/ffl) and apply for membership. The deadline for registration without financial penalty is December 15. Membership is \$70 for the year if a returning FFL program, \$35 if your school has not been a member in the past three years. FYI, 3-4 Macaw Region entries in each event will qualify for Varsity State; the exact number is still to be determined. To compete at Novice State, teams need to have at least one competitor at the regional tournament.

## **FLORIDA STATEWIDE DEBATE LEAGUE CONTACTS**

Yes, this is a PBCFL welcome letter, but as a coach, you’ll want (and/or need) to know some of the major players (i.e., officers) in the three leagues statewide.

### **FLORIDA FORENSIC LEAGUE – Board of Directors**

- **President** – Carol Cecil, G. Holmes Braddock HS (Miami)
- **VP Operations** – Dario Camara, Wester HS (Weston)
- **VP / Webmaster** – Alyssa Fiebrantz, Cypress Bay HS (Weston)
- **Secretary** – Jennifer Kwasman, St. Thomas Aquinas HS (Ft. Lauderdale)
- **Treasurer** – Cathy Brown, Apopka HS (Apopka)
- **Region 1 (Panhandle)** – Pauline Buis, Niceville HS (Niceville)
- **Region 2 (Timacuan)** – Beth Eskin, Timber Creek HS (Orlando)
- **Region 3 (Gulf Coast)** – Paul Jannereth, Carrollwood Day School (Tampa)
- **Region 4 (Macaw)** – Traci Lowe, Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
- **Region 5 (Art Deco)** – Kate Hamm, Ransom Everglades HS (Coconut Grove)
- **Region 6 (Hurricane)** – Justin Weaver, Coral Springs HS (Coral Springs)

### **NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION – Florida District Chairs**

- **Florida Manatee District** – Megan West, Cypress Bay HS (Weston)
- **Florida Oceanfront District** – Paul Gaba, Wellington HS (Wellington)
- **Florida Panther District** – Nathan Johnston, Trinity Prep (Orlando)
- **Florida Sunshine District** – Bill Gibron, Academy of the Holy Names (Tampa)
- **South Florida District** – Luis Dulzaides, Belen Jesuit Prep (Miami)

### **NATIONAL CATHOLIC FORENSIC LEAGUE – Florida Diocese Directors**



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- **Miami** – Dario Camara, Western HS (Weston)
- **Orlando** – Maggie Paxson, Gainesville HS (Gainesville)
- **Palm Beach** – Traci Lowe, Suncoast HS (Riviera Beach)
- **St. Augustine** – Marna Weston, Oak Hall School (Gainesville)
- **St. Petersburg-Tampa** – Sister Mary Patricia Plumb, Academy of the Holy Names (Tampa)

## NOVICE DEBATE CLASSROOM – YOUR FIRST WEEK

The best way to “kick off” the school year is by introducing students to the idea of public speaking. Some will be very confident; others will be very intimidated. Using an “icebreaker” to get students to not only do a short oral presentation, but to also get to know the other members of the class, is a good idea, and several such ideas are included in the **CLASSROOM – FIRST WEEK** folder.

You will also want to distribute and explain your classroom syllabus, rules, and a basic synopsis of not only what the class will involve, but the idea of debate tournaments and what they entail. Several examples of syllabi and student paperwork packets are in the **COACHING – START OF YEAR PAPERWORK** folder.

## NOVICE DEBATE CLASSROOM – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

First-year debaters will be learning about a variety of different competitive debate, acting and public speaking events this year. Some are political in nature, some are not.

The first event taught in the classroom should be a hybrid of all debate areas called Congressional Debate (also known as Student Congress). In this event, roughly 20-25 students from various schools will congregate in a classroom for debate on federal legislation proposed by the students themselves. At the PBCFL's September Congressional tournament (see schedule information below), “novice” students will be together in the same room, and will compete **ONLY** against other first-time debaters from other schools. Varsity debaters will act as “presiding officers” who call on speakers, track speaker time, and control action in the legislative chamber; they will **not** be competing against first-year debaters.

