



# 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 public speaking!

What is provided here is an introduction to our global village. Being a debate coach is generally divided into two separately areas: **CLASSROOM/TEACHING**, and **COACHING/ADMINISTERING**. The various curriculum information tabs on the **Palm Beach / Martin Debate Portal** are organized 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 information in need of updating or that are missing ... especially since, due to COVID-19, we are in a state of transition in so many ways right now. 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 **Palm Beach / Martin Debate Portal** web site ([www.pbcfl.net](http://www.pbcfl.net)).

## COACHING – DEBATE LEAGUES AND CONTACTS

There are multiple high school 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 EVENTS: Anna Hutcheson, Clark Advanced Learning Center

SECRETARY: Angie Anyzeski, Dreyfoos School of the Arts

TREASURER: Daryl Hall, Palm Beach Central HS

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.

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

The PBCFL hosts tournaments from September through April. The "Grand Finals" tournament in February 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 2021 CatNats is set to be in Minneapolis.

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.

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; Daryl Hall; Richard LoSardo; 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 2021 nationals will be in Des Moines.

The NSDA was formerly 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**

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

Click the following link to create an account. After new coaches have completed the form from the link, please continue by clicking "Log in Now" and link yourself to your school as the "Advisor." [www.speechanddebate.org/join](http://www.speechanddebate.org/join)

Once both steps have been done, complete the contact page form and send the email, which will trigger the NSDA to make the advisor change.

Coaches can log into their account page and set up their school's membership. From the account page, please take the following steps:

Click "Renew School" on the left (from your "Account" page) to go through the renewal process to create an invoice. You will then have the option to pay with a credit card or print the PDF of the invoice to turn into your financial office. As soon as the dues are paid the school will be activated in our system, as well as having access to limited resources in our system (member level). As soon as the resource package has been paid, you will have access to all the resources.

Once your school membership has been set up, you're ready to start adding students! As your team's advisor, a crucial part of your role is to register students for their membership in the National Speech & Debate Association. When your students become members, they will earn points through speech and debate competition, be eligible for national recognition, and have access to online resources at their fingertips!

To create an invoice for student memberships, visit the "School Roster" page and click the word "Buy" next to a student whose individual membership you would like to pay. Clicking the "Buy" button will take you to a page where the names of all students with unpaid memberships are listed. You can toggle the button from the left to the right for each student you wish to appear on the invoice.



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When you're ready, click "Create invoice and proceed to checkout." Once the invoice is created, any credit on your account will automatically be applied to the invoice. If the available credit does not pay off the invoice, a balance will remain, which you can elect to pay via credit card online or send in a check. If you would like to switch it to automatic billing (the system will automatically bill you on the 1st and the 15th of each month for those students with at least 25 points) , visit your School Profile and click "Autobill 25+ pts."

The NSDA offers a comprehensive **Resource Package** that is an excellent aid for teaching in the classroom. Normally it costs \$199 for the year; the NSDA has reduced it to \$99 if you purchase it by October 1. For more information on what it includes, go to <https://www.speechanddebate.org/rp/>.

3: A third league is the **Florida Forensic League (FFL)**. About 15-18 area schools are in the **FFL Macaw Region**, which stretches from Palm Beach County north to Volusia County. The Macaw Region representative position is 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: <https://floridaforensicsleague.com/>

The FFL membership drive kicks off around Sept. 1. To join, go to [www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com); after you log in, you should see the FFL Membership icon at the top. Click that, 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, 6-7 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.

4. New to the state in 2020-21 is the **Florida Civics and Debate Initiative (FCDI)**, a program announced in January 2020 that supports civics education through speech and debate programs. The mission of the FCDI is to create access and opportunities for all students to have the best civics education including curriculum, debate programs, and high-quality teachers that are catalysts for students becoming great citizens who can preserve our constitutional republic for future generations.

Sixty high and middle schools, representing 29 districts in Florida, were chosen to participate in the first phase of the FCDI. Nine are in the Southeast Florida Region, whose Regional Ambassadors are Paul Gaba and Traci Lowe. There will be three Wednesday after-school tournaments, plus a three-day national championship in March. All schools, regardless of FCDI status, are eligible to compete at FCDI tournaments, which are \$3 per competitor.

