

2024 FGCCFL Grand Finals
February 23-24, 2024
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PLEASE READ THIS INVITATION CAREFULLY!

This is the qualifying tournament for NCFL Grand Nationals in Chicago. It has different registration requirements and a significantly different schedule than FGCCFL's regular All Events tournaments.
Pay close attention to deadlines and requirements.

Tournament Information

Events and Entry Limits: All NCFL events. No more than **FOUR entries** per event. No double entries. LD will use the **March/April resolution**. PFD will use the **March resolution**. Declamation is limited to students in grades 9-10.

Eligibility: To be eligible to attend Grand Finals, schools must have competed in *at least two* FGCCFL tournaments (including the Fall Congress), and students must have competed in *at least one* FGCCFL tournament.

Schedule Note: Debate will begin their preliminary rounds on Friday evening and continue on Saturday. Speech and Congress will compete all day Saturday only. See the enclosed schedule for more information.

Fees:

- Debate: **\$35 per student** (includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch)
- Speech and Congress: **\$25 per student** (includes Saturday lunch)
- Debate judges: **\$20 per judge** (includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch)
- Speech/Congress judges: **\$10 per judge** (includes Saturday lunch)

Fees can be paid via PayPal on the League website, checks (payable to FGCCFL) for the full amount, or cash. All fees must be paid in full by the start of the last round on Saturday. Late payments are no longer accepted.

Food: Closed campus (FGCCFL rule). No one may leave campus for meals, and no one may have meals delivered during the tournament. Meals are automatically ordered for students and judges as part of registration; one complimentary dinner and lunch will be provided to each school for the head coach. Coaches must order all vegetarian meals on Tabroom. **Friday night: Pasta with varied sauces (including vegetarian options), small salads and garlic bread, soda and tea. Saturday lunch: tacos, beef and vegetarian (chickpeas) options with all the toppings.**

Judging requirements:

- Policy: One (1) judge for **each** Policy team (Friday and Saturday)
- LD and PFD: One (1) judge per two (2) LD or PFD entries or fraction thereof (Friday and Saturday)
- Speech/Congress: One (1) judge per four (4) entries or fraction thereof (Saturday only)

Judges may judge for a single day, or judge Debate/Congress Friday and IE on Saturday, provided that all judge quotas are satisfied for the duration of the tournament. Use the "Availability" settings on the Judges tab in Tabroom. All Saturday judges must be available through the final round, even if the school's entries are no longer competing. We will use three-judge panels for Debate break rounds, IE Finals, and Super Congress.

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 Parliamentarian, supervise Extemp Prep, and/or judge paneled break rounds. Judges should be cross-trained in all events within their division. Remember to list conflicts (by STUDENT FULL NAME) in the "Judge Notes" space on Tabroom. At least one Speech/Congress judge should not have entry conflicts in Congress.

Electronic Balloting: This tournament will use Tabroom electronic ballots IN ALL EVENTS. Judges must have a linked Tabroom account and provide a suitable connected device (laptop or tablet). Paper ballots will be available in the event of equipment failure or network outage.

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 head coach only. Registration will not be accepted after the entry deadline or by any means other than Tabroom unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee. Pay attention to your school registration for students in correct events, judges in correct divisions/pools, and total meal orders. Please have registration confirmed before registering the team on Tabroom.

The entry deadline for Grand Finals is 9 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 15. Tabroom will stop accepting registrations at that time. Be sure to allow sufficient time to complete your registration by the entry deadline.

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 Tabroom accounts.

