

THE NEWTON SOUTH SPEECH TEAM INVITES YOU TO



The MFL
"Around the World"
Speech Tournament
10 JANUARY 2009



AN MFL SANCTIONED, DOUBLE-ENTRY TOURNAMENT
17 MFL EVENTS WILL BE OFFERED - AND ONE EXTRA!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

8:15-8:45	Registration (please call between 7:00-8:00 to check in.)
8:30	Judge Meeting in Lecture hall
9:15	General Opening Meeting & Postings in Cafeteria
9:30	Round 1
10:45	Round 2
12:00	Round 3
1:15	Round 4
2:00	Multiple & Semi-finals
3:15	Draw for finals in VEX in the Library
3:30	Draw for finals in NEX in Library
3:45	Finals
5:45	Awards

We look forward to seeing you on January 10th!

Sincerely,

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SNOW DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 (PRAY FOR SUN!)



GENERAL INFORMATION

DELICIOUS BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACKS AND BEVERAGES WILL BE SOLD THROUGHOUT THE DAY

1. The tournament is double-entry in all events except NEX, VEX, Group, PFD and Congress. Double-entered students may not enter the same event more than once and may not use the same material in more than one event.
2. All students except those entered in Congress and PFD may enter Multiple Reading. Those who are already double-entered may "triple-enter" in Multiple.
3. Registration is \$5 per entry. Duo Interpretation, PFD and Multiple Reading count as one entry each. Registration fees may be paid by cash or check. Checks should be made out to **Newton South High School**. Please note that if you have late drops that incur fees, you will be expected to pay those fees when you register even if you bring a check that was made out for the original registration amount.
4. You are required to bring one judge for every five entries or fraction thereof in speech events and one judge for every 2 entries or fraction thereof in PFD. Judges must be available to judge all preliminary rounds *and* finals. If one of your judges must leave early, you must arrange for a replacement judge to take his/her place. Because we are running semi-finals, judging will be tight and we need everyone to be available. There will be a \$50 fine for each missing judge. This fee is not to be used in lieu of providing required judges.

Please note that judging requirements are finalized at the time registration closes on Wednesday at 5:00 pm. If you have drops after that time, it does not change the number of judges you are required to bring.

5. At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, please have a representative from your school pick up your results folder. Ballots will not be mailed.

GROUP DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Major Global Conflicts

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING:

Questions will focus on areas of national, international and economic news. The final round will focus on global issues.



PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE:

We will use the January NFL PFD topic:

Resolved: That, by 2040, the federal government should mandate that all new passenger vehicles and light trucks sold in the United States be powered by alternative fuels.

Because of space limitations, we will only be able to host up to 24 PFD teams. Each school will be restricted to a maximum of 4 PFD entries. If you would like to bring more than 4 teams or if you register after 24 teams have been entered, please enter your additional teams in the system to be put on the wait-list. Once registration closes, we will notify coaches about whether or not their additional entries can be accommodated.

CONGRESS:

Bills will soon be available at www.massforensics.org.
Contact Mr. PJ Wexler, VP Congress, if you have questions.

The Congress day will be broken into three sessions. Session 1: 9:30-11:45; Session 2: 12:15-2:30; Finals: 3:30-4:45 (or thereabouts). This will allow us to have three separate judging teams. Judges who are assigned to congress will judge one session of congress and will judge other events during the other times. There will be two judges in each chamber during each of the two preliminary rounds in addition to the parliamentarian. Each judge will write ballots and will nominate and vote for students at the end of their session. The parliamentarians will also write ballots and will nominate and vote for students based upon what they see throughout the two preliminary sessions. Thus, students are seen by more judges and should benefit from more feedback and a greater variety of perspectives. Students must be active in the chamber during both preliminary sessions so that both sets of judges have the opportunity to see them speak. If you have any judges that are particularly interested in judging this event, please let the tournament know and we'll try to get them into a session.