Here is a sample partial docket that might be seen in a congress chamber:

Suncoast – A Bill to Lift United States Sanctions on Iran

Gardens – A Bill to Require the Installation of Energy Efficient Windows, Air-Conditioning, and Lighting in All Public Schools

Cardinal Newman – A Bill to Maximize Security along the United States-Mexican Border

Atlantic – A Resolution to Abolish Affirmative Action

Dreyfoos School of the Arts – A Bill to Alleviate Energy Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa

Full-text legislation will need to be emailed to the PBCFL webmaster by the Friday before Labor Day Weekend, and will be posted on the PBCFL's website shortly thereafter. Coaches will be notified when the legislation is online. Students should research **all** the topics in order to give speeches on the various bills and resolutions, as specific chamber breakdowns will not be available until three days before the actual competition date. (NOTE: Chamber breakdowns will **only** be announced before the September and December PBCFL tournaments.) The class should teach students how to research, outline and formally present speeches, plus learn cross-examination techniques.

(Information on how to register for tournaments and email legislation can be found in the **COACHING – INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT PAPERWORK** folder.)

After the first tournament of the year, first-year students should begin working on 2-3 new novice-specific events for the October PBCFL tournament. However, all events (see below), including Congressional Debate, will be offered. After the October tournament, coaches will start on 2-3 different novice-specific events. Basically, by the end of the school year, everyone in the class should have learned about all events offered at weekend competitions.

## NOVICE DEBATE CLASSROOM – OTHER DEBATE EVENTS

There are about a dozen debate, forensic and public speaking events at the core of the debate classroom and tournament structure. They are:

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**DEBATE: Congressional Debate (CON), Lincoln Douglas Debate (LD), Public Forum Debate (PFD), Policy Debate (TD/CX).**

Lincoln Douglas Debate features one person on each side. Propositions of value are debated with the emphasis on developing logical argumentation rather than an accumulation of information. Students will learn values analysis, argumentation skills, sound and ethical use of persuasion, and clear audience-centered communication. The topic changes every two months.

Public Forum Debate is an audience-friendly two-on-two debate where current event issues are argued using logic and facts/statistics. PFD develops skills in argumentation, cross-examination and refutation. The topic changes monthly.

Policy Debate (also known as Team Debate or Cross-Examination Debate) is a form of debate competition in which teams of two debate whether or not a specific federal policy action should be enacted. The topic lasts the entire school year. TD has not been an active PBCFL event since 2005.

Congressional Debate was discussed previously.

**FORENSIC ARTS: Dramatic Performance (DP, DI, HI), Duo Interpretation (DUO), Oral Interpretation (OI), Program Oral Interpretation (POI).**

Dramatic Performance is an individual category in which selections are either dramatic or humorous. Selections are from published-printed novels, short stories, plays, or any other such materials. Presentations are memorized and made without props or costumes. At some tournaments (non CFL), the event is split into Dramatic Interpretation (DI) and Humorous Interpretation (HI) categories.

Duo Interpretation is a two-person version of DP. Students cannot look at one another or touch each other during the performance.

In Oral Interpretation, students select poetry and prose pieces for performance. Unlike DP or DUO, a student will have the manuscript in front of him or her in a small binder, and the performer must show a balance of eye contact between the script and audience. OI is not “acted out” to the degree of DP or DUO.

Program of Oral Interpretation is a new NSDA event. POI is a program of oral interpretation of thematically-linked selections chosen from two or three genres: prose, poetry, drama (plays). A primary focus of this event should be on the development of the theme or argument through the use of narrative, story, language, and/or characterization. Competitors are encouraged to devote approximately equal times to each of the genres used in the program. At least two pieces of literature that represent at least two separate genres must be used. The use of a manuscript is required.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING: Extemporaneous Speaking (EX, IX/FX, DX/USX), Original Oratory (OO), Declamation (DEC), Informative Speaking (INF).**

In Extemporaneous Speaking, a student draws three questions on a foreign or domestic current event topic from an envelope, selects one, and has 30 minutes to prepare an answer using factual basis and logic. The student uses a set of research files s/he has built as a resource. Only published materials may be used as resources. At some tournaments (non-CFL), the topics are split into International/Foreign (IX/FX) and Domestic/United States (DX/USX) categories.

Original Oratory is the only event where the student has 100 percent control of the topic and its development. As orators, students write, memorize and present their own speeches. Many orations deal with a current problem and propose a solution using facts and statistics.

In Declamation, students memorize a previously presented speech. It may be an old oratory, a public address, or anything that has been presented before. Tournament competition is limited to freshmen and sophomore students.

Informative Speaking is also a new NSDA event. An informative speech is an original speech designed to explain, define, describe, or illustrate a particular subject. The general purpose of the speech is for the audience to gain understanding and/or knowledge of a topic. Any other purpose such as to entertain or to convince shall be secondary. The use of audio/visual aids is optional.