Additional Registration Requirements

Title/Publication Requirements for IE: *It is the affirmative obligation of all FGCCFL coaches to ensure that all materials in interpretation events must be available and readily accessible to all members of the League.* Coaches must provide sufficient publication information to enable the League to confirm that their students' IE pieces meet the availability requirement. This may include ISBNs, URLs, and/or other publication or bibliographic information. Specifically:

- For Original Oratory, provide the title of the speech. A printed copy of the text of the speech must be available at Grand Finals.
- For Dramatic Performance and Duo Interpretation, provide title, author, and appropriate publication information (URL for public, non-paywalled websites; publisher, date, and ISBN/ISSN for most other sources). If publication information cannot be provided, the coach must furnish a receipt for the purchase of the work. A physical copy of the original source (or a photocopy including the title page, recto and verso) must be available at Grand Finals.
- For Oral Interpretation of Literature, enter the prose and poetry *program titles* (or single work titles) in Tabroom's Title field, separated by a slash: **Go Carolina / Poetry of WWI**. Then enter complete bibliographic citations (MLA or APA) for *each work* used in both programs in the Bibliography field. In addition, a physical copy of each original source (or a photocopy including the title page, recto and verso) must be available at Grand Finals.
- For Oratorical Declamation, provide the title of the speech in Tabroom's title field and information about the date, place, and circumstances of the speech's initial delivery in the Bibliography field. This take the form of a simple statement, a URL, and/or a bibliographic citation. A physical copy of the text of the speech must be available at Grand Finals; a photocopy of a published work must include the title page, recto and verso.

Legislation Requirements for Congress: Each school entering Student Congress **MUST** submit at least one (1) piece of satisfactory legislation. Schools may submit up to four (4) items of legislation, but no student may sponsor more than one (1) item. As used herein, "satisfactory" means legislation that:

- (i) represents a valid legislative response to a timely and significant issue of national interest;
- (ii) is written using the approved FGCCFL legislation template and submitted as a Microsoft Word document; *and*
- (iii) has not previously appeared on the docket for an FGCCFL tournament.

Congress entries will be waitlisted until at least one (1) item of legislation from the school has been uploaded to Tabroom, reviewed, and deemed satisfactory. Admission of students to the tournament does not guarantee placement of legislation on the Grand Finals docket.

Coaches may email legislation to Josh Schneider <josh@fgccfl.net> for review (*highly recommended*); allow 48 hours for a response. This is not a substitute for uploading the legislation to Tabroom.

The Congress docket, including Super Congress legislation, and preliminary session chamber assignments and seating charts will be published within 24 hours of the close of registration.

Changes After the Deadline

Drops may be made online until 9 p.m. on Monday, February 19. All other changes made after the entry deadline but before the start of the tournament must be emailed to Jym Froelich <James.Froelich@sarasotacountyschools.net> and Josh Schneider <josh@fgccfl.net>. Schools will forfeit fees for all drops made after the entry deadline.

PLEASE NOTE: The Executive Committee **will** levy additional tournament fees of \$25.00 for any dropped entry not declared before noon on Friday, February 23, and for each registered, but missing judge.

Tournament Day Registration

DEBATE: 4:15-4:45 p.m. on Friday, February 23

SPEECH/CONGRESS (and Debate re-registration): 7:15-7:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 24

Only the head coach or principal-designated substitute should proceed through the registration line. Coaches should have invoice and registration forms printed from Tabroom and correct fees in check/large bills or paid online via the website.

Head coaches should report to the Tab Room (a room accessed through the Library).

Students will report to the Cafeteria.

Judges will report to their Lounge in the Library.

Schools **must** be registered by the end of the registration windows above. Announcements, followed by postings/judge calls and rounds, will begin forthwith.

Directions

FROM THE SOUTH VIA I-75:

- From I-275 North from Sarasota/ Manatee areas: Cross the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. You are looking for the exit for 54th Ave North (East bound direction). This is important as there is also an exit for 54th Ave South and you will be on the opposite side of the city if you take the wrong exit. (There is a Cracker Barrel at the correct exit if it helps.) This is a right exit and will spill you on to 54th Ave in the correct direction. Continue to 16th Street (third light off the highway) and turn left. At the light for 58th Ave N, turn left into the parking lot. Continue all the way to the back of the lot before parking.

