

FGCCFL Tournament Invitation
FGCCFL Novice Champs
“PJ Invitational”
Southeast High School
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Saturday, April 6, 2024
Registration 7:15 – 7:45 AM
Host Coach: Cathy Strate (941) 704-7677
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Events: All NCFL Events (SC, LD, CX, PFD, DEC, DP, DUO, EXT, OI, OO). No double entries. No more than SIX entries per event. No more than TWELVE entries in Student Congress.

Cost: \$25.00 per competitor including host/lunch fee PLUS **\$15.00 per judge** including host/lunch fee **\$5.00/\$10.00**. This is a \$5.00 increase. The FGCCFL will pay for the tournament coordinator and coaches' lunches. Fees can be paid via PayPal on the league website, checks (made out to FGCCFL) for the full amount, or cash. All fees must be paid in full by the tournament's fourth round. Late payments are no longer accepted.

Dress Code: Please be advised that pajama choices should adhere to established Manatee County school dress codes. Pajamas should not be revealing and should **cover** undergarments. Shorts length should meet the “fingertip” rule. Pajama bottoms may not have an open fly...they should be sewn shut or buttoned. Onesies, hoodie footies, and slippers are welcome. **DUO, PFD, and Policy may twin-dress, but competitors should not costume to fit their pieces.** Please inquire directly if there are specific dress code questions.

Food: Closed campus (FGCCFL rule). 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. Lunches will be catered by Chicken Salad Chick. Regular lunches will consist of a scoop of chicken salad, crackers, chips, a cookie, and tea. Vegetarian lunch will consist of a pimento cheese scoop, crackers, chips, cookies, and tea. The theme is Spring Picnic so there will be servings of fresh fruit, pasta salad, and other salads. Tickets will be given to the head coach to distribute to the team for vegetarian and regular meals.

The League defines a novice as a high school student who:

- (a) was not a member of the League [in a prior year], and either
- (b) had less than twenty-five (25) NSDA points registered before the season began, or
- (c) had no NSDA points registered, and also did not participate in Forensics or a Forensics-related activity in any previous season (participation in the NJFL does not count).

Judging requirements: One (1) judge for every five IE and Congress entries combined; schools with Congress entries must designate at least one “Congress Preferred” judge. One (1) judge for every two LD and PFD team entries; LD and PFD judges will be placed in a common pool and must be cross-trained. One (1) judge for each CX 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 if needed in the fourth round. Judges should be cross-trained. Remember to list conflicts (by STUDENT FULL NAME) in the “Judge Notes” space on Tabroom. Graduating seniors with at least 250 NSDA merit points on record may judge. The Executive Board will verify their points. We request that schools supply at least one adult judge in each division in which they have entries.**

Electronic balloting: All events at this tournament will use Tabroom for electronic ballots. Judges must have a linked Tabroom account and provide a suitable connected device (laptop or tablet preferred). Paper ballots will be available in the event of an equipment outage. **Please tell students and judges to bring a hot spot in case there are issues with the internet.**

REGISTRATION FOR THE TOURNAMENT:

Go to <<http://fgccflnovice.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 means other than Tabroom unless directed. 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 before the tournament week. Please have registration confirmed before registering the team on Tabroom. **The registration deadline for this tournament is 28 March 2024.**

Coaches must have set up team and judge rosters on Tabroom before 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 Tournament Day including drops after the start of the 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 <josh@fgccfl.net>. 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 AM

Only the team Head Coach or Assistant Coach 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 or Assistant Coaches should register in the media center. Students will report to the cafeteria. Judges will report to the media center. Bring a copy of your registration from Tabroom, plus a check made out to FGCCFL, cash, or a PayPal 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 six (6) items, but no student may sponsor more than one (1) item. **Congress entries will be waitlisted until an item of legislation has been submitted and approved.**

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

Highly Recommended: Coaches may email legislation to Josh Schneider Josh Schneider <josh@fgccfl.net> for review; allow 48 hours for a response. This is NOT a substitute for uploading the legislation to Tabroom.

Tentative Schedule ~ Saturday, April 6

7:15-7:45	Registration
8:00	Announcements & Postings
8:30	Extemp Draw Congress Preliminary Business
8:45	Round 1 – Debate & IE (EXT first speaker @ 9:00)
8:45-10:15	Session 1 – Congress
10:30	Extemp Draw
10:45	Round 2 – Debate & IE (EXT first speaker @ 11:00)
10:45-12:15	Session 2 – Congress
12:00-1:00	Lunch
12:45	Extemp Draw
1:00	Round 3 – Debate & IE (EXT first speaker @ 1:15)
1:00-2:30	Session 3 – Congress
2:30	Extemp Draw
2:45	Round 4 – Speech (EXT first speaker @ 3:00)
2:45-4:15	Session 4 – Congress
ASAP	Awards

Parking: Park in front of the cafeteria or adjacent media center.

Directions from North: Take I-75 S toward Naples, merging onto I-275 at exit 228 towards St. Pete. Exit onto US 41 at exit 2 toward Palmetto. Keep left and turn left onto US 41 N. Proceed directly to head onto US 301, turn right on 15th St. E, and then turn right on 37th Ave. E. Take 37th Ave. E to its end, then turn into the last driveway into the school. The cafeteria is a few hundred feet ahead on the right.

Directions from the South: Take I-75 north towards Tampa. Exit onto SR 70 W at exit 217B.

Stay on SR 70 for several miles, turn right onto 15th Street East, then left on 37th Avenue E.
Drive to the end of 37th Avenue E., taking the last driveway into the school.
The cafeteria is a few hundred feet ahead on the right.