**SUPPLEMENTAL: Examples include – Impromptu, Extemporaneous Duo, Storytelling, Spontaneous Argumentation, World Schools Debate.**

At some tournaments, “supplemental” events are offered as a way of both offering students the chance to earn more tournament points (as entered through the National Speech & Debate Association’s website; see further in this letter for details) and/or to keep students who did not advance beyond preliminary rounds busy. Details on these types of events will be made available by the host tournament as part of its invitation.

Video/DVD copies of national championship level performances for all main events and a few supplemental events are available through the National Speech & Debate Association; more about this is noted later in this letter.

**COACHING – A FORMAL PARENT/STUDENT MEETING.** Early in the year, you want to set up and hold a



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meeting with your team's parents and students. This meeting is to help parents understand the world of debate a little better, and if new coaches would feel more comfortable having a veteran coach or two along to help answer technical questions and explain debate to these parents and students, that's not a problem (just ask someone you trust and give enough advance notice). Debate in general will be discussed; some coaches include a tournament attire "fashion show" (more information on tournament attire below) as well. Students should receive a packet of important paperwork the first week or two of classes; it's good to have several notaries in attendance to take care of some of the official paperwork required for tournament participation.

Along with getting to know how the debate and forensic forum operates, this meeting has other advantages. It will be a great opportunity to meet other debate parents (varsity and novice alike), to form (if needed) future car pool contacts for local and regional tournaments, to find out about the tournament dress code, and to learn some very key rules about debate tournaments and decorum. Because teams need volunteers for everything from judging debate events at tournaments and chaperones at regional and "away" competitions to helping when hosting a tournament to donating food and drinks for debate events, this is an ideal time to find out more about how parents can help positively impact their child's participation in the phenomenal world of debate and forensic arts.

### COACHING – DEBATE PROGRAM DUES/LOCAL TOURNAMENT FEES

For PBCFL tournaments, the league charges \$7 per student entry, and the host school charges \$6 per student lunch and judge lunch. Many coaches charge students either \$15 or \$20 per PBCFL tournament, to not only cover student costs, but the adult judge costs. At PBCFL tournaments, coaches are mandated to order meals for their judges/adult quota.

*NOTE: the Palm Beach School District's policies are clear that if coaches incorporate tournament participation as a debate class grade, "no penalty of any type will be imposed against a student based upon a failure to pay. No student shall be denied the right to participate for failure to pay. The principal may forego a planned activity or use of a particular item based upon the collection of insufficient funds to cover the cost of the item or activity. This monetary request is voluntary." This does not mean the PBCFL or host schools waive financial obligations, such as registration fees, drop fees, or meals, to schools that compete.*

Ways that some coaches have worked with this requirement include dubbing payment a "donation," using fundraising by students to cover these costs, or offering alternative no-cost public speaking opportunities to students. Additionally, some coaches request a flat "cover all PBCFL tournaments" donation at the start of the year.

Dues can be charged to extracurricular competitive team students who are not in the classroom.

Other tournaments (non-PBCFL) may have additional costs associated with them due to tournament-imposed fees, hotel stays, transportation, meals, etc.

### COACHING – DEBATE TOURNAMENTS

Tournament travel varies, depending on the tournament. There's sort of a "tier" system, per se:

LOCALS – there are seven tournaments on the "local" circuit (PBCFL), all on a Saturday (one each in September, October, November, December, January, February, and March). Most, if not all, will be within Palm Beach County or Martin County. Travel for these is essentially "on your own" – car pooling, parental driving, or student driving (ONLY within Palm Beach County, and ONLY if that's allowed by the parents), with ALL required paperwork on file. Tournaments are "all-day" affairs; students need to be on the host school campus by 7:30 a.m. that day (**on-site registration shuts down at 7:45 a.m., and rounds start at 8 a.m. prompt!**), and the awards ceremony will usually be over by 4:30 p.m.

In early February is the Florida Forensic League Macaw regional qualifier, where students have the opportunity to advance to the state championship tournament the first weekend in March. There is also a "novice state championship" tournament hosted by the FFL in April, where first-year debaters compete.

REGIONALS – these are tournaments in Ft. Lauderdale or Miami, such as the Crestian Tradition, Nova Titan Invitational, or University School Sunvitational, where programs generally arrange car pools ahead of time. Students are not allowed to drive out of county, per school district policy.