FROM THE NORTH VIA I-75:

- From I-275 South from Hillsborough County: Cross the Howard Franklin Bridge. You are looking for the exit for 54th Ave North (East bound direction). This is important as there is also an exit for 54th Ave South and you will be on the opposite side of the city if you take the wrong exit. (There is a Cracker Barrel at the correct exit if it helps.) Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Continue to 16th Street (third light off the highway) and turn left. At the light for 58th Ave N, turn left into the parking lot. Continue all the way to the back of the lot before parking.

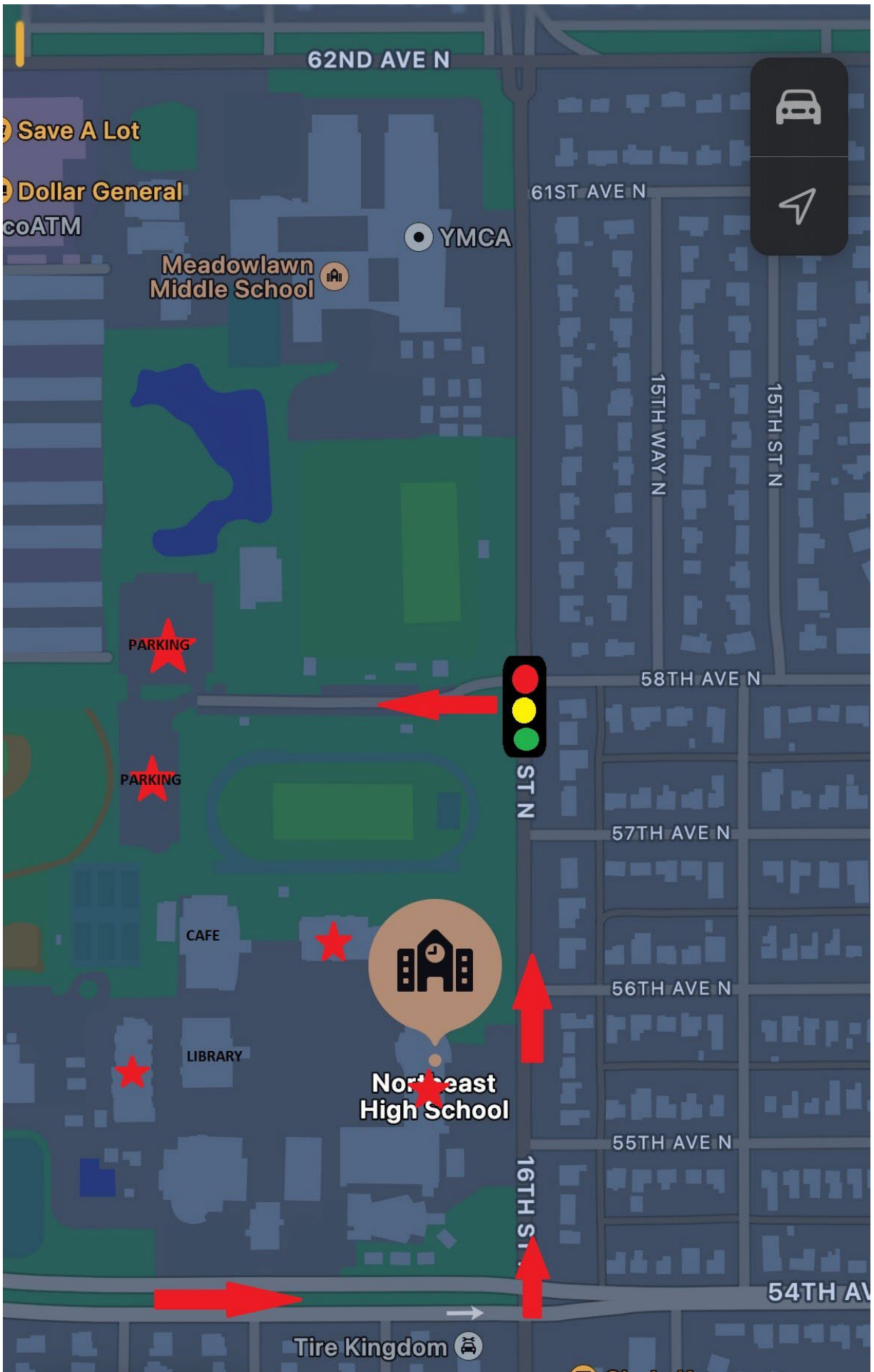
FROM TAMPA VIA I-275:

