

NEW YORK STATE FORENSIC LEAGUE

Dear Moderator:

You and your speakers and debaters are cordially invited to attend the Regional Qualifying Tournaments in Speech, Debate and Student Congress.

The **Speech** Qualifier will be held at **Regis** on **Saturday, Feb 20th**. The following categories will be offered: JV & V Extemp; JV & V Oral Interp; Declamation; Original Oratory; Dramatic Interp; Humorous Interp; and Duo Interp.

The **Public Forum** Qualifier will be held at Regis on **Monday, February 29th**. There will be three levels. We will use the **JANUARY** NFL Public Forum topic.

The **Lincoln-Douglas Debate** and **Student Congress** Qualifiers will be held at Regis High School on **Wednesday, March 2nd**. All levels of Lincoln-Douglas Debate will be offered. We will use the **Jan/Feb** NFL LD topic. Each school in Student Congress must submit *at least* one bill or resolution by **Wednesday, Feb 18th**. Please e-mail your legislation to me at Regis. (**edimichele@regis.org**)

All definitions of category levels can be found on the NYSFL website. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me. You may enter as many students as you wish. But please remember that no speaker or debater may enter an event in which he/she is pre-qualified. To do so would be to waive the pre-qualification. A speaker who is pre-qualified in one event may enter in another event; however, I would strongly urge against this practice unless that speaker fully intends to compete in the event at the state tournament. (Please note that although you can double qualify in speech, you CANNOT do so through the regional qualifier.) Also, please do not bring speakers/debaters to the qualifiers if they have no intention of attending the state championship – **April 9 – 10**, which will be held at Hofstra University on Long Island.

The judging requirements are as follows: **one** judge for every **four** speakers; LD – **one** judge for every **two** debaters; Public Forum Debate – **one** judge for every **two** teams; and **one** judge for each Student Congress delegation.

All judges must be experienced adults, with the exception that qualified varsity debaters may judge the intermediate and novice divisions of LD & public forum debate, while qualified varsity speakers may judge declamation, JV oral interp and JV extemp. Accordingly, judging requirements must be calculated **separately**.

We will run things as they have been run in the past – as many rounds as seems fair in the minimum time needed. All speech judges will be heard by at least three judges, though they might not speak in three rounds. Debaters will have at least two rounds. Congresspersons will have at least one session.

Registration for the Speech Qualifier at Regis will be held from 9:00 – 9:30am. Please enter the building through the 60 East 85th St. door. We should be finished by 2:30pm. Registration for the LD Debate/Student Congress and Public Forum Qualifiers at Regis will be at 3:45pm in **Room 404**. Please enter your **speech** entries on tabroom.com no later than **Wednesday, Feb 17th**, your **LD Debate, Student Congress, Public Forum** entries no later than **Wednesday, February 24th**. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Eric Di Michele
Regional Director