OUT-OF-AREA WITHIN FLORIDA – Orlando, Tampa, Jacksonville, Gainesville, etc. definitely fall here

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– schools usually pool together and travel via charter bus for these tournaments, with adult chaperones (at a 1-to-10 adult-student ratio).

**OUT OF STATE** – For tournaments such as Yale, Harvard, UPenn, George Mason, Emory, Princeton, The Glenbrooks, etc., airlines are the only viable option. While these are geared primarily for varsity students, novices are more than welcome to attend (as entry spots are available).

New coaches/programs should not feel obligated to do every tournament. Focus on the “local” circuit first, possibly adding one or two more regional tourneys, so that you don’t feel overwhelmed right out of the gate.

### **TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION WEBSITES**

To register for PBCFL tournaments, you will need to use **The Joy of Tournaments** registration website. The Florida-specific link is: <http://www.joyoftournaments.com/bystate.asp?state=FL>. This is the most commonly-accessed tournament registration website used by area coaches.

If you are new to coaching, you will need to create a JOT account. This can easily be done on the website. If you are taking over for a former coach, and having issues, contact Trish Zenczak at [support@joyoftournaments.com](mailto:support@joyoftournaments.com)

Other debate registration websites include **Speechwire** (<http://www.speechwire.com>) and **Tabroom** (<http://www.tabroom.com>).

### **JUDGES**

Parental and graduate judges are needed for all tournaments; generally, experienced coaches do not judge at local tournaments, due to other administrative requirements. (As a new coach, you’ll likely judge early on, so you can get a feel for the events and rules.) It is important to involve parents of current team members, though! There needs to be a coordinated support system for the program to succeed; because of the judging requirements, if a team does not have enough judges, students have to be dropped from tournament competition. There will be judge training seminars at the first two PBCFL tournaments (September and October). In addition, many coaches host judge workshops, which you and your new parents/judge candidates are encouraged to attend.

All competitors are encouraged to help recruit judges for tournaments. Judges can be parents, adults, siblings, adult friends of the family, former high school or current college debaters, etc. Teams are required to provide a certain number of judges per tournament in order to be eligible to compete.

### **STUDENT TOOLS**

Before classes begin, students will need to have access to a digital timer to keep track of speech times for debate events (including Congressional Debate). They should also have a flash drive with plenty of space for research, written cases, etc. Students will also need a nice folio for 8x11 legal pads, etc. for Congressional Debate. For Oral Interpretation and Program Oral Interpretation, mini-binders will be needed, which can be purchased at Office Depot, Staples, etc., as well as from the NSDA.

### **VIDEO/DVD PERFORMANCES**

The National Speech & Debate Association has a number of DVDs available that can be used as viable teaching tools in the classroom. Every fall, the NSDA makes available a complete set of DVDs from that year’s national championship tournament final rounds, including all main and supplemental events, as well as the awards ceremony. There is a cost for this collection; contact the NSDA for details. There are also copies of prior year final round performances. The benefit of these DVDs is that it allows students to view first-hand different debate and interpretation event techniques, as well as witness the caliber of competition at the championship level.

### **STUDENT TOURNAMENT ATTIRE**

The PBCFL “Guidelines for Tournament Attire are attached to this document, and will be posted on every PBCFL “The Joy of Tournaments” registration page. For the sake of simplicity, “business professional” is the expectation. Here is a group photo of our five 2016 NSDA Congressional Debate finalists in proper attire:



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*Again, welcome to the world of competitive speaking. We hope you enjoy your stay!*

*Sincerely,*

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## **2017-18 Palm Beach/Martin High School Tournament Schedule**

### **FIRST SEMESTER**

September

23 PBCFL #1 @ Suncoast HS (Congressional)

October

21 PBCFL #2 @ Spanish River HS (Novice-Specific: Extemporaneous Speaking & Duo Interpretation)

November

11 PBCFL #3 @ Palm Beach Lakes HS (Novice-Specific: Public Forum Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, & Oral Interpretation)

December

9 ACT PBCFL #4 @ Royal Palm Beach HS (All Novice PLUS Funvitational: Spontaneous Argumentation, Impromptu, Du Extemporaneous, Storytelling, Informative Speaking, Program of Oral Interpretation, World Schools Debate)

