

Dear CFL moderator,

In this letter you will find information about the CFL national qualifiers for this year.

Date: Saturday March 3 All speech and debate events  
Sunday March 4 Congress

Place: Saturday Fox Chapel HS  
Sunday Shady Side Academy

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 11:00  
Congress Session 11:30 – 2:30  
Announcements & Awards 2:45

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, March 1 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: School fee: \$5.00 per school to cover increased national membership fee  
Saturday: \$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 and judges' names should be submitted online at [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com) **THURSDAY MARCH 1- NOON**. Fees can be paid when checking in on the day of the tournament.

\*\*\*Any school intending to enter the senate must submit at least **one bill or resolution by Thursday February 23** to Beth Young. Legislation should be submitted electronically as a Word attachment and sent to [byoung95@juno.com](mailto:byoung95@juno.com), Bills and resolutions will be posted on the Pittsburgh CFL webpage. ([www.pittsburghcfl.org](http://www.pittsburghcfl.org)). Because these will be posted on Friday February 24, this is an absolute deadline!

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO "BETH YOUNG"

Please check your copy of the [NCFL](#) 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! Check the national website if you are uncertain about a rule!) In CX there will be 3 random rounds of competition. 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, March 1, 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](mailto:byoung95@juno.com) by Thursday February 23 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 5 slots to nationals in all events.

The Pittsburgh CFL

**SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONGRESS (due on Saturday March 3 at the end of the tournament)**

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**CONGRESS JUDGE:**

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