

Fall Meeting – 2021 – Virtual

Middle School Invitational – 2021 – TBD (Virtual Using SW & NSDA Campus)

Regional Quals – 2022 – Saturday – 2/5/22 (hopefully in person) – locations per Regional Director's Discretion

Varsity State – 2022 – Saturday/Sunday – 3/5 – 3/6/22 (hopefully in person)

Seeking A Host - possibly Apopka HS? Cathy Brown volunteered to host.

Novice State – 2022 – Saturday/Sunday – 4/9 – 4/10/22 (hopefully in person)

Cypress Bay HS – Weston, FL (Host Rachel West) If we are back in person – FFL will try to acquire a hotel block for schools

Middle School State – 2022 – TBD (But we are thinking Friday 4/8/22 – Virtual Using SW & NSDA Campus)

Other Important Dates/Religious Holidays

8/28/21 - SAT	12/4/21 – SAT
9/7/21 - Rosh Hashanah	12/11/21 - ACT
9/11/21 - ACT	2/12/22 – ACT
9/15/21 – Yom Kippur	3/12/22 - SAT
10/2/21 – SAT	4/2/22 – ACT
10/23/21 - ACT	4/15/22 – Passover Begins
11/6/21 -SAT	4/17/22 - Easter

Agenda Items

1. Revamped Congress Manual - Paul Gaba, Wellington HS
2. Make World Schools Debate an official event – Sarah Beauchamp – McArthur HS
3. Remove policy debate judge requirement – regarding # of rounds judged on topic in that tournament year – Ryan Levesque – American Heritage Broward

4. Add After Dinner Speaking (ADS) as an event to FFL – For Varsity State & Novice State – Ryan Levesque – American Heritage Broward
5. Create a judge training video – where FFL can verify that judges have been trained (can be done via PlayPosit – which I can explain) – Carol Cecil – G. Holmes Braddock
6. Pilot a Middle School State Tournament beginning in Spring 2022 – Carol Cecil – G. Holmes Braddock
7. Make Region 7 permanent – Carol Cecil – G. Holmes Braddock
8. Congress Packet For NS/MS – Aly Fiebrantz - USchool
9. Redefine criteria for Novice State – Rick Ramanath – Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy

Specifically, change the current verbiage which states:

In order to compete at the Novice State Tournament, students must meet all of the following requirements:

1. The student must not have competed at any previous Novice State Tournament.
2. The student must not have competed in more than five high school tournaments during any previous school years.
3. The student must not have begun the current school year with 25 or more High School NSDA points and, therefore, must not have obtained High School NSDA membership prior to the current school year.

If NSDA points are not recorded for the student, the Head Coach or Assistant Coach should contact the President to determine the student's eligibility.

To:

In order to compete at the Novice State Tournament, students must meet all of the following requirements:

1. The student must not have competed at any previous Novice State Tournament.
2. This is the first year of competition as a high school student (grades 9 through 12). If the student has competed in a total of two or fewer tournaments in previous high school years, that student would/shall still be considered a Novice competitor.

10. Add Impromptu to events for VS/NS – Marna Weston – Oak Hall

11. Add elimination round or quarters for Policy Debate – Marna Weston – Oak Hall

MEETING STARTED AT 843am 8/28/2021

ATTENDANCE (21)

Paul Gaba, Wellington HS

Carol Cecil, G Holmes Braddock HS

Nathan Johnston, Lake Highland Prep

Kate Hamm, Ransom Everglades

Aimee Hirten, Olympic HS

Alyssa Fiebrantz, University School of NSU

Bo Lint, American Heritage Boca Delray

Calvin Crocker, Piper HS

Cathy Brown, Apopka HS

Danielle Isaacs, West Broward HS

Darrin Bales, Park Vista HS

Derek Antoniazzi, Lake Nona HS (?)

Flo Pettit, Pompano Beach HS

Ben Gaddis, Trinity Prep

Jacob Bosley, University School of NSU

Jym Froelich, PineView School

Kelly Schwab, Pembroke Pines Charter

Kyle Robbins, Boyd Anderson HS

Ryan Levesque, American Heritage Broward

Kristin Potter, FAU HS

Traci Lowe, Suncoast HS

Pauline Buis, Niceville HS

Courtney Chipman, SCHOOL?

RECAP OF 2021 SPRING MEETING VIA MINUTES REVIEW

1 CONGRESS MANUAL

Gaba presented proposed changes

Hamm - packet of legislation - was it voted on it (pilot)?; separate that out in the vote - if pilot manual happens, need to get it out now, not later - ALSO, why NSDA materials

PILOT - Ben, Aly, Kate - doesn't vote on it, can be a test run for a year

Bo, Aly - larger committee and/or open to league for review

Aly - should parameters be in place for review of manual and proposed changes

Carol - send proposed changes in Word doc via email to league, invite feedback, then set up zoom call to discuss (open) the proposals - too much? too little? - then finalize language and send manual as a pilot manual for this season, see what works/didn't work, then break things down for ballot for Fall 2022, do point by point vote if needed

Aly - do this similar to conflict verbiage, coaches can comment, suggest edits, etc - committee of 3 can run the show if you will

Carol - NOT VOTING ON IT IN THE FALL - STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS - vote in 2022, will have meetings and open discussion for the league to comment, after final meetings between congress committee, pilot manual to be used for 2021-22 season, revisit this in Spring 2022 meeting, create separate voting items for Fall 2022.