- From South Tampa/ MacDill/ 618/ HWY-92: Cross the Gandy Bridge and get on I-275 Southbound. You are looking for the exit for 54th Ave North (East bound direction). This is important as there is also an exit for 54th Ave South and you will be on the opposite side of the city if you take the wrong exit. (There is a Cracker Barrel at the correct exit if it helps.) Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Continue to 16th Street (third light off the highway) and turn left. At the light for 58th Ave N, turn left into the parking lot. Continue all the way to the back of the lot before parking.

PARKING: The football parking lot is accessed on 16th Street N. at the stoplight at 58th Ave N. If approaching from I-275, turn left off of the exit and then left again at 16th Street. PASS THE OFFICE PARKING and turn left at the light at 58th Ave into the parking lot. If you park in any other lot, you will have to walk around the campus to this lot to get in the gates. See markings on the map below.

Google Maps link





62ND AVE N

Save A Lot

Dollar General

coATM

Meadowlawn Middle School

YMCA

61ST AVE N

15TH WAY N

15TH ST N

PARKING

PARKING

58TH AVE N

16TH ST N

57TH AVE N

CAFE

Northeast High School

56TH AVE N

LIBRARY

55TH AVE N

16TH ST N

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Tentative Timetable

Friday, February 23

4:15-4:45	Tournament Day Registration
4:45	Announcements
5:00	Judge Call and Postings for Rounds 1-2
5:15	Round 1 – LD, PFD, and CX
6:15	Round 2 – LD & PFD
6:45-7:30	Grab & Go Dinner Available
7:15	Round 2 – CX
7:30	Round 3 – LD & PFD

Saturday, February 24

7:15-7:45	Tournament Day Speech/Congress Registration & Debate Re-Registration
8:00	Announcements
8:30	Extemp Draw (Round 1)
8:30-10:15	Session 1 – Congress (includes Preliminary Business)
8:45	Round 1 – IE (Extemp @ 9:00) (OI: Prose)
	Round 4 – LD & PFD
9:00	Round 3 – CX
10:15	Extemp Draw (Round 2)
10:30	Round 2 – IE (Extemp @ 10:45) (OI: Poetry)
	Round 5 – LD & PFD
10:30-12:00	Session 2 – Congress
11:30-12:15	Debate Lunch
12:00-12:45	Speech/Congress Lunch
12:15	LD & PFD Break Round Postings
12:30	Extemp Draw (Round 3)
	Round 6 (First Break Round) – LD & PFD
	Round 4 – CX
12:45	Round 3 – IE (Extemp @ 1:00) (OI: Prose)
12:45-2:15	Session 3 – Congress
2:00	Round 7 – LD & PFD
2:15	Extemp Draw (Round 4)
2:30	Round 4 – IE (Extemp @ 2:45) (OI: Poetry)
2:45-3:00	Super Congress Preliminary Business in Chamber
3:00-5:00	Super Congress (Finals)
3:00	Round 5 (Break Round) – CX
3:30	Round 8 – LD & PFD
4:30	Extemp Draw (Finals)
4:45	Finals – IE (Extemp @ 5:00) (OI: Flip)
5:00	Round 9 – LD & PFD
6:30 or ASAP	Awards

The NSDA Districts Tournament is committed to providing a safer, more inclusive speech and debate competition. To that end, we will offer a Belonging and Inclusion Station as a tournament resource to provide interpersonal support to anyone who feels that an element of the tournament has excluded them. The BIS will also provide safeguards to any concerns about behavior that violates our harassment and discrimination policy.

Anyone seeking interpersonal support or needing to raise concerns regarding harassment and discrimination may visit our Belonging and Inclusion Advocate, Jym Froelich, in the Tab Room.