

Winter Bulletin



Hello Coaches—

Happy 2023! I hope that you all have had an uneventful winter break and were able to rest and enjoy time with loved ones. We are gearing up for peak tournament season. This stretch from January until Spring Break (for many of us) is brutal. Remember to make time for self-care. At my school, I have a group of friends (we call ourselves the 3rd Floor) and we routinely have lunch together and make plans outside of school. We decided that in 2023 we would work on a puzzle while having lunch together. Hopefully it will lead to fun and relieve some of our school stress. Just throwing an idea out there for my fellow coaches!

Regional Quals – 2023 – Saturday – 2/4/23 – Your Regional Director should or perhaps already has been in communication with you regarding your tournaments. Registration for all tournaments will be held via SpeechWire.

Topic Areas For Regional Quals

USX:

Education and Health Care
The Biden Administration
U.S. Foreign Policy
Education and Business
Military and Defense
Judicial Concerns

FX:

Asia and the Middle East
The Americas
U.S. Foreign Policy
Europe
Africa
Global Institutions

Impromptu:

Quotations

Proverbs

Words

2022 In Memoriam

Oscar Contenders

Recently in Stuff

World Schools Debate Motions

Round 1 Prepared Motion

This house supports Sanctuary Cities in the United States.

Round 2 Impromptu Motion

Round 3 Prepared Motion

This house believes that the USA should give South Korea independent control of a nuclear arsenal.

Round 4 Impromptu Motion

Round 5 Prepared Motion

This house supports the politicization of Met Gala

Varsity State – 2023 – Saturday/Sunday – 3/4 – 3/5/23 – Pine View School – Gulf Coast – Host Jym Froelich. **** IMPORTANT **** I have been working on trying to secure hotel blocks since October 2022. Many hotels do not have a large quantity of rooms. I asked for between 75-100 rooms. I have been turned down by Marriott and Hilton properties. It is my belief that due to the Hurricane families who have been displaced may be staying in hotels which has decreased the availability of large blocks. Over the winter break I sent out Group Requests to IHG Group (Wyndham, Holiday Inn, and Ramada). I hope to have some better news soon. I will provide a comprehensive list of hotels even if I cannot get a large group block and I will organize by distance from Pine View. When I was on some of the websites, you can book 9+ rooms, but my guess is that they don't have 50 rooms available.

Novice State – 2023 – Saturday/Sunday – 4/22 – 4/23/23 – Western High School, Davie, FL – Host Dario Camara. I will work to secure hotel blocks. I have already sent out request over the winter break. We will offer the following events:

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Policy Debate

Public Forum Debate

After Dinner Speaking

Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking

Dramatic Interpretation
Duo Interpretation
Humorous Interpretation
Impromptu Speaking
Informational Speaking
International Extemporaneous Speaking
Original Oratory
Program Oral Interpretation
Student Congress

Student Judging – Juniors & Seniors with 250 or more NSDA points can judge at the Novice State Tournament

Middle School State – 2023 – MS State will take place in person and will be held in conjunction with the Novice State Tournament. I will work to secure hotel blocks. I have already sent out request over the winter break. We will offer the following events:

Lincoln Douglas Debate
Policy Debate
Public Forum Debate
Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking
Dramatic Interpretation
Duo Interpretation
Humorous Interpretation
Informational Speaking
International Extemporaneous Speaking
Original Oratory
Student Congress
Storytelling
Original Spoken Word Poetry
Prose
Poetry
Impromptu

Student Judging – Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors with 250 or more NSDA points can judge at the Middle School State Tournament

[New FFL Website](#)

Our new FFL website is live – <https://floridaforensicsleague.com/>

[IMORTANT - FFL Google Group](#)

Aly Fiebrantz-Asware created a Google Group. The purpose of the Google Group is to act as a message board. If coaches have questions they can post them there and that way someone from FFL can answer the question. We are hoping this will help all coaches and you can look to get answers in one place. If you have not received an invite please email Aly - afiebran@nova.edu

It is very frustrating to receive questions when they have already been asked and answered in the Google Group. Executive Board will start referring coaches to the Google Group. So, if you haven't joined the Google Group please do so.

[General Reminders Are Listed Below – Updates Are Highlighted](#)

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