

FFL Spring Meeting- April 23, 2023

Called to order: 9:36 AM

Present-

In Person:

Online:

Agenda

We need a WSD committee to codify rules. EBoard
We need to update our governing documents to reflect
Kate Hamm: Varsity State needs to look at just 1 document. People were looking at various documents and publications. Look at the 2023 rules and manuals. People need to be aware of the problem was and why it took place, we need to move forward with one publication. Regarding WSD, we need to encourage as many invitationals to offer WSD as an event. The only way to grow is to offer it.
Jacob Abraham- The form we sent out only allowed us to sign up for one committee.

We need committees: 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
Joele Denis- We need a yearly update on the bylaws and governing documents, similar to NSDA. We need to include a committee that does a yearly review so that we can stay updated with the times.
Gaddis- We need to have multiple members on the committees to really support and

Notecard- Gaddis
Kate Hamm- What does the NSDA say about it
Gaddis- I think it is ableist, and I don't care what they do.
Dario Camara- When we change the rules to be inconsistent, it causes more issues regarding the notecard. We had to align more with NSDA rules so students could be consistent.
Marna- I don't know if we have to be precisely like NSDA. In limited prep, we need a notecard.
Kelly Schwab- I think people naturally look at NSDA. They may not look at the rules and see the difference; in some ways, it's the same, and in other ways.
Jacob Abraham- The NSDA impromptu rules does not even follow their own rules. We

shouldn't replicate rules that the national organization doesn't follow. The idea is the notecard offers an outline they very quickly prep. The way the event performs uses the speed and time.

Sarah- Motioned to Agenda- Marna Weston-2nd

Rule #4 – C – P.23 - Qualified Judges Needed – Jason Alford - Everglades HS

Jason- A concern out of Varsity States was that we had ballots coming back blank without helpful comments. There has to be a metric for judge training. For coaches as well. We've had the manatee website, a slide-deck; we don't have so much control over that. We can't see the back end after the tournament.

Grant-

1. Executive Board is moving to address through auditing and if the ballot was insufficient that there would be a \$10 fine.
2. All coaches have to put it on us.
3. It needs to be

Ryan- NSDA is creating a training; we can take a certificate

Richard- Speechwire needs to include a number of words

Rene- They are pushing out a video and event training for judges

Stacey Lehrman- How are judges placed into the rounds?

Kate Hamm- It is the coach's responsibility. There are videos and slide decks that are around. There are items that help find the event. There are comments that should help them find the event. If judges only judge one event,

Amy Hirten- As a coach, one of the biggest stresses is getting judges for all the students. We need something for the new coaches.

Luis- With new parent judges, the best thing

Marna- Place on Ballot

Congress Packet – Perhaps ask each school to submit a piece of legislation with their annual membership – Jason Alford - Everglades HS
Include items in the membership drive, create a fall and spring packet. Increase the quality of debate. Include bills.
Sarah-On the Agenda Marna- Second

2 forfeits/no-shows, and you are disqualified. EBoard
Sarah- Lots of entries where students came and had other things, such as an interview or ... If you are going to miss rounds, why attend State.
Jacob- Do we
Patrick- Can we asterisk
Marna- Intentional missing could be in civility?
Abraham- Ballot Joele- Second

Decrease # of events offered at Middle School State / Novice State. EBoard
We have numbers that are not making the tournament, and then we still lump together. Lump them together and then publish.
Rene- We may need an event committee. We should create an oversight board or committee
Grant- It is a nightmare to order trophies, especially with events.
Bo- Before it goes on the ballot, would the executive board correct?
Alicia- This tournament is difficult because of the timing.
Jon Carlos- Why are we even separating from novice states? Why not compete against novices? Why have two separate state tournaments?
Carol- We have been working for years to codify Novice.
Jon Carlos- We should combine.
Joele- I think the answer is to grow Middle School. I think there needs to be an active committee. To consider tournament logistics and travel logistics etc. To discuss all these issues.
Carol- I will add a Middle School slot. But you only go to middle school once.

