

WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
COMPETITIVE DEBATE AND FORENSIC TEAM CONTRACT
2008-2009

As a member of the Wellington High School Debate Team, I, _____ agree to:

- (1) Pay a \$125 competition/dues donation, which covers registration fees and meals for PBCFL tournaments during the current school year, individual and program membership fees in debate leagues, and subscriptions to magazines, newspapers, script purchases, literature, and other materials needed for the program. If payment arrangements are needed, accommodations will be made.
- (2) Attend one practice every two weeks, staying for a minimum of 45 minutes, and to keep a time sheet tracking my after-school participation. If I cannot attend a scheduled practice, I will make arrangements with an officer and/or the coach to meet another day in that two-week period.
- (3) Assist at any debate tournaments hosted by Wellington High School.
- (4) Assist with fundraisers; students are required to either raise money (\$75 per quarter /\$300 for the year) or send in donations to meet his or her minimum.
- (5) Conduct myself in an appropriate manner at all times, i.e.:
 - a. I will RESPECT the coach, officers, teammates, fellow competitors, and adult judges/chaperones.
 - b. I will adhere to all of the rules and guidelines set forth by the hosting school and league (see reverse for *PBCFL Guidelines for Behavior*).
 - c. I will dress according to the dress code established by tournament rules and the school dress code (see reverse for *PBCFL Guidelines for Professional Attire*).
 - d. I agree to adhere to the behavior and attire guidelines of the Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League, and understand if I am violation of the guidelines, I will not be allowed to participate in competition.
- (6) Adhere to all deadlines for upcoming events:
 - a. Registration fees are non-refundable.
 - b. I realize if I drop, or am dropped, from a tournament I must pay an additional drop fee to the host school. This fee must be paid no later than the Tuesday following the tournament.
 - c. I realize if I drop the day of the tournament, I will have an additional hassle fee of \$25 due to the Wellington Debate Team that must be paid before I can compete again. (Family emergencies may be an exception.)
 - d. There is a permission form that must be notarized and turned in at the start of the year to cover travel in all tournaments. Some trips may need additional permission slips that must be turned in, along with Temporary Learning Elsewhere (TLE) forms, one week in advance of said tournament.
- (7) Provide judges for tournaments as needed. A judge can be a parent, other adult relatives, or adult family friends.
 - a. Judges must attend at least one training seminar.
 - b. If we do not have enough judges, students will have to be dropped from the tournament. Those students providing judges will be given priority for competition.

I understand I must adhere to all rules set by Wellington High School, the School District of Palm Beach County, the National Forensic League, the National Catholic Forensic League, the Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League, the Florida Forensic League, or any local, state or federal laws, as any team/class member. I understand, support, and agree to abide by all guidelines and standards without exception. If I should fail to fulfill any of the obligations, I realize the privilege of competing may be suspended or revoked.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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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 must have a copy of their piece 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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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 | 6. Dark socks are to be worn |
| 2. Tie (with regular collared shirt) | 7. Dress shoes or loafers are acceptable |
| 3. Shirts must be tucked in | 8. No jeans |
| 4. Pants must be worn at waist level with a belt | 9. No tennis shoes or flip flops |
| 5. Dress slacks or khakis are acceptable | 10. No baseball caps or hats of any kind |

Female Attire:

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| 1. Skirts with blouses, suits with slacks or skirts, or dresses are acceptable | 9. No jeans |
| 2. Shoes should be closed | 10. No mini skirts (must be at least 2 inches above knee or longer) |
| 3. Shirts or blouses should not be sheer or low cut (no cleavage or bra should be visible) | 11. No flip flops, tennis shoes, sandals, spiked heels, or stilettos |
| 4. Pants and skirts must be worn at waist | 12. No hats |
| 5. Pantyhose are optional but encouraged | 13. Accessories should be professional and should not distract from performance (ex. bracelets that make noise, large hoop or dangling earrings, oversize belt buckles) |
| 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 | |