FCDI WEBSITE: <https://www.floridaeducationfoundation.org/fcdi>

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**National Speech & Debate Association:**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/speechanddebate>

Twitter: [@speechanddebate](https://twitter.com/speechanddebate)

Instagram: [@speechanddebate](https://www.instagram.com/speechanddebate)

**National Catholic Forensic League:**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheNCFL/>

Twitter: [@ncfl\\_updates](https://twitter.com/ncfl_updates)

Instagram: [@ncfls](https://www.instagram.com/ncfls)

**Florida Forensic League:**

Twitter: [@floridaforensic](https://twitter.com/floridaforensic)

**FLORIDA STATEWIDE DEBATE LEAGUE CONTACTS**

You'll want (and/or need) to know some of the players in the three leagues statewide:

**FLORIDA FORENSIC LEAGUE – Board of Directors**

- **President** – Carol Cecil, G. Holmes Braddock HS
- **VP / Operations** – Dario Camara, Western HS
- **VP / Webmaster** – Alyssa Fiebrantz, University School of NSU
- **Secretary** – TBD
- **Treasurer** – Jennifer Sandman, Olympia HS
- **Region 1 (Panhandle)** – Pauline Buis, Niceville HS
- **Region 2 (Timacuan)** – TBD
- **Region 3 (Gulf Coast)** – Danielle Lucas, C. Leon King HS
- **Region 4 (Macaw)** – Traci Lowe, Suncoast HS
- **Region 5 (Art Deco)** – Kate Hamm, Ransom Everglades HS
- **Region 6 (Hurricane)** – Ryan Hubbard, American Heritage School Plantation
- **Region 7 (Gullah Geechee)** - Marna Weston, Oak Hall School

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

- **Florida Manatee District** – Dario Camara, Western HS
- **Florida Oceanfront District** – Paul Gaba, Wellington HS
- **Florida Panther District** – Cathy Brown, Apopka HS
- **Florida Sunshine District** – Jennifer Bell, Paul R. Wharton HS
- **South Florida District** – Carol Cecil, G. Holmes Braddock HS

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC FORENSIC LEAGUE – Florida Diocese Moderators**

- **Miami** – Dario Camara, Western HS
- **Orlando** – Robert Dolan, Lake Mary Prep
- **Palm Beach** – Traci Lowe, Suncoast HS
- **St. Augustine** – Marna Weston, Oak Hall School
- **St. Petersburg-Tampa** – Terri St. John, Sarasota HS

**NOVICE DEBATE CLASSROOM – YOUR FIRST WEEK**

The best way to "kick off" the school year is by introducing students to the idea of public



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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 also get to know the other members of the class, is a good idea, and several such ideas are included in the **CLASSROOM** link.

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** link.

### 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 these areas called **Congressional Debate** (also known as Student Congress). Info can be found in the **CLASSROOM** link. In this event, roughly 18-20 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:

- Dreyfoos School of the Arts: A Bill to Impose Sanctions on Iran
- Boca Raton: A Bill To Combat The HIV/AIDS Epidemic In Sub-Saharan Africa
- Martin County: A Resolution to Disband Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Cardinal Newman: A Resolution to Abolish Affirmative Action
- Suncoast: A Bill to Support ESEAN to De-escalate Tensions in the South China Sea

Full-text legislation will be emailed to the PBCFL around Labor Day Weekend, and will be posted on the PBCFL's website shortly thereafter. Coaches will be notified when the legislation is online by email. 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. The class should teach students how to research, outline and formally present speeches, plus learn cross-examination techniques.

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.

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## NOVICE DEBATE CLASSROOM – OTHER DEBATE EVENTS

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

### DEBATE EVENTS

- **Lincoln Douglas Debate (LD)** features one person on each side of a philosophical question. Propositions of value are debated with the emphasis on developing logical argumentation rather than an accumulation of information. Students learn values analysis, argumentation skills, sound and ethical uses of persuasion, and clear audience-centered communication.
- **Public Forum Debate (PFD)** is audience-friendly debate. You and a partner will debate controversial current event issues. PFD will test your skills in argumentation, cross-examination, and refutation.

