



19 May 2019

Dear Diocesan Directors and Tab Room Personnel:

In a few short days we will gather in Milwaukee, WI for the National Catholic Forensic League's 2019 *GRAND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT*. On the attached sheets you will find your Tab Room staff assignment. Doris Sexton, Carrie Baker-Jackson, and I, along with all of the Milwaukee Catholic Forensic League, look forward to seeing you soon.

Unfortunately, as I'm sure you've heard by now, Steve Sexton passed away. There was a wonderful service of remembrance. We'll be taking time to remember Steve and have plans in place to honor his memory throughout the tournament. It's a simple fact that none of us would be in Milwaukee this weekend without him and his desire to host a terrific tournament for everyone in the NCFL.

If you foresee any difficulty with your assignment, please contact me immediately by email at rburdett@ncfl.org. The assignment presumes that you will be present. If the person representing your League is someone other than you, please pass this letter on to the appropriate person and let me know. For those of you who suggested additional names, I thank you. In some instances, the assignments will change from Saturday to Sunday so please note the special indicators on the assignment sheet.

On Saturday, all Policy Debate, L-D Debate, Public Forum Debate, and Student Congress tab personnel should plan to report to their tab room locations at 6:30am, about 30 minutes prior to the scheduled general meeting for that event. Extemp Prep personnel should report to the Extemp Prep Room at 8am, about 30 minutes prior to the first round draw time. Individual events personnel should be at the tab room at 8:30am, about 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start for Round 1. The Tabroom.com, Computer, and Ballot Control Teams should report to the Speech Judges' Meeting area at 7:30am to help with the Judge Packet Distribution and start working Tabroom.com Judge Linking. The Speech Judges' Meeting will begin at 8:00am. All tab room locations are noted in the attached pages.

Please approach your assignment with the highest degree of professionalism. You are in the Tab Room to assist in the running of the Tournament *and **not** to check on the progress of contestants*. We ask that you **not** generate a list of selections presented at the Grand Tournament. Under no circumstances are you to reveal results, pairings, clearing students, assignments, records required to clear, or other information to anyone in any way! Please do not take any photographs of any ballots, print-outs, pieces, or our data entry and results screens at all. It is important that all results be checked and double-checked, particularly to see that the results have been correctly recorded.

Please remember that as diocesan director, you have definite responsibilities. Make certain that all of your coaches are familiar with NCFL rules governing all events. We prefer not having to invoke sanctions against offending judges or the leagues or schools they represent. Also **remind your coaches** of the need to bring original sources in the event of any challenges. **Check ahead** to know where your coaches and teams are arriving and staying so they can receive the appropriate registration materials.

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It is your responsibility to pass all codes and assignments along to those in your league and **check ahead** to know if there are any last-minute drops or changes before coming to registration on Friday. You are the only one permitted to handle the registration for your league, unless you designate another representative. If your league has arranged for any Milwaukee CFL judges, please be sure you've coordinated with the MCFL Judge Team so that they get their codes and assignments. If you've hired any judges without going through the MCFL, then YOU are responsible for getting those judges their codes and assignments.

If it's possible, please bring your laptop and power strip with you for all the Tab Rooms on Saturday and Sunday. We will not have access to a computer lab so we'll need all the computers we can get to make sure our ballot input goes along smoothly.

Be certain that you, or your representative, take care of the tournament registration at the Hilton hotel, in the Kilbourn Room between 12 noon and 4:30 p.m. on Friday the 24th. There will be a Diocesan Director's meeting at 5 p.m. at the Hilton, in the Regency Ballroom. All Diocesan League Directors, or your representative, should attend for last minute updates and instructions. The Regency Ballroom will be open at noon if you need a work area to prepare your Diocesan League materials for your coaches, and a place to meet your coaches. The Hilton is at 509 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee.

Please let your judges know that there will be some Tab Staff at the Hilton on Friday afternoon, in or near the Kilbourn Room to help with Tabroom.com questions or concerns. Judges can stop by for help.

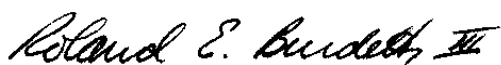
Please inform your coaches, judges, and competitors to download the NCFL App. It's available via the iOS App Store and the Google Play Store by searching for NCFL. We will be distributing updates and information via the App throughout the weekend.

