



FFL Fall Bulletin

Coaches–

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 tournament season! I am thrilled to reconnect with all of you as we embark on another exciting year of debate.

Your dedication to nurturing our students' critical thinking and communication skills is inspiring. I look forward to this season, where our students will engage in spirited competitions that will challenge and inspire our forensics community.

Let's embrace the opportunity to share ideas and support one another as we create a vibrant environment for our students. Together, we can make this season memorable and fun!

I appreciate your commitment. Here's to a fantastic tournament year ahead!

Regional Quals – 2025 – If we do have to host regional quals, they will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025. I will not say that they aren't happening until our rooms are secured at UCF, which the FFL Executive Board is trying to finalize.

NEW OPEN - Varsity State – 2025 – Saturday/Sunday – 3/1 - 3/2/25 – University Of Central Florida I will be working to secure a hotel block. I will explain more about Open State in another email, but essentially, anyone who is an FFL member school may bring as many entries as they want in any event. The caveat is you will have to cover your judge obligations.

Novice State – 2025 – Friday/Saturday - 4/11 - 4/12/25 - Quentin Scruggs & John I. Leonard will be hosting. Due to the numerous religious holidays, Spring Breaks, TOC, and testing season beginning in late April/May, we are locked into this weekend. We will have to host a Friday/Saturday format due to those who observe Passover. We realize this is not ideal and will try to end it as soon as possible. I will be working to secure a hotel block.

Middle School State – 2025 – Will be held simultaneously with Novice State at John I. Leonard HS. However, it will run as a separate tournament from Novice State. Bo Lint is now the VP of Middle School and will choose the format (in line with FFL rules). There will also be a separate registration from the Novice State Registration on SpeechWire. It will have its own pool of judges as well as a separate tab room (hopefully adjacent to the Novice State Tab)

Other Important Dates/Religious Holidays

8/24/24 - SAT	12/14/24 - ACT
9/14/24 - ACT	2/8/25 – ACT
10/2/24 - 10/4/24 - Rosh Hashanah	2/28/25 - 3/29/25 - Ramadan
10/5/24 – SAT	3/8/25 - SAT
10/11/24 - 10/12/24 – Yom Kippur	3/29/25 - 3/30/25 - Eid al-Fitr
10/26/24 - ACT	4/12/25 – Passover Begins
10/31/24 - Diwali	4/18/25 - Good Friday
11/2/24 – SAT	4/20/25 - Easter
12/7/24 – SAT	6/7/25 - SAT

FFL Membership Drive

The FFL Membership is now open via SpeechWire. Ben Stewart had been dealing with a nasty case of Covid. Thankfully, he has recovered. Registration will close on December 15, 2025.

New Slack Channel

To decrease the length of the FFL Fall Meeting, we have created a Slack. Slack is a forum for coaches to discuss agenda items that affect our league. This is for coaches only. Please do not share with students.

https://join.slack.com/t/slack-roo9804/shared_invite/zt-2r75kg2ie-gPeKp1b_Q8qS2TCFYoXO3g

TREASURER MAILING ADDRESS – W-9 ATTACHED!

Grant Chmielewski from Dr. Phillips HS in Orlando is our current treasurer. This is where all items related to monies should be mailed. If you are unsure of something, please contact Grant grant.chmielewski@ocps.net

Dr. Phillips HS

ATTN – Grant Chmielewski

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Please make sure that you update the mailing address with your bookkeepers. I will ensure I say this every time I send an email because Cathy Brown, Jennifer Sandman, and even Maureen Mannion (who is retired) still receive FFL checks at their schools.

FFL Executive Board

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