



Coaches–

I hope this message finds you well! I'm excited to share our mid-fall bulletin, which includes important updates regarding upcoming tournaments, the results of our fall vote, and more.

I also encourage all coaches to participate in a brief survey to help us prepare for the upcoming varsity state tournament. Your feedback is invaluable!

Thank you for your continued dedication to our debate community.

FFL Fall Vote Results - The results of the 2024 Fall Vote are attached to this email.

Regional Quals – 2025 – We will not have Regional Tournaments this year because we will have an Open Varsity State at the University of Central Florida. So I hope you plan something relaxing on a rare weekend off!

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. We are trying to figure out the number of campus rooms to block. Please fill out the survey to help us gauge our room numbers.

Google Form Survey - <https://forms.gle/siTBPAlvYFrCCshY8>

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. Due to the Friday/Saturday format, we may have to impose entry limits.

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).

Online Competition Opportunities - The FFL Board of Directors is working to offer online competition opportunities for our member schools (free of charge).

FFL Membership Drive

The FFL Membership is open via SpeechWire. As of today, 11/5/2024, I have cleared all schools that have submitted their paperwork via Google Forms/Drive or Email. You can track your FFL Membership Progress via SpeechWire. Grant Chmielewski is in charge of clearing schools on the money side. Registration will close on December 15, 2025.

New Schools

You may receive an email from Justin Weaver if you are a new school. He is our New Team Support Specialist. This is a new position that FFL has created in order to recruit and provide support to new and even struggling programs.

Slack Channel

Brian McAninch invited many coaches to the FFL Slack Channel. If you haven't joined our Slack please consider doing so. 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

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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 Nathan Johnston, Cathy Brown, Jennifer Sandman, and even Maureen Mannion (who is retired) still receive FFL checks at their schools.