

FFL Meeting- Saturday, August 20, 2023

Meeting was called to order at: 9:03 am

Attendees:

Carol Cecil, G. Holmes Braddock
Dario Camara, Wester HS
Aly Fiebrantz-Awsare, University School
Grant Chmielewski, Dr. Phillips HS
Benjamin Gaddis, Trinity Prep
Luiz Bravim, Cardinal Gibbons
Jacob Abraham, Stoneman Douglas
Jason Alford, Everglades HS
Sarah Botsch-McGuinn, Cypress Bay HS
Ryan Levesque, American Heritage Broward
Bo Lint, American Heritage Palm Beach
Justin Weaver, West Boca Raton High
Vanessa Taylor, Madie Ives K-8 Center
Jose Denis, Nova High School
Kelly Schwab, Pembroke Pines Charter HS
Bob Hutchings, The Bolles School
Quentin Scruggs, John I Leonard HS
Michael Rankin, NSU University School
Florence Petit, Pompano Beach High School
Pat Sammon, St. Thomas Aquinas High School
Paul L. Gaba, Wellington Community High School
Kate Hamm, Ransom Everglades
Nathan Johnston, Lake Highland Prep
Russ Rywell, Miami Beach HS
Traci Lowe, Suncoast HS
Marna Weston, Abraham Lincoln

Treasurers Report: Submitted By Grant Chmielewski
As of August 1, 2022

Attached As A PDF To Email To Coaches

Accepted by Kate Hamm
Second by Dario Camara
21 for , 6 abstain

Agenda

We need a WSD committee to codify rules. EBoard

Rule 30 I Page 39 "In impromptu rounds the proposition will use the competition room as prep and the opposition will prep just outside the competition room." – Gabriel de Tuya - Christopher Columbus

Proposed Change: "In impromptu rounds all teams will receive the motion and prep in one large predetermined area under monitoring of multiple FFL representatives."
Reasoning: Allows for announcements/roll call to occur prior to motion release. Allows for all parties to receive motion at exact same time. Discourages use of electronic devices to receive motion (like if it was blasted over Remind). Limiting all to one area also means we need less people to observe prep.

Rule 30 J Page 40 "During preparation, as prescribed by NSDA rules, teams will only be allowed to use a dictionary, a single volume encyclopedia, or a World Almanac as a resource. No electronic devices will be allowed and possible suspicion of using one will result in a loss of the round and zero speaker points for the round." – Gabriel de Tuya - Christopher Columbus

Proposed change: "USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES: In all rounds, impromptu or prepared, no electronic devices will be allowed and possible suspicion of using one will result in a loss of the round and zero speaker points for the round. During impromptu preparation, as prescribed by NSDA rules, teams will only be allowed to use a dictionary, a single volume encyclopedia, or a World Almanac as a resource."
Reasoning: Clarifies issues with use of electronics in any and all rounds. It perhaps could be listed as its own stand alone rule as well, instead of being lumped in with impromptu prep rules as it is here.

Overview: FFL had non-comprehensive rules. The Committee utilized the NSDA rules to create a better code of rules to follow for Varsity State. No computers was codified specifically.

The Committee is waiting for forfeiture rules.

World Schools needs to be capped at 24 for State due to time.

Schedule proposal brought forward, if no cap for 24 entries, Round 6 must become an Octafinals round.

Discussion Points:

- Some feel that if we cap to 24 we only need to go to a semifinal.
- Going to an octafinal or quarterfinal would allow more students to break however.
- The cap wouldn't allow growth, however, we couldn't go over 36 due to FFL Rules
- If we go much over 24 teams, the number of students competing would be quite large and could be an issue for hosts schools
- Current by

Carol Motioned to keep Cap, Marna Seconded

21 Yes, 1 No
Motion Passes

We need a committee 1) to review and present suggestions for the bylaws / governing docs 2) sweepstakes 3) WSD also listed on its on in #1 4) judge training (this has to be on the agenda so that we can make changes in the docs so that).
EBoard

Skipped

Notecard rule for Impromptu. EBoard

In college competition a 3 X 5 notecard is used.
FFL wants impromptu to be a mainstage event, so we don't need to follow NSDA rules.

13 yes, 12 no
Motion Passes

2 forfeits/no-shows and you are disqualified. EBoard

There were plenty

Carol voted to amend to add: 2 forfeits/no-shows and you are disqualified.
<https://tinyurl.com/ykvmayd3>
Second by Marna

Carol Tabled, Jacob Seconded

21 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain- Passes

Decrease # of events offered at Middle School State / Novice State. EBoard

FFL is running events with low or limited entries which makes it difficult to run the tournament efficiently and effectively.

It is difficult to run events, provide trophies, and make it work.
Events offered will be sent out in August/September.

Rescinded by Carol.

Update Civility Code. EBoard

Code was updated to represent 2023.
Document produced to members via slack.

Aly motioned to vote. Kate Hamm second.
19 yes, 1 No, 2 Abstain- Pass

Regional Director Stipend - Eboard will not receive a stipend - Eboard

Regional directors would receive compensation for their work.

19 yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain- Pass

Change ADS to 10 minutes - Ben Gaddis - Trinity Prep

ADS is the only event that is 8 minutes.
Some students don't fit in informative or oratory, this is a good event to meet their needs.

If the event is shorter, it is easier for novices and is easier to memorize 8 minutes over 10.

11 Yes, 9 No, 3 Abstain- Fail

Suspend the rules to not count abstain as a 'no'
Marna Motioned to suspend rules.
Shannon second.
14 yes, 6 No

Rule #4 - C - P.32 - Qualified Judges Needed - Jason AlFord - Everglades HS

Committee hasn't
Jason rescinded

Policy Debate- Marna Weston

- Create more after-school programs
- Wasn't consensus on the external packet from NDCA
- Policy is struggling, we need to support policy
- Policy needs to have an opportunity to grow
- Several large and successful policy schools don't compete in the FFL

Tabled til the spring.

EBoard can meet regarding policy and MS and perhaps pilot and then look to see if #s increase

Move Middle School State to online- Marna Weston

Tabled

Congress Packet – Perhaps ask each school to submit a piece of legislation with their annual membership

Tabled, and EBoard will add

Anyone who is nominated for district coach of the year, remains eligible for state coach of the year until they win.

16 yes, 5 no, 0 Abstain- Pass

Add sweepstakes language to bylaws

21 Yes, 2 Abstain, 0 No-Passes

Meeting was called to close at 11:01