

FGCCFL Grand Finals Championship Tournament

St. Petersburg High School
2501 Fifth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Saturday, 25 February 2023
Registration 7:15 – 7:45 AM

Host Coach: Kiya Broughton, 1-727-831-7122

NOT a LOCAL tournament invite. Please read it all!

Events: All NCFL Events. No double entries. No more than FOUR entries per event.

We will use NSDA **FEBRUARY debate topics**

PFD: Resolved: In the United States, right-to-work laws do more harm than good.

LD: Resolved: Justice requires open borders for human migration.

Policy topic remains the same.

We will use the following **Extemp topic areas:**

US Politics, Domestic & Foreign Policy

Foreign Affairs (including US foreign policy)

US and Global Economy

Media, Culture, Science & Technology

Cost: \$25.00 per competitor including host/lunch fee PLUS an additional **\$10.00 lunch fee for each judge**. Fees can be paid via Pay Pal on the league website, checks (made out to FGCCFL) for the full amount, or cash. **All fees must be paid in full by the fourth round of the tournament. Late payments are no longer accepted.**

Food: Closed campus (FGCCFL rule). No one may leave campus for lunch and no one may have lunch delivered during tournaments. Lunches are automatically ordered for students and judges as part of registration; ONE complimentary lunch will be provided to each school for the head coach. **Coaches must order all vegetarian lunches on Tabroom.**

Judging requirements: One (1) judge for every **FOUR IE and Congress entries combined**; schools with Congress entries must designate at least one **“Congress Preferred” judge who has NO entry conflicts with Congress**. One (1) judge for every two LD entries. One (1) judge for every two PFD team entries. LD and PFD Judges will be placed in one debate pool and must be cross-trained. One (1) judge for **each TD team entry**. **COACHES: Do not count yourself in your judge quota as we must be able to use you where needed! All coaches should be prepared to serve as Parliamentarians, supervise Extemp Prep, or judge as needed in elimination rounds which require panels.** Judges should be cross-trained. Remember to list conflicts (by **STUDENT FULL NAME**) in the “Judge Notes” space on Tabroom.

This is the qualifying tournament for NCFL Grand Nationals in May. Please register your best students and most qualified judges.

[UPDATED 2023.02.13] Balloting: All events at this tournament will use **paper ballots**. Specimen ballots are available for review at <<https://fgccfl.net/home/events-rules/>> Judges should bring pens (preferably black or dark blue). Judges may use their electronic devices to take notes, but all decisions are to be submitted on paper within the usual time frame (15 minutes after the final speech of the round).

REGISTRATION FOR THE TOURNAMENT:

Go to <<http://fgccflgf.tabroom.com/>>. Be sure to register for the correct tournament. Registration must be submitted online by the school's coach only. Registration will not be accepted once registration is closed or by any other means other than Tabroom unless directed to do so. Pay attention to your school registration for students, judges in correct pools, and total lunch orders. Tabroom registration will close at 9 PM on the Thursday prior to the tournament week. Please have registration confirmed before registering the team on Tabroom. **Registration deadline for this tournament is Thursday, 16 February at 9 PM. This includes uploading legislation.**

Please remember that your school must have competed in at least TWO full FGCCFL tournaments and each student must have competed in at least one full tournament.

Coaches must have set up team and judge rosters on Tabroom prior to attempting to register. All students and judges must set up their own individual Tabroom accounts.

TITLE REQUIREMENT FOR IE: Selection titles, authors, and publication information (where applicable) **must** be specified for all entries in OO, DEC, DP, OI, and DUO. For OI, please list the two program titles (separated by a slash) in the Title field, then list all included works in the Bibliography field.

Please note: The Executive Committee **will** levy additional tournament fees of \$25.00 for any dropped entry on the tournament day including drops after start of first round, and for each registered, but missing judge. All changes made after the close of registration, but before tournament day must be reported to Jym Froelich at <James.Froelich@sarasotacountyschools.net> and Josh Schneider at <joshschneider@me.com>. Schools will forfeit registration fees for all drops made after the close of online registration on the Thursday before tournament week..

Tournament Day Registration: 7:15 – 7:45.

Only the team Head Coach or Assistant Coach should proceed through the registration line. Coaches should have confirmed presence of all students and judges prior to registration and must be completed no later than 7:45 AM.

