



2021 NCFL GRAND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT May 28 – 30, 2021

LETTER TO DIOCESAN MODERATORS FOR DIOCESAN MODERATORS

Dear Moderator,

It's time to register your league for the NCFL Grand National Tournament to be held on May 28–30, 2021. As in the recent past, this year, the actual registration will be done online, while two forms and your league's registration check will be sent to me. Online registration will open on Tuesday, March 23rd, and you will find the directions for registration included here.

In this communication, you will find the Fee Schedule and the Diocesan Director Signature and Information Form. Both should be sent to me along with your league's check. Other documents included are online registration directions to guide you through the registration process and a page with instructions for submitting Student Congress legislation.

Please be aware of the reduced entry fee per student entered. The fee for 2021 is \$50 per student, with duos and debate teams at \$100 per team. Also, please be aware of the increased quota number and judge requirements, which were emailed to all league directors on February 21-22, 2021.

After you have filled out all the information on the Fee Schedule, and have read and signed the statement and completed the information regarding your contact information on the Diocesan Director Signature and Information Form, please send me those pages. These two sheets and the check payable to NCFL must be sent to:

**Mike Colletti - NCFL
PO Box 31785
Chicago, IL 60631**

Remember! Forms and Fees must be sent only via USPS, with a postmark date **no later than April 23, 2021**. If this material is mailed after April 23rd, the penalty is \$50.00 per day for up to seven (7) days. After that, you will not be able to register.

Remember that you must indicate your preference for Tab Room responsibility as part of your online Registration and should also note that on your Fee Schedule. Remember, the designated Tab Staff Representative cannot be registered as a judge in any event, as this person is a required tab staff member over and above each league's judge quota. This is an NCFL By-Law requirement and cannot be waived. You may list additional Tab Staff on the Fee Schedule and online as instructed. These additional Tab Staff volunteers may be listed as judges elsewhere.

Special Notes:

1. Congress legislation must be submitted by April 2, 2021 to congress@ncfl.org. See the included instructions for detailed information on Congress. Congress legislation will be released on/about April 25, 2021.

2. Lincoln-Douglas topic will be released on/about March 31, 2021.

3. Public Forum topic will be released on/about April 15, 2021.

4. Extemp questions may be submitted to extemp@ncfl.org by April 15, 2021. Last year nearly all of the questions were submitted by students and coaches. Take advantage of the opportunity ... it's possible you could write and then draw your own question.

The Extemporaneous Speaking Topic Areas for NCFL 2021 are:

- US Legal & Constitutional Issues
- US Foreign Policy
- US Economic Policy
- US Immigration
- Medicine, Environment, Science, & Technology
- Societal Values & Ethical Issues
- International Conflict & Civil Unrest
- Foreign Economics
- Leaders of Developing Countries

5. Please see the attached schedule. Unlike when we're in person, preliminary rounds will begin on Friday evening, and elimination rounds will begin on Saturday evening.

6. All students, judges, and coaches must have **TABROOM.com accounts. If they do not, they will not have access to pairings and rounds. Anyone can register for a free account on TABROOM.com**

7. Video waivers will be required of each competitor and judge. The wording for this form is being worked on and will be forthcoming.

Final Note: Remember to read, follow and use the NCFL rules for the Grand National Tournament. While we recognize that there are differences in rules for local, state and other national organizations, all entries must follow NCFL rules and will be judged accordingly.

If you have questions about the registration process, contact me at bigmike4n6@aol.com or Roland Burdett at rburdett@ncfl.org. If you have questions or problems with online registration, contact Greg Cunningham at gregcjr@hotmail.com or inquire at ncfl@tabroom.com.

I look forward to "seeing" all of you online in May.

Sincerely,

Mike Colletti
Executive Secretary/Treasurer, NCFL