We will again publish the codes of all registered students and judges on Thursday evening. You can tell your League Coaches that the lists will be available at NCFLNationals.org and via the NCFL App.

We'll be using OnLine Balloting in all Speech events, and in Policy, LD, and PF Debate this year. Please be sure that all of your league's speech and debate judges have linked their accounts in Tabroom.com to the entry for NCFL 2019. This will also require that Diocesan Directors log into Tabroom.com after the tournament to generate the PDF's of the OnLine Ballots for each school and email them to your coaches.

I look forward to seeing you in Milwaukee. Keep emailing me any changes through Friday morning, May 24. Emails should be sent to my rburdett@ncfl.org or my rburdett3@gmail.com addresses.

Sincerely,



Roland Burdett, III,
NCFL Grand Nationals Tournament Director

TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS

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The Milwaukee Catholic Forensic League**NCFL Event Planner:** Ms. Sarah Donnelly (Worcester)**Debate Events:** Ms. Roberta Hyland (Arlington), Chair**Team Debate:** Mr. Jeff Kahn (Philadelphia), Chair

On Saturday, Room M-612, MATC; On Sunday, Hilton Hotel, Founders Room.

Ms. Laurel Taylor (Arlington)

Ms. April Lindner (Philadelphia)

Mr. Steven Sprouse (Baltimore)

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Mr. Willie Warren (Raleigh)

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Ms. Kristie Taylor (Palm Beach)

Mr. Jordan Hart (St. Louis)

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On Saturday, Room M-612, MATC; On Sunday, Cudahy Hall Room 414, Marquette University.

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Mr. Christopher Berdnik (Philadelphia)

Mr. Richard Henkle (Arlington)

Mr. Dan Haskell (Portland)

Mr. Scott Waldrop (Biloxi)

Mr. Clayton Alfonso (Raleigh)

Ms. Tiffany Dacheux (Harrisburg)

Br. John McGrory (Rockville-Centre)

Mr. Joe Vaughan (New York)

Mr. Bryan Whyte (Springfield-Cape Girardeau)

Public Forum Debate: Mr. David Long (Allentown) & Mr. Dario Camara (Miami), Co-Chairs

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Mr. James Holt (Atlanta)

Mr. Nathan Johnston (Orlando)

Mr. Robert Hall (Burlington)

Mr. Crawford Leavoy (Raleigh)

Ms. Jodi West (Cleveland)

Mr. Stephen Goldberg (Sacramento)

Mr. Andrew Monagle (Newark)

Mr. McLean Andrews (Spokane)

Mr. Dan Leahy (Oakland)

Student Congress: Mr. Mike Vigars (Raleigh), Chair

On Saturday and Sunday, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Solomon Juneau Room.

Ms. Sheryl Gusman (Arlington)

Ms. Traci Lowe (Palm Beach)

Mr. Keith Pittman (Charlotte)

Mr. Lajuan Foust (Paterson)

Ms. LeAnne Schmidt (Detroit)

Ms. Marialaina Scafidi (Philadelphia)

Ms. Eloise Blair (Houston-Galveston)

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Mr. Marc Rischitelli (Worcester), Co-Chair;
Mr. Dave Yastremski (Newark), Co-Chair.

Extemp Prep: Ms. Katy Cecil and Ms. Kim Mather (Louisville), Co-Chairs
On Saturday in AMU Cafeteria, 2nd Floor; On Sunday in AMU Room 227.

Mr. Shane Cole (Biloxi)	Ms. Madison Boswell (Raleigh)
Mr. Dan Davis (Erie)	Ms. Summer Ford (Salina)
Ms. Sonya Harvey (Jackson)	Mr. Brandon Stewart (San Jose)
Mr. Eric Cecil (Louisville)	Ms. Susan Hayes (Wilmington)
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Ms. Jennifer Topliff (Salina)	

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Mr. Scott Johnstone (Lafayette)	Ms. Mary Schick (Miami)
Dr. Randy Patterson (Louisville)	

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Mr. Scott Peterson (LaCrosse)

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