### COMPETITIVE ACTING / INTERPRETATION EVENTS

- **Dramatic Performance (DP)** is an individual category in which selections are dramatic or humorous. Selections are from published-printed novels, short stories, plays, poetry, or any other printed-published materials. Presentations are memorized without props or costumes.
- **Duo Interpretation (DUO)** is a two-person category in which the selections are dramatic or humorous in nature. Like DP, selections are from published-printed novels, short stories, plays, poetry, or any other printed-published materials. Presentations must be memorized and speeches made without props or costumes.
- In **Oral Interpretation (OI)**, students create programs of prose and poetry to perform while using a binder. This performance is unlike Dramatic Performance in that the pieces are not memorized and they are not "acted out" to the degree that DP pieces are. The performer must use vocal imagery and facial expression to convey the emotion of the work.
- **Program of Oral Interpretation (POI)** should not be confused with Oral Interpretation. In POI, using selections from Prose, Poetry and Drama, students create a program around a central theme. POI is designed to test a student's ability to intersplice multiple types of literature into a single, cohesive performance. A manuscript is required and may be used as a prop within the performance if the performer maintains control of the manuscript at all times.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENTS

- In **Extemporaneous Speaking (EXT)**, a contestant draws three questions on a foreign or domestic current event topic, selects one, and has 30 minutes to prepare an answer. The contestant utilizes a set of files that he or she has built as a resource for answering the question.
- **Informative Speaking (INFO)** is where students author and deliver a presentation on a topic of their choosing. However, competitors create the speech to educate the audience on a particular topic. All topics must be informative in nature; the goal is to educate, not to advocate. Visual aids are permitted, but not required. The speech is delivered from memory.
- **Original Oratory (OO)** allows students to create, memorize, and present a speech on a topic of the student's own creation. Many orations deal with a current problem and propose a solution. Orations can also alert the audience to a threatening danger, strengthen its devotion to an accepted cause, or eulogize a person.
- In **Oratorical Declamation (DEC)**, students memorize a previously given speech. The speech may be an old oratory, a public address, or anything that has been presented before. Judges





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focus on the presentation of the speech rather than the content. Speech choice factors into the judging as well. Tournament competition is limited to freshmen and sophomores.

**COACHING – A FORMAL PARENT/STUDENT MEETING.** Early in the year, you want to set up and hold a 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 would be discussed; some coaches include a tournament attire "fashion show" (more information on tournament attire below) as well. Usually, students should receive a packet of important paperwork the first week or two of classes; if it's a live meeting, 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 (when in-person tournaments are allowed), 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 overnight 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 \$10 per student entry, and when tournaments are in-person, host schools charge \$7 per lunch (both student and adult). Many coaches charge students between \$15-20 per PBCFL tournament, to not only cover student costs, but the adult judge costs. At in-person PBCFL tournaments, coaches are mandated to order meals for all their students and their judges/adult quota. (FYI, if a student is dropped from the tournament after the published deadline, there will be an additional \$10 fee assessed.)

*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.*

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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.

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:

LOCALS – there are seven tournaments on the "local" circuit (PBCFL), all on a Saturday (one each in September, October, November, December, January, February, and April). When in-person, 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 county boundaries, 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 or logged in to the online platform 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 – 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., airline travel is usually 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

There are several tournament registration websites utilized by coaches for debate tournaments. They are:

- **Speechwire** (<http://www.speechwire.com>)





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- **Tabroom** (<http://www.tabroom.com>)

If you've not done so, you will need to create your own accounts on these sites (or, if you replacing a former coach, have the account transferred to you). They are not interchangeable.

### ONLINE DEBATE PLATFORM

Because of COVID-19, the status of in-person debate tournaments is on hold. As such, tournaments will be operating on various online debate platforms. Many area competitions will be running on **NSDA Campus**, which is an affordable option for tournaments that cannot meet in person due to school closures or capacity limitations, or tournaments that opt to go online to avoid travel and/or travel expenses. NSDA Campus offers free practice space for NSDA members, built into NSDA accounts. Current NSDA members can log in and experience the video conferencing portion of NSDA Campus now. NSDA Campus practice rooms are accessible via the left sidebar on the Account page.

Currently, NSDA Campus has the basics needed to run a virtual speech and debate competition. This includes videoconferencing, chat, contact forms, hand raising, the ability to create general purpose tournament rooms, a meeting squad room for each participating school, access to online ballots, live streaming via an external application, and room access permissions. NSDA Campus is a synchronous use platform.

Some features that are not currently part of NSDA Campus include event management and tournament setup support, event insurance, the ability to brand the space for your tournament, evidence sharing, automated Extemp draw, event recording, on-call technology and tournament administration support, the ability to control screen view at the tournament level (and therefore offer split-screen Duo), and breakout rooms.

More information can be found here: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/nsda-campus/>

### 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 three PBCFL tournaments (September, October, and November). 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

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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, 5.5x8.5 miniature binders will be needed, which can be purchased at Office Depot, Staples, etc., as well as from the NSDA.

## **RECORDED DEBATE PERFORMANCES**

The NSDA 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.