Head Coaches or Assistant Coaches should register in the Media Center. Students will report to the Cafeteria. Judges will report to the Media Center. **Please bring a copy of registration from Tabroom, check made out to FGCCFL or cash, or Pay Pal receipt from the league website.**

Schools MUST be registered no later than 7:45 AM. Announcements for students and judges will begin at 8:00 AM. Rounds should begin by 8:30 AM

CONGRESS RULES:

Every school entering Student Congress **MUST** provide at least one (1) piece of satisfactory legislation. Schools may submit up to four (4) items, but no student may sponsor more than one (1) item.

All legislation must be written using the templates on the FGCCFL website and uploaded to Tabroom by the registration deadline (9:00 p.m. on the **Thursday prior to tournament week**). Late, frivolous, stale, or unsatisfactory legislation will not be considered. The legislative docket and chamber assignments will be published on Friday evening.

REPEAT WARNING: Legislation that is not written using the Template and submitted using anything other than Microsoft WORD format will be summarily rejected.

Coaches may email legislation to Josh Schneider <joshschneider@me.com> for review; allow 48 hours for a response. This is NOT a substitute for uploading the legislation to Tabroom.

NCFL information: FGCCFL qualifies SIX students/teams in each event to compete at NCFL Grand Nationals in Louisville, KY in May. We also announce two alternates in each event. Coaches are responsible for meeting FGCCFL registration information deadlines. Forms will be provided to coaches with qualifiers with a deadline for student Competitor confirmations. The sooner competitors are confirmed or dropped the sooner schools with alternates can be notified. Coaches will also receive a form requiring all judge names, emails, cell numbers, judge pools, level of experience, confirmed hotels, and additional information required from us for the tournament.

Reminders for returning and new coaches: Coaches are EXPECTED to attend nationals with your teams. Please do not put parents in charge of your team in Kentucky. We hold a Friday evening district meeting for coaches so we can share all of the necessary information for the weekend. Plan in advance. Confirmation dates also will include receipt of NCFL national entry fees which get paid to FGCCFL. FGCCFL submits registration and fees to NCFL. Schools do NOT register their own teams.

NCFL charges extra fees per person if schools do not use the block hotels. Once that information is available you will be notified. Schools are responsible to make their own hotel reservations using the block and their own travel information. Please do not contact NCFL regarding the tournament. You can email Terri at tessspeak@aol.com with all of your questions. Terri registers the district, coaches do not register for NCFL Grand Nationals.

DIRECTIONS:

From the North via I-75 South

Take I-275 South

Take the Exit for 5th Avenue North

Exit towards the right, through the yield

The school will be on the right

From the South via I-75:

I-75 North to Exit 228 Toward St Petersburg onto I-275 N. 20 miles

Take left Exit 20 toward 31st Street/Treasure Isl/Tropicana Field

Turn left onto 31st St S.

Turn right onto 5th Avenue S.

Turn left onto 28th Street S

Turn right onto 5th Avenue N (US 19 Alt)

Go to St Pete High

Tentative Tournament Schedule:

Registration: 7:15 – 7:45. All schools should be prepared to register by 7:30 AM.

Student and Judge Announcements: 8:00 AM

IE	Debate	Congress
Extemp Draw 8:30 AM Round 1: 9:00	Round 1: 8:30 AM	8:30 – 8:45 Preliminary Business Session I: 9:00 – 10:30
Extemp Draw 10:15 Round 2 10:45	Round 2: 10:00	Break: 10:30 – 10:45 Session 2: 10:45 – 12:15
Lunch 12:00	Lunch 11:30	Lunch 12:15
Extemp Draw 12:45 Round 3: 1:15	Round 3: 12:15	Session 3: 1:00 – 2:30
Extemp Draw 2:30 Round 4: 3:00	Round 4: 1:45	Break: 2:30 – 3:00
Elimination Extemp Draw 4:15 Round 5: 4:45	Elimination Round 5: 3:00 Round 6: 4:30	Super Congress 3:30 – 5:30

Elimination Rounds Explained as needed:

IE with 12 + competitors

Top 12 competitors or top 10 competitors will have a final elimination Round 5

Competitors will be split into two rooms of 6 or two rooms of 5.

Panels of three judges will judge these rounds.

Top three in each room will be the qualifiers. The next 2 overall from both rooms will be the two alternates. The alternates may not be room specific.

Debate

Depending on number of entries, rounds will continue with Round 5 and so on until we have six qualifiers and 2 alternates. This may require partial rounds.

All elimination rounds will have Panels of three judges.

Congress

Super Congress is dependent upon how many preliminary chambers we have.

If we have one chamber, the top 12 will move to Supers.

If we have two chambers, the top 6 from each chamber will move to Supers.

Super Congress will have a new Parliamentarian and 3 Scorers

Awards will take place once all events have finished competition and final tabulation has been completed.