Joele- Considering the size of MS in Broward, someone should be on the committee.
Joanne- Maybe only make it one day.
Rene- We will be meeting together, and to consider the equity considerations. We agree that we need to do something. When making committees.
Bo- Motion to combine. 2nd- Joele
NEW ITEM: Decrease # of events offered at Middle School State / Novice State. Form a committee. Move Middle School State to online.
Marna- I think online could be a better experience, and we definitely need a committee. Hence why I think we formulate this. If kids want to learn
Grant- Agenda 2nd: Joele

Update Civility Code. EBoard
Marna- Amendment-At least 5 regions should be represented on each committee. 2nd- Kate Hamm
Alicia- Enforce
Bo- Ballot 2nd- Jacob

Regional Director Stipend – Eboard will not receive a stipend - Eboard
We have fielded phone calls from underserved regions, asking if a stipend is available if it becomes available. Said no without it. The least we can do is provide a stipend for the extra work above and beyond.
Jose- Where money come from? Exact amount?
Carol- We were thinking about \$250.
Jose- Is it in Budget?
Carol- That's why knocked down.
Patrick- A lot are struggling.
Ballot- Kelly Second- Marna

Change ADS to 10 minutes – Ben Gaddis – Trinity Prep
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Gaddis- Why different?
Ballot- Kate Second- Joele

Policy Debate – Marna Weston - Abraham Lincoln
Marna- We need to have more policy. It is a worthy activity. Many events exist because of policy.
Joele- So should we end or restrict
Grant-
Sohail- Maybe create a subcommittee. We need to create more opportunities.
Jacob- By the end of the calendar year, we create a novice policy materials packet. MS Policy Teams are welcome to compete as novices or at varsity. Create a Policy committee. Second- Joele

Rene- Comine 13-15

How to manage team expenses in the light of new legislation prohibiting "fair share" fees to participants. (I have been trying to find the specific statutory language here but haven't located it yet; heard about it from our school's bookkeeper.) - Richard Burns - Buchholz High School
Joele-
Richard

<p>1. Finding a means by which to prohibit "spreading" in PF and LD (perhaps by putting word limits on cases) - Richard Burns - Buchholz High School</p> <p>because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. It is anti-communicative B. It encourages "gish gallops" which are a dishonest form of discourse C. It promotes the use of abusive "one-way hash" arguments

<p>D. It limits judge pools by pushing lay judges away (one college judge even explained to me that if a panel is 2 "spread" judges and one lay judge, debaters will simply leave the lay judge out entirely in favor of winning the "spread" judges).</p> <p>E. It promotes abuse, i.e. debaters writing cases too long to be read in the allotted time (even at indecipherable speeds) and yet demanding opponents respond to points never read aloud in the round.</p> <p>F. It necessarily reduces the degree to which arguments can be engaged on their merits and analyzed for quality, logical consistency, etc.</p> <p>G. It drives many competitors away from debate events.</p>
Bo- We need a committee. I think there's a difference between a rule. We wouldn't consider a word limit.
Alex- Sending of the speech doc versus what is being said (i.e. I'm reading the speech doc)
Sohail- not appropriate for universal applicability; allow the students to adapt
Patrick- indecipherable speeds-> they drop because they don't hear everything
Jacob- judge preferences already exist
Richard- Points ignored. Dishvalue cheat
Marna- Ballot Second- Rene

Split Hurricane District into two/Re-zone Jacob Abraham – Marjory Stoneman Douglas & Marna Weston Abraham Lincoln
Rezone to separate or split
Gabe- In our district we have less at NSDA than FFL. We could be oversaturated.
Carol- For those not in Hurricane, if we push to others, will give the wrong perception.
Spencer- Get rid of the qualifier.
Jacob- Reimagine the district system
Ballot-

Anyone who is nominated for district coach of the year, remains eligible for state coach of the year until they win. – Jacob Abraham – Marjory Stoneman Douglas

Ballot- Rene Second- Paul

Student Congress/Technology adjustment. -Paul Gaba- Prohibit when presenting speeches.

Ballot- Heather Second-

We made a mistake, the more that

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