

2024 Varsity State Bulletin

Wellington HS



Executive Board Meeting Minutes From 2/22/24

The FFL Eboard held a meeting via Zoom on Thursday, 2/22/24, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. These are the meeting minutes. They pertain to Varsity State and all tournaments moving forward.

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Motion 1: Failure to provide trained judges by 8 am on Monday, February 26, 2024, shall result in the requisite number of students being dropped from the state tournament entry.

4-0 Passes

Motion 2: If outstanding regional fees are not paid or proof of payment is provided by 8 am Tuesday, February 27, 2024, the team's entries will be dropped from the State Tournament. Amended to add proof of processing/payment

4-0 passes

Motion 3: Failure to provide payment or proof of process/payment by the end of registration at Varsity State on March 1, 2024, shall result in the team's entry being dropped. Addendum: Coaches can provide a 'bond' to the tournament to hold their entries in the tournament. The bond will be at least 50% of the entry fees.

4-0 Passes

Essential Things To Be Aware Of

- Publication Information for Interp Pieces needs to be entered on SpeechWire prior to the start of the Tournament. We will fine \$10 per instance where interp information is not listed, and students will not be permitted to participate until that information has been updated. **Script Information Deadline - Wednesday, 2/28/24 5:00 PM**
- Rating Your Judges - This is not optional. All of your Speech and Debate Judges must be rated. Coaches will be required to complete a judge ranking form for every judge

representing their team. We have a Google Form for the Speech and Debate pools You may revisit the form and edit it as needed. You can currently complete up to 3 judge ratings per form. **FAILURE TO RATE YOUR JUDGES WILL RESULT IN YOUR SCHOOL BEING BARRED FROM PARTICIPATION UNTIL THE FORMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.**
Judge Information Deadline - Wednesday, 2/28/24 5:00 PM

- Speech Judge Link - <https://forms.gle/qXF9iXtwtoxkfD317>
- Debate Judge Link - <https://forms.gle/jtTbcMzC5eBQDS2s9>
- All Topic Areas for Extemp and Impromptu are posted on the FFL Website. World Schools Debate Motions can also be found there, along with the Florida Motion. Student Congress Legislation and Finals Legislation are also posted on the FFL website, and all of this has been posted on SpeechWire as well - <https://floridaforensicleague.org/>
- JUDGING - FFL has updated the webpage to provide judging resources, including a mobile judging guide that can be downloaded and viewed on a smartphone.
- JUDGING - We will have ballot auditors again this year. We will be fining \$10 per instance where we ask judges to provide more feedback or change a ballot because of questionable comments.
- JUDGING - All head coaches will be considered as a part of the judge pool for out-rounds in all events.
- ENTOURAGE RULE - The Entourage Rule states that individuals who provide coaching or research support for participants in the Policy, PFD, LD or Congressional Debate must fulfill certain obligations as judges. Specifically:
 1. For Policy, PFD, LD: Coaches or research support individuals must be entered in the judge pool for a minimum of two rounds. They should also be available to judge elimination debates.
 2. For Congressional Debate: Coaches or research support individuals must be entered as judges and be available for elimination debates.

Note - If there is a valid reason why someone requires an exception to these obligations, they should contact tournament administrators (Brian McAninch - flforensicleaguecommunications@gmail.com) before the tournament to seek approval

Consequences for violating the Entourage Rule are as follows:

1. Policy, LD, and PFD They will lose their strikes (if offered).
 2. Schools with Congressional Debaters: They will be fined the fee for an uncovered judge (\$300).
- This tournament will have a closed tabroom. If you have a protest, please complete the protest form that is online on the FFL website and then let the tournament ombudsman (Brian McAninch) know. Here is the link <https://forms.gle/PipTYMKsVFb7D11P9>
 - REMIND 101 - We will be making announcements via Remind 101 in addition to email/SpeechWire notifications - please encourage judges & students to join - here is the join link <https://www.remind.com/join/24eagles-1>
 - LinkTree - We also have a LinkTree where we post general information <https://linktr.ee/floridaforensicleague>