

## \*\*\* Please Read \*\*\*

- Pre-registration will be at TABROOM. It is due by 9:00 pm on the Thursday prior to the tournament. **No additions are allowed after this point.** (The chief reasons for this are that we need to assign and sort out rooms and organize the amount of food necessary).
- Note that no students will be allowed to enter the tournament without adult supervision. College students are NOT considered adults for this purpose unless they are employees of the school they are representing, i.e., official assistant coaches. The NYCFL will not take responsibility for unaccompanied minors.
- Because kids get sick, and things come up, **tabroom.com will remain open for changes and drops (but not additions) until 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the tournament.** No changes of any sort will be taken at the registration table. All changes must be entered directly into tabroom. (If there is no wireless available in a school, this can be done via smartphone or 3GS device.)
- If you are coming from some distance on a bus, you can make your changes en route. If you are meeting at the school at a city event, plan on doing so well in advance of the 9:00 deadline. Students "on their way (maybe)" do not count as entries. The idea that round one is the taking of attendance penalizes the students who are there on time and wish to debate and learn.
- **At some point before 9:00, a coach or responsible adult will come to the registration desk and report that their registration is final.** At 9:00, any schools that haven't come to the desk will be assumed absent, and their entire entry will be erased from the tournament. If in fact some of these missing folk are around, they can be added for round two with forfeits for round one. This will penalize the students of the school not registered on time rather than the students at the schools that did register on time. Schools en route by bus can text by 9:00 that their entry is set; it is not unreasonable to assume that they could miss the deadline by a few minutes because of traffic, but since they've had all that time on the bus they've had ample opportunity to set things aright on tabroom.com. If you are coming by bus, be sure to find out who is running registration so that you have their cell number for texting!
- All reported changes after 9 are \$25 each. All unreported changes (e.g. teams that are registered that don't show up, missing judges) are \$50. No teams will be allowed to participate in future events unless the fines are paid to the NYCFL

- Opening assembly should start at 9:30, with rounds immediately following. There will be four rounds at each tournament.
    - No students are permitted in the tab room. If a kid has a problem, they tell the coach (or responsible adult), and the coach comes to tab. The reason for this is that students often come to tab with problems not of a tabbish nature, or else are unable to articulate the nature of the problem, or else they do not recognize that other things might be going on in tab that makes them less than the top priority and therefore their experience in the tab room is frustrating both to them and to tab. Adult coaches are able to better communicate issues to tab, and then communicate solutions back to their students. Nevertheless, tab staff will make every effort at the beginning of the tournament to get all the rounds started and to sort out any loose ends in a transparent, open fashion (presumably at the ballot table). This is not a rule to isolate tab from the tournament, but simply an attempt at keeping the communication of problems at the appropriate level.
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**Opening Remarks:**

**If you have not done so yet, please send in your NCFL membership cards. They are available on the <http://www.nycfl.org/> website. Please remember NYCFL Membership is \$75. This needs to be paid if you wish to participate in the Grand Tournament to qualify for NCFL Nationals.**

**Either**

- 1. Mail them to:  
Charles Sloat  
Iona Prep  
255 Wilmot Rd  
New Rochelle, NY 10804**
- 2. Fax them to:  
Charles Sloat - (914) 632-9760**
- 3. Bring them to Regis.**

Dear Moderator,

**PLEASE NOTE WEDNESDAY REGISTRATION DEADLINE!!!!!!!!!!  
THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT ITEMS COVERED IN THIS INVITATION  
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the fourth NYCFL Tournament of the  
2015 - 2016  
school year.

The contest will be held on  
Saturday, October 24, 2016  
at  
Regis High School

on  
East 85th Street - between Madison and Park Avenues

**CATEGORIES:**

**NOVICE LD – Using NOVICE topic**

Intermediate LD – Using Sept/Oct Resolution

Varsity LD – Using Sept/Oct Resolution

Novice PF – Using Oct Resolution

Intermediate PF – Using Oct Resolution

Varsity PF – Using Oct Resolution

***LD Novice Resolution:***                    ***Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.***

***Lincoln-Douglas Debate***            **Resolved:** Adolescents ought to have the right to make autonomous medical choices.

***Public Forum Debate***                **Resolved:** The United States Federal Government ought to pay reparations to African Americans.

ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE HANDLED ON <http://www.tabroom.com/>. NYCFL  
Regis Debate

**REGISTRATION:**

8:30 - 9:00 on Saturday morning at Regis High School:

**Any drops....not phoned or texted to me by 8:30am on the morning of the tournament will be charged**

**\$4.00 plus the \$4.00 entry fee.**

**Any unreported drop will be fined \$10 plus the \$8 as described above.**

All Registrations DROPS and CHANGES must be handled on TABROOM

**DEADLINE:**

The Pre-Registration Deadline is  
**Please SEE TABROOM FOR DEADLINES**

**Tournament Notes:**

- **Rounds:** Assuming registration runs smoothly, we will be attempting to run 4 rounds. Therefore it is important that drops are reported as SOON as you know about them. UNREPORTED DROPS will be fined and additional \$10.
- **Lunch:** There are places to eat around Regis. However time between rounds may be tight. A simple bagged lunch might be a student's best bet. The food for judges will be complementary of course and available in the judges' lounge.

**DROPS/ADDS:**

**Remember:**

1. Drops after the registration deadline of 9 PM on THURSDAY do not alter your judging quota.
2. Registration fees for drops on the morning of the contest must still be paid.
3. There are NO ADDS after the pre-registration deadline has passed.

**FEES:**

\$4.00 per speaker from a member school.

(NOTE: Each PF Team counts as TWO speakers for fee calculations).

**JUDGING REQUIREMENTS:**

**Debate:** ONE qualified judge for every four debaters

Judge pools for LD and PF will be separate, if your school is competing in LD and PF,

your judges must cover each pool separately.

***Please note on your registration, which divisions your judges are qualified to cover.***

***If your school has novice entries, bringing a pool of judges that can only judge novice is not sufficient.***

***There is no student judging allowed in PF.***

**AWARDS:**

Top 5 Students in all division will receive trophies. Finalist Mugs will be given based upon tournament size

**DROPS/ADDS:**

See ABOVE for procedures!

There are NO ADDS after the pre-registration deadline has passed.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

E-Mail is clearly the best way to contact me ( Director@NYCFL.org )

Please use the following Numbers Sparingly

Cell Phone – (914) 649-8246 – Use if you have trouble getting to the tournament or last minute drops

Warning: Cell Reception at Regis can be spotty

I look forward to seeing you on

Saturday, Oct 24 at Regis High School

Sincerely,

**Charles J. Sloat**

NYCFL Tournament Director