If you purchased the NSDA Resource Package, many of these (and other) recordings are available for use in your classroom, whether virtual or in-person.

## **STUDENT TOURNAMENT ATTIRE**

The PBCFL "Guidelines for Tournament Attire are attached to this document, and will be posted on every PBCFL registration page. For the sake of simplicity, "business professional" is the expectation. For example ...



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

*Sincerely,*

*The Officers of the Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League*



# **Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League**

## **2020-21 Palm Beach/Martin High School Tournament Schedule**

### **FIRST SEMESTER**

#### September

26 PBCFL #1(Congressional)

#### October

24 PBCFL #2 (Novice-Specific: Extemporaneous Speaking & Oral Interpretation)

#### November

4 (Wed) FCDI #2

14 PBCFL #3 (Novice-Specific: Public Forum Debate,  
Lincoln-Douglas Debate, & Dramatic Performance)

#### December

12 PBCFL #4 (All-Varsity/All-Novice)

#### January

23 PBCFL #5 (Novice-Specific: Duo Interpretation & Original Oratory)

### **SECOND SEMESTER**

#### February

6 FFL Macaw Region State Championship Qualifier

10 (Wed) FCDI #2

20 PBCFL Grand Finals

26 (Fri 8-5) Florida Oceanfront NSDA Congress

27 Florida Oceanfront NSDA Speech & Debate

#### March

6-7 FFL Varsity State Championship

11-13 FCDI Championship

#### April

7 (Wed) FCDI #3

17-18 FFL Novice State Championship

24 PBCFL #6 (All-Varsity + Funvitational)

**2021 NCFL CAT NATS – May 28-30, Minneapolis**

**2021 NSDA NATIONALS – June 13-19, Des Moines**

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## **Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League - *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. Students must have a copy of their pieces with the ISBN information on them.
2. Students must follow NCFL/PBCFL internet connectivity rules while in rounds.
3. No sleeping during competition.
4. Students should be on task and engaged during competition rounds and sessions.
5. No gum, food or drinks (other than water) in competition areas.
6. Students may not leave the round/session for any reason other than an emergency. (A student may not leave to socialize, make phone calls, etc.)
7. "Visiting" other rooms during competition is prohibited.
8. No unnecessary talking or socializing during competition or awards ceremony.
9. Students should adhere to the "one clap" rule during the awards ceremony.
10. No outbursts, inappropriate or offensive comments/remarks about competition, schools, coaches or judges during the tournament at any time.
11. Students should not be at the check-in table during morning registration; coaches or designated school representative only at check in.
12. Students should be picked up or leave promptly after the tournament.
13. Students must remain in one central location with coach or school designated adult when waiting to be picked up after tournament.
14. No profanity.
15. No excessive public displays of affection.
16. No hate speech (which includes, but is not limited to, offensive comments or language regarding religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or disabilities).
17. Each PBCFL tournament is a closed campus. Leaving for any reason (lunch, etc.) during the course of the tournament day will result in disqualification from the tournament and consequences at their respective schools. Remember that local PBCFL tournaments are considered a school function - all school rules still apply.

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## Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League - Suggested Guidelines for Competition Attire

Students should exhibit an appearance in dress and behavior that is above reproach during competition. How students look communicates nearly as much as what they say. 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 suggestions are to be adhered to by both competitors and observers.

In general, tournament attire is:

- Business dress, pants or skirt with a blazer and blouse or sweater and dress shoes
- Business suit or jacket and slacks, dress shirt, tie, dress socks and dress shoes
- All hair should be worn in a professional manner and may not obstruct a team member's face

All competitors are expected to remain in tournament dress throughout the duration of the tournament. Competitors receiving awards must be in tournament dress. No competitor will be allowed on stage at any tournament in casual attire. Students eliminated from competition, and not receiving an award, may change at a tournament to a casual outfit. However, students may not edit their professional attire at tournaments to become more casual if they are finished at the tournament (e.g. removing a tie, rolling up sleeves, untucking dress shirts).

All casual dress must comply with the standards and expectations of the dress code in the school student handbook.

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*Invoice for 2020-21 School Year*

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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We will enter a Senior HS Team (\$75.00) With this membership, you will be allowed up to 8 entries in each mixed event at PBCFL tournaments, 12 entries in novice-specific events, and 20 entries in Congress. NOTE: If you attended Grand Finals last year but did not send students to NCFL nationals, your \$75.00 fee has already been paid.

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

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School Principal / Headmaster \_\_\_\_\_

Principal / Headmaster's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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League Director: Traci Lowe

Speech Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

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