

Washington Arlington Catholic Forensic League
Student Congress Metropolitan Championship Final Tournament
March 11 & March 12, 2016 @ Loudoun County High School
(415 Dry Mill Road Southwest, Leesburg, VA 20175)

Following are instructions for registering qualified students for Student Congress Metro Finals on Friday-Saturday, March 11 - 12 at Loudoun County High School (415 Dry Mill Road Southwest, Leesburg, VA 20175).

Please adhere to deadlines and other instructions carefully. In order to ensure that students have a reasonable amount of time to prepare for Metro Final competition; **exceptions to this schedule or deadlines cannot be made.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION – ALL INFORMATION INCLUDING LEGISLATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE COACH. STUDENTS CAN NOT SUBMIT LEGISLATION DIRECTLY.

1. Registration will require three steps: (1) Each qualified student must be entered by the coach into the tournament on tabroom.com. The appropriate number of qualified judges must also be entered by the coach into the tournament on tabroom.com. (2) Each qualified student must submit one piece of legislation for use in the six preliminary rounds of the Metro Final tournament. (3) In addition, each school must submit one piece of legislation to be considered during the Metro Final Championship rounds.

Please submit legislation to Sheryl Gusman as a **Microsoft Word document via e-mail** (CongressVP@WACFL.org) **no later than 7pm eastern on Saturday, February 20th.**

All THREE steps above MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE DEADLINE in order for your students to be registered. Please ensure that your student's name and your school name are on the legislation. Only your school name should appear on the school legislation for the Metro Final Championship rounds.

Judge Requirements. You will need one (1) judge (with experience judging at least **two** (2) WACFL Student Congresses) for every **five** (5) students or fraction thereof. Each school must designate a judge to be available for the Metro Final Championship rounds, **even if no students from that school qualify for those rounds.**

2. Legislation may be on any topic of the student's choice. However, frivolous legislation, whether frivolous in topic choice or in treatment of a topic, will not be considered. In addition, **poorly written and incorrectly formatted legislation will not be selected.** Please make sure you examine the sample bill and resolution found on the WACFL website for the proper format. Also make sure your legislation contains the proper numbering. When there are duplicate topics, the best legislation will be selected for consideration at the Metro Final tournament.
3. Metro Finals legislation will be posted on the WACFL website no later than Saturday, February 27th.
4. Call-ups, if any, for the Metro Final tournament will begin February 23. There will be no call-ups for a house for which 30 speakers have already registered.
5. Drop deadline for students is **Friday, March 4th at 9:00pm.** Any drop reported after that date **does not** relieve a school of judging obligations nor of Metro Final entry fees.

METROFINAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Loudoun County High School (415 Dry Mill Road Southwest, Leesburg, VA 20175)

Please note carefully the following information regarding procedures for the Metro Final Student Congress tournament.

1. **Please note that this is a two-day tournament.**
2. **Please note that registration times are firm.** We will begin promptly. If you are not there, we will begin without you and **you will be dropped from the competition.** A copy of the complete Metro Final tournament schedule is included herein.
3. There is a fee of \$10.00 per student regardless of the dues option that your school has chosen. Please bring that fee with you to the Metro Final tournament.
4. Please ensure that students have their own copies of each piece of legislation. Do not expect the host school to make copies for you – the host is not obligated to do so. Come prepared.
5. Students must participate in **all** preliminary sessions of the Metro Final tournament in order to be eligible for qualification to the Grand National tournament of the NCFL.
6. **Three speeches** are required during the six preliminary rounds in order to qualify for either the Metro Final round or for the NCFL Grand National Tournament.
7. A seeding list determines who shall preside and who will be chairpersons of committees during the Metro Final tournament. Only those students with previous presiding officer experience this year will be eligible to act as presiding officers at the Metro Final tournament.
8. The top eight speakers from each diocese will compete in the Metro Final rounds.
9. During the Metro Final Championship rounds, students must speak twice, or preside for one session and speak once, in order to qualify for an award.
10. Presiding officers for the Metro Final round will be chosen based on the seeding of the students who served as presiding officers during the preliminary rounds of the Metro Final tournament. One presiding officer will be chosen from the Arlington Diocese and one presiding officer will be chosen from the Washington Archdiocese. Ties will be broken by appeal to parliamentary score and then to speaker point scores.
11. **Six students from the Arlington Diocese and five students from the Washington Archdiocese** will qualify to the NCFL Grand National Tournament over Memorial Day weekend in Sacramento, California.

Metro Final Tournament Schedule
Loudoun County High School (415 Dry Mill Road Southwest, Leesburg, VA 20175)

Friday, March 11, 2016

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| Registration | 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. |
| Committees | 4:00 – 4:20 |
| Rules Committee | 4:20 – 4:30 |
| Round 1 | 4:30 - 5:45 |
| Round 2 | 6:00 – 7:15 |
| Dinner | 7:15 – 8:00 |
| Round 3 | 8:00 – 9:15 |

Saturday, March 12, 2016

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| Re-Registration | 8:30am - 8:45 a.m. |
| Round 4 | 8:45 - 10:00 |
| Round 5 | 10:15 - 11:30 |
| Round 6 | 11:45 - 1:00 |
| Lunch | 1:00 - 2:30 |
| Announcements of Metro Final Round Qualifiers | 2:30 p.m. |
| Metro Final Round Committees | 2:45 - 3:00 |
| Metro Final Round Session I | 3:00 – 4:00 |
| Metro Final Round Session II | 4:15 – 5:15 |
| Awards | 6:00 p.m. |

Resolution #657

Title

- 1 Whereas: State the current problem (this needs to be accomplished
2 in one brief sentence); and
- 3 Whereas: Describe the scope of the problem cited in the first
4 whereas clause (this clause needs to flow logically from
5 from the first); and
- 6 Whereas: Explain the impact of or the harms perpetuated by the
7 current problem (once again, the clause needs to flow in
8 a logical sequence).
- 9 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled
10 that: state your recommendation for dealing with the
11 problem (the resolution should be a clear call for action).

Respectfully submitted,

Maryland High School

Bill #643

Title

- 1 Article I: State the new policy to be adopted in a brief
2 declarative sentence, or in as few sentences as
3 possible.
- 4 Article II: Define any ambiguous terms inherent in Article I.
- 5 Article III: Indicate the implementation date.
- 6 Article IV: Name the government agency that will oversee the
7 enforcement of the bill along with the specific
8 enforcement mechanism.
- 9 Article V: State that all other laws that are in conflict with this
10 new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia High School