SEMI-FINALS:

If an official MFL event has 40 or more entries, we will run a semi-final round, in addition to the three preliminary rounds. (This will not apply to Congress, PFD or Group Discussion.) We can do this as long as we do not have more than 3 events that reach the 40+ entry level. If more than 3 events are this large, we will only run semi-finals in the 3 largest events. We are reasonably certain that we will run semis in Prose and Novice Reading since these have had large entries at the last few tournaments this year, as well as for the previous 3 years. But, we'll wait and see how registration goes and let you know once registration closes. We are not going to run semi-finals in Group Discussion, even if the event becomes larger than 40 entries, in order to allow those students to double-enter in multiple if they wish. Because multiple will run at the same time as semi-finals, it would be impossible for a student to be in a group semi-final and also do multiple.

AWARDS:

Trophies will be awarded to all finalists. The "Top Novice" in each non-novice event will also receive an award. Semi-finalists will receive medals. A special award will be given to the top 'new' school. (A school that is an MFL member for the first time this year.)



The top 4 Multiple entries and the top 4 PFD entries will receive trophies.

Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top 10 schools. We will use the 5-4-3-2-1-1 system to award points for preliminary ranks and final standings. The top 10 scores in 10 different events plus the next two high scores in any events (figured after finals) will count towards sweepstakes. We will use preliminary ranks as well as ranks from semi-finals and finals to determine final standing in events that have a semi-final round. All semi-finalists will earn one additional sweepstakes point over what they earn from their preliminary ranks. This is consistent with the 5-4-3-2-1-1-1 system for final placement. Thus, all students in out-rounds who rank 7th -12th will earn one additional point, while those placing 1st through 6th will earn a few more points, depending upon where they place. Competitors who make it to finals will earn points for their final standings (not ranks in finals.)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTER ON-LINE AT [HTTP://WWW.MASSFORENSICS.ORG](http://www.massforensics.org)

DEADLINE FOR ADDS: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009 AT 5:00 PM.

If you are having trouble with the online registration system, send an e-mail to Chris Palmer at palmer@massforensics.org.

DROPS:

You may enter your own drops in the system until Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 pm. Drops made between Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 pm and Friday, January 9th at 9:00 pm must be e-mailed to lisa.honeyman@verizon.net. Drops that occur after 9:00 pm on Friday should be called in on Saturday morning between 7:00-8:00 am. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail within a few hours or if you prefer to use the phone, please call (617) 875-1347 with drops. All changes to entries made after January 8th at 6:00 pm will incur a \$5 penalty fee in addition to the \$5 registration fee.

SATURDAY MORNING CHECK-IN:

Please call (617) 559-6544 to check in between 7:00-8:00 am on Saturday morning. If there is no answer, do not leave a message. Instead, try again in a few minutes. If you still can't get through, try 617-875-1347. (You are not likely to get a person at 617-875-1347 because we do not have any cell phone reception in the TAB room area of NSHS.) Even if you have no drops, please call so we can begin to re-panel rounds at 8:00 am and start the tournament on time. MFL rules permit a \$25 penalty fee assigned to schools that fail to check-in during the morning call-in period.



STANDARD RULES OF PROFESSIONALISM AND ETIQUETTE MUST BE ABIDED BY AT ALL TIMES



Please note: Students must be accompanied by an adult, approved by their school administration, who will be responsible for them during the entire time they are present at the "Around the World" Tournament. Schools are responsible for making sure all adults that they bring to the tournament have passed the CORI check, required by Massachusetts State Law.

IN ADDITION TO 17 OFFICIAL MFL EVENTS, WE WILL BE OFFERING "STORYTELLING", USING NFL RULES FOR THE EVENT.

STORYTELLING RULES

1. A single published, printed story, anecdote, tale, myth or legend must be retold without notes or props.
2. The maximum time is 5 minutes (30 second grace), but the story may be briefer without penalty. Any introduction must be included within the 5 minute time limit.
3. The delivery must be extempore, not read. No book or script may be used. The story may be delivered standing or seated.
4. Gestures, pantomime and characterization, may be used with restraint but the focus must be on the narrative.
5. The retelling must be true to the original tale. The contestant may not add original material or materially change the content of the story.