

**Washington Arlington Catholic Forensic League  
Student Congress Metropolitan Championship Final Tournament  
February 29 & March 1, 2008 @ Massaponax High School**

Following are instructions for registering qualified students for Student Congress Metro Finals on Friday-Saturday, February 29 – March 1 at Massaponax High School. **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 cannot be made.**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

1. Each qualified student should submit one piece of legislation for use in the six preliminary rounds of the Metro Final tournament. In order to allow students a maximum amount of time to prepare for the Metro Final tournament, legislation must be submitted immediately.

Please submit legislation to Joan Darby as a **Microsoft Word document via e-mail** ([CongressVP@WACFL.org](mailto:CongressVP@WACFL.org)) **no later than 12 noon Monday, February 11.**

In addition, each school must submit one piece of legislation to be considered during the Metro Final Championship rounds. Please submit this legislation in the manner detailed above.

Receipt of your legislation constitutes your registration. 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.

Please submit the names of **judges** along with your students' legislation. 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 Wednesday, February 20.

Please ensure that students have their own copies of each piece of legislation. Do not impose on the host school to make copies for you. Come prepared.

4. Call-ups, if any, for the Metro Final tournament will begin February 20. There will be no call-ups for a house for which 30 speakers have already registered.
5. Drop deadline for students is **Tuesday, February 19.** Any drop reported after that date **does not** relieve a school of judging obligations nor of Metro Final entry fees.

## METROFINAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### Massaponax High School

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. A copy of the complete Metro Final tournament schedule is included in your folder today.
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. 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.
5. **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.
6. 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.
7. The top eight speakers from each diocese will compete in the Metro Final rounds.
8. 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.
9. 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 diocese. Ties will be broken by appeal to parliamentary score and then to speaker point scores.
10. **Six students from the Arlington Diocese and four students from the Washington Archdiocese** will qualify to the NCFL Grand National Tournament over Memorial Day weekend in Appleton, Wisconsin.

**Metro Final Tournament Schedule  
Massaponax High School**

Friday, February 29, 2008

Registration	3:15 – 3:45 p.m.
Committees	3:45 – 4:05
Rules Committee	4:05 – 4:15
Round 1	4:15 - 5:30
Round 2	5:45 – 7:00
Dinner	7:00 – 7:45
Round 3	7:45 – 9:00

Saturday, March 1, 2008

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