

## NYCFL Agenda Items

1) Welcome by Tommy Beck

2) Opening Prayer by Chris Franz

3) Introductions

4) Reports

President - Tommy- Saddened to see that NCFL did not happen last year. There is a meeting at the end of September to see about this year. Helped out at NSDA Nationals to see the platform.

Tournament Director - Charlie - Wonderful season through the Grand Tournament. This year is a lot about adapting and adopting to this new environment.

VP - Joe - The notion of the 'virtual bus' for this year

Treasurer -Chris - In fairly good shape financially. Online tournaments will be a bit more expensive but we will be spending less on awards. We will have to charge dues and registration fees. You will still get invoices after tournaments. People have been good about paying promptly so we don't anticipate any issues.

Speech - Julie - Not much to report - We should make a video for training and we should hold meetings during evenings ahead of tournaments to do training, Julie would be willing to do that.

Michaela - Pride ourselves on the spirit in which we work together. I hope there is a place and a time to share resources and innovation

Congress - Jeremy - It might seem to be complicated to work online. Judged at Nationals and it went better than I expected. There has been talk of increasing the judging requirements. Might be easier in an online environment to get more judges.

Debate - Jim - There are issues later to speak about. A number of us have run tournaments using the NSDA software (MSDL and Byram). We are getting used to the software. There have been problems at bigger tournaments but we will work through it.

5) Board Elections

A motion by Rose Joyce Turner was made to endorse the return of the slate. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation

6) Tournament Schedule

Virtual until December for sure and then reassess.

The dates was fairly well set and are still 'owned' by schools.

One thing we will adjust is to expand our debate tournaments to include schools from BQ and MA. There is reciprocation from those leagues. Bringing in schools from other areas allows for a diversity of competition.

Joe - POI? The answer is yes, POI at all speech tournaments labeled "all speech"

7) Awards - We are not mailing trophies to everyone. Too costly.

- We will put reports online for anyone who clears.
- Medals for top 3 in speech and any undefeated debate kids.
- We will announce sweeps top 10, but no trophies. Do a running total for the entire season and do physical awards for those schools.

Jess - Do we have an instagram feed to post Winners? Charlie - No. We will use the website

8) Tabroom

- We are using NSDA campus
  - Everyone must have TABROOM accounts
  - Chrome Browser requirement
  - Not possible to view finals
    - Perhaps later in the year we will look at zoom options, but I don't feel like I have the authority to broadcast students live
    - In the future, we can look to doing Zoom or YouTube streaming

Jillian - Any limits on competitors? Charlie - No reason to limit.

- Is there going to be a deadline for registration? Charlie - Thursday is our registration deadline because we need to pay NSDA for the number of rooms we will need.
- Can we do a universal video release? Charlie - Will talk about that soon

9) Permission Forms/Dues

- The NCFL form will be updated to add language for Online Tournaments.
  - Schools cannot participate without submitting the form to Chris Franz ([nycfltreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nycfltreasurer@gmail.com); or Christopher Franz, Msgr. Farrell High School, 2900 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY 10306)
  - **This is a change. Usually we are collecting forms all year, but this MUST BE UPFRONT THIS YEAR.**
  - Must have school consent to participate
  - For judges - Whatever the school requires is what will be required.
  - Schools will need to positively affirm that they know their kids will be competing in an online format.
  - Dues - Later today, each school will get an email

10) Training

- Training has to push back to local coaches. Judges must be familiar with tabroom.
- Can we set up a Friday evening session for training? We can't have observer judges seeing rounds.
- Speech judge training Thursday instead of Friday 7 PM
  - Create two videos - How to use tabroom? What the tournament looks like?
  - Links to extemp, interp, and platform to see ahead of time

- Debate - Jim will do a training in advance as well. Jim also mentioned that you have access
- Joe will send out his "how to" video about how to do NSDA and tabroom signups

Joe - Proposal - Coach must do a tech check with all students and adults by 9 PM Friday night and certify this to the tournament director

Charlie - Need to have contact with each person specifically on Saturday morning. Need to certify that all kids are on the "virtual bus."

Chris - Should we lock fees on Thursday night? Charlie - Probably Friday night at the 9 PM check in, but judge obligation locks on Thursday.

### 11) Extemp

- No Cross Ex, but should we require the last speaker to watch the first speaker? This assures 3 people in the room at any given time. Then the first speaker stays for the second speaker, etc.
- How does extemp prep work?
  - Zoom with breakout rooms - one room for each speaker.
  - Limit extemp to 5 speakers per room
  - Same 3 questions for 1st speaker, 2nd speaker, etc
  - Kids must stay on camera at all times

### 12) Standards for performance

- Judge instructions about ignoring backgrounds and anything except the performance
- A kid can either stand or sit but then must remain sitting or standing. Students can use whatever they need to create the space they need - headphones.
- Michaela will be the student equity officer in a student lounge.

Luis - What are we doing for Black Lives Matter? How are we supporting our students of color?

Charlie - We should create a committee to study this.

Michaela will chair a committee to look at this issue. Any person who wants to serve on this committee should email Michaela. This committee will make some recommendations to the board. Eventually students will be invited to participate in these conversations.

### 13) Congress

- Might have to cap event size - more than 12 per chamber video degrades
- So 72 competitors would be 6 chambers and 12 judges
- Break top 3 per chamber into 2 super sessions of 12
- Judging needs to increase - 1 for 5 and 2 for more than 5

Robert - What about running a "Senate and a House" division to deal with some of these. One judge for Senate and one for House? Agreed. This allows for more entries from a particular school.

#### 14) First tournaments

- the first speech tournament would be three rounds no finals so we can have an extended first round so that everybody can get familiar with the system
- the first debate tournament would be three rounds and all subsequent debates we would shoot to do four rounds.
- Awards ceremonies through Zoom.

#### 15) Debate

- Reminder that Bg Bronx is doing a JV and N division on Sunday
- I want to add the idea of using Nov-Dec PF topic in October so that novices don't have to prep a rez for one tournament. This is **ONLY for Novices**.
- We need to do all single flights in LD and PF. This is to mitigate Zoom fatigue.
- Bring in other schools from NY and MA? MA is offering reciprocity. This gives us the opportunity to run policy.
  - 9/26 for MSDL - JV and V PF, open LD, open CX
  - 11/21 for Little Lex - divisions of PF, LD and CX
- Add Cx to all the debate CFLs to see if they run.

#### 16) Duo

- Proposal - on 9/24 - Synchronous attempt. On 10/3 - Asynchronous. We will determine a set of procedures around file type for the video and norms such as each kid on own camera, filmed in separate locations, how presented in the round. After we try it both ways, a group will get together to evaluate what we do going forward.
- On 9/24 - run 2 rounds in a 'testing' format.
- If we go asynchronously, there will be a norm on how long a video can be used.

#### 17) Instagram

Volunteer - Shannon Rodgers volunteers

- For reminders throughout the week for kids
- Throughout the tournament - updates
- End of the day - templates for reshare for shout outs

Treasurer's Report for Fiscal year ending August 31, 2020

- Available here:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E4dWqsTC-f0U8Ujb3E3b5-oYrPmqXxYb/view?usp=sharing>