2 WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATE

It's on the fall ballot 18-2

3 REMOVE POLICY DEBATE JUDGE ROUND REQUIREMENT

Ryan - BYLAWS Rule 27K(1)

Paulette - don't we pay (per bylaws) - yes, 27K(5)

Derek, Nathan - uniquely difficult - either 12 rounds or hire? - only event with these provisions, need additional options for potential judges

Carol - maybe lower number of rounds?

Aly - can add in "previous year" - purpose for said rule, based on harassment of debaters, lack of knowledge of event, etc. - maybe create number of different options

(a) 12 rounds in past three years

(b) completed an FFL approved online judging course

(c) hired out commitments (falls under A or B)

(d) appeal to executive committee

VOTE 17-2 TO PILOT FOR 2021-22, WILL BE ON 2022 FALL BALLOT

4 ADD AFTER DINNER SPEAKING AND IMPROMPTU

Ryan - fun event, judges will love it, students love to use humor through persuasive/informative style, great for novices (better than declamation), add a public address event (was only OO before Info) - declamation only gives you delivery, ADS offers more and better skills - should be shorter (8 minutes max) - CROSS APPLY reasons for Impromptu

After-Dinner Speaking Event Description (from the National Forensics Association, a college league)

PURPOSE: A speech designed to entertain by advancing a relevant point through the use of humor.

DESCRIPTION: After-Dinner speeches are characterized by humorous content development, creativity, uniqueness, timeliness, clear organization, significance, credible sources, and vocal and nonverbal delivery choices that reflect the speech's purpose.

RULES:

- a. All speeches should be original, constructed and delivered by the student.
- b. Speeches should adhere to the NFA Code of Standards, Rules and Procedures.
- c. Plagiarism in any form is prohibited.
- d. Source citation should be specific, accurate and honest.

- e. Speeches should be delivered from memory.
- f. Visual aids are permitted. (FFL - NO VISUAL AIDS)
- g. Maximum time limit of 8 minutes

Ben - not hard to implement, lost of rules from different states that can be incorporated, need another public address event, diversity from oratory and info

Kate - time limit concern - if reduced could trip up judges - was a midwest problem years ago - need clear justification for time limit difference

Derek - also time limit concern

Nathan - are visual aids needed? Only two tourneys in which to do. Equity issues with VAs, see that in Info as well. If a stepping stone, need to prohibit VAs to reduce that issue

Aly - adding another platform makes sense.

Ryan - VAs, hadn't even thought about it, but not opposed to this - can just write a speech, can attract individuals to the event - make it 9-12, not limited

Gaba - can be stepping stone for seniors for banquet speeches too :) plus, transfer to Toastmasters after graduating and in college

IMPROMPTU - follow NSDA rules

It's on the fall ballot 15-3

5 CREATE A JUDGE TRAINING VIDEO

Carol - can be done on NearPod or PlayPosit - can have students read bad ballots and explain why it's a bad ballot ("Good job! 6 of 6 in speech.")

Kate - can we add video access to FFL website? If we can have a webpage that is interactive, where people could go to access info, that would be great -add YouTube links

Ben - see Kate's comments - create Google Doc with what looking for, provide that info to students, create student videos for this

Bo - American Heritage doing this already, can share to show how it looks

NOT A VOTING ISSUE

6 PILOT A MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

Bo - do it virtually Friday before Novice State? more of a logistics thing

PILOT - NOT A VOTING ISSUE

7 MAKE REGION 7 PERMANENT

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8 CONGRESS PACKET FOR MS/NS

Rolled into Congress Manual topic - combine with Item #1

9 REDEFINE NOVICE STATE CRITERIA

See spring meeting proposal language

Aly - intent is transition from MS to HS and confusion, lots of MS students competing at HS tourneys now - simplify it, create MS tourney to make distinction

Nathan - goal is to not have MS students go to VS or NS

Carol - this verbiage was only going to clarify what is a novice

Aly - intent of rule is to track incoming students, MS at HS level competition levels, what does this mean for novices? Goal is to simplify and allow only one NS tourney, max, period, per student

Bo - need to decide if we even want MS competing at NS - seems to be the real question here -

Aly - yes, correct - try to not have MS at NS and create a different opportunity instead

Ben - can we wait to see what MS tourney looks like? Maybe wait a year? Then make determination - need to have a MS tourney, separate MS out from NS

Carol - you only get one NS tourney, period - question of what constitutes a novice is the root of the problem, though - would need to change our verbiage for VS tourney, though, HOWEVER board of directors can say this year MS not competing sat regional qualifiers, but cannot vote on that rule change

Aly - make that verbiage something like, if qualify to VS as a novice, only year you can also attend NS. MSS, or other variation - if in MS, qual to VS, can attend all three, but in G9 can only attend VS - needs to change NS rule right now

Bo - need to know how many tourneys students competed at in MS when coming to HS - onus exists on HS coach level -

#1 - cannot have competed at any previous VS or NS tourney in a prior year

#3: first year compete at NS or VS constitutes novice year

Carol - exec board can implement a rule for one year

Aly - take hard-line stance - MSS will happen, advertise it as such - can't control if they sign up

STICK WITH ORIGINAL PROPOSED LANGUAGE - MS cannot compete at regional quals, though

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11 ADD ANOTHER POLICY ROUND

Aly - problem with saturation last year, broke 4-1 not 3-2 - was a hot mess for breaks - doesn't need to really be a rule

Carol - exec board can add rounds if needed to events - can adjust based on entry numbers

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TREASURER REPORT - TBA (in transition state now)

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