### **SECOND SEMESTER**

January

20 PBCFL #5 @ Seminole Ridge HS (Novice-Specific: Original Oratory & Dramatic Performance)

February

3 FFL Macaw Region State Championship Qualifier @ Park Vista HS  
24 PBCFL Grand Finals @ \_\_\_\_\_

March

9 (Fri 8-4) Florida Oceanfront NSDA Congress @ Palm Beach State College, Palm Beach Gardens campus

9-10 SAT Florida Oceanfront NSDA Speech & Debate @ William T. Dwyer HS

April

7 PBCFL #6 Novice Champs (Plus Limited Funvitational: Informative Speaking, Program of Oral Interpretation, & World Schools Debate NSDA National Qualifier) @ Wellington HS

**2017-18 ACT DATES:** September 9, October 28, December 9, February 10, April 14

**2017-18 SAT DATES:** August 26, October 7, November 4, December 2, March 10, May 5

*NOTE: Other state, regional and national tournaments can be found on the FFL web site  
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*Guidelines for Behavior*

The purpose of the PBCFL behavior guidelines is to ensure that all students maintain a level of professionalism and decorum in accordance with forensics, league activities, and school events. Since speech and debate tournaments are school-sponsored events, all school rules and regulations apply. Any infraction of these rules will result in consequences outlined by the student handbook. Additionally, the locations of our competitions are on school campuses and, therefore, all areas and materials must be respected and maintained accordingly. The following guidelines are to be adhered to by both competitors and observers.

1. No plagiarism (as outlined in PBCFL guidelines).
2. Students' coaches must have a copy of their pieces with the ISBN information on them.
3. Cell phones, game boys or PDA's may not be used in any round or sessions.
4. No sleeping during competition.
5. Students should be on task during competition rounds and sessions (ex. using cell phone, brushing hair, playing games, etc. are not acceptable).
6. No gum, food or drinks (other than water) in competition areas.
7. You may not leave the round/session for any reason other than an emergency. (A student may not leave to socialize, make phone calls, etc.)
8. "Visiting" other rooms during competition is prohibited.
9. No unnecessary talking or socializing during competition or awards ceremony.
10. Adhere to "one clap" rule during the awards ceremony.
11. No outbursts, inappropriate or offensive comments/remarks about competition, schools, coaches or judges during the tournament at any time.
12. Students should not be at the check in table during morning registration; coaches or designated school representative only at check in.
13. Students should be picked up or leave promptly after the tournament.
14. Students must remain in one central location with coach or school designated adult when waiting to be picked up after tournament.
15. No profanity.
16. No excessive public displays of affection.

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**Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League*****Guidelines for Competition Attire***

The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure that all students maintain a level of professionalism and decorum in accordance with forensics and league activities. Attire at forensics tournaments should be professional, such as that which is appropriate in a business setting or for an interview. Dress should be tasteful and conservative, and it should not detract from the student's performance.

\* The following guidelines are to be adhered to by both competitors and observers.

**Male Attire:**



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1. Collared, button down dress shirt (short sleeves or long) is to be worn
2. Tie (with regular collared shirt)
3. Shirts must be tucked in
4. Pants must be worn at waist level with a belt
5. Dress slacks or khakis are acceptable
6. Dark socks are to be worn
7. Dress shoes or loafers are acceptable
8. No jeans
9. No tennis shoes or flip flops
10. No baseball caps or hats of any kind

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Female Attire:



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1. Skirts with blouses, suits with slacks or skirts, or dresses are acceptable
2. Shoes should be professional; no flip flops, tennis shoes, sandals, spiked heels, or stilettos
3. Shirts or blouses should not be sheer or low cut (no cleavage or bra should be visible)
4. Pants and skirts must be worn at waist
5. Pantyhose are optional but encouraged
6. No shirts or slacks that are too tight or too revealing
7. No halter or spaghetti strap or strapless tops
8. No bare-midriiffs
9. No jeans
10. No mini skirts (must be at least 2 inches above knee or longer)
11. No hats
12. Accessories should be professional and should not distract from performance (ex. bracelets that make noise, large hoop or dangling earrings, oversize belt buckles)

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We will enter a Senior HS Team (\$75.00) With this membership, you will be allowed to enter eight (8) students maximum in each event at each tournament, with the exception of Congress in which you may enter twenty (20) students. NOTE: If you attended Grand Finals last year and did not qualify students to attend nationals, your \$75.00 fee has

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Payment Due: Friday, September 15, 2017 \*\***

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