

Dear CFL moderator,

Enclosed with this letter you will find directions for registering for the CFL national qualifiers for all events. Please note, that with the exception of congress, all registration is being done online!

Date: Saturday March 1 All speech and debate events
Sunday March 2 Congress

Place: Saturday Harrison Middle School (Baldwin)
Sunday Oakland Catholic HS

Times: Saturday:
Registration 7:45 - 8:15
Judges' Meeting 8:30 - 8:45
Extemp Draw 8:40
Round I 9:00
Round II 10:30
Round III 12:00
Lunch 1:00 - 2:00
Finals 2:15 - 3:30
Announcements & Awards 4:30

Sunday:
Registration 1:00
Congress Session 1:30 - 4:30
Announcements & Awards 5:00

Lunch: Lunch tickets will be available for purchase at the time of registration on Saturday. Please remember that you cannot leave the campus to buy lunch, so plan accordingly.

Registration: 4 entries per category for all Saturday events
Please remember
1. there are no adds on the day of the competition
2. fees are assessed as of Thursday, February 28 at noon – any drops after that time are expected to pay the registration fee

Congress registration - number unlimited, but only two per school in the senate (the official house -national qualifier). A list of participants and judges should be presented to the diocesan moderator before a school leaves Saturday's competition. Senators (2) should be clearly marked on that registration!

Fees: \$5.00/person (duo, public forum and policy debate teams cost \$10.00/team)
Congress: \$5.00/school (unlimited entries in the unofficial houses) but an additional \$5.00/senator

Judges: Speech - 1 for every 4 slots or fraction thereof

Debate - 1 for 1 or 2 contestants or teams; 2 for 3 or 4 contestants or teams
Congress - 1 for 6; hopefully 3 non-affiliated judges will be hired for the senate; please let us know if you are aware of someone who may be interested

Names of judges are to accompany the registration. Judges are expected to judge all events and are required to have prior experience.

Judges must be available for the entire day.

A school is assessed \$5.00 per missed round per judge. If a student from the judge's school qualifies for Nationals, that fee must be paid by April 1 in order for that student to attend the national tournament. If unpaid, the student ranked in the next position will take the original student's place.

- LD Debate: The NFL March-April topic will be used.
- PF Debate: The NFL March topic will be used.
- Deadlines: Registration, must be done electronically! Preliminary registration should be completed by **Wednesday February 27** – but drops will be taken through noon on Thursday February 28.

Any school intending to enter the senate must submit at least one bill or resolution by Thursday February 21 to Beth Young. Legislation should be submitted electronically as a Word attachment and sent to byoung95@juno.com, Bills and resolutions will be posted on the Pittsburgh CFL webpage. (www.pittsburghcfl.org). Because these will be posted on Friday February 22, this is an absolute deadline!

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO "BETH YOUNG"

Please check your copy of the [NCFE](#) constitution for questions concerning events. These rules apply at this qualifier. (Please note: changes have once again been made to some of the rules for CFL events!) Also, please remember the changes that were made to debate scheduling. In CX there will be 3 random rounds of competition with A teams being protected in round 1 if the numbers allow it. In LD and PF there will be 4 rounds total. The first 2 rounds are randomly paired, Rd. 3 will be paired straight power and Rd. 4 will be paired power-protect. PHSSL tie-breakers will be used in all debates to determine the winners.

At least one coach from each school should plan on helping to schedule the tournament (Thursday, February 28, at North Catholic at 3:00 p.m.) and/or in working in the tab room on Saturday. Please contact Beth Young at 412 782-4727 or at byoung95@juno.com by Thursday February 21 to indicate how you can be of service.

I have not yet heard officially, but based on the number of participating schools we should be allotted 4 slots to nationals in all events.

Good luck through the remainder of the season.

The Pittsburgh CFL

CONGRESS (due on Saturday March 1 at the end of the tournament)

SENATE:

UNOFFICIAL HOUSES:

CONGRESS JUDGE:
