

**Washington Arlington Catholic Forensic League
Speech Metro Finals Information
March 15, 2008
Sherando High School**

Eligibility

1. Student has received a first, second, third, or fourth place award at any qualifying tournament.
2. Student has been named an additional qualifier at any qualifying tournament.
3. Student has achieved a total rank of 10 or less at any qualifying tournament.
(Due to the shortened Speech III tournament on 12/15 @ Westfield, ranks of 7 or less will be accepted for that tournament only.)
4. Student has competed in the same event at any three or more qualifying tournaments.

Lists of students who have qualified by winning a place or by being named a qualifier in the first five tournaments will be provided separately on the web site by February 17th for your convenience. You may add those students who have competed in three qualifying tournaments in the same event or have achieved a rank of ten (10) or less (7 or less only for WACFL III). It is the coach's responsibility to add these students to their list.

Registration for Metro Finals

1. Students may double enter in Metro Finals. Be sure to indicate clearly on your registration those students with a “**”
2. Please e-mail registration to Jessie Reter-Choate no later than **Friday, March 7th at 4:00 p.m.** Jessie will confirm the receipt of your registration by e-mail. If you don't hear from her, call her. Jessie's e-mail address is reter1@juno.com. If you have problems, you may call Jessie at 540-854-7585.
3. Also indicate when registering whether the student is a Qualifier (Q), Rule of 3 (3), or Rule of 10 (10). This will help when verifying registrations.
4. List students with full names on registrations.
Drops to the original registration may be made no later than Tuesday, March 11th at 4:00 p.m.

Please remember that there is a \$25.00 drop fee for students for Metro Finals. The drop fee will be assessed after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11th.

Judging Requirements

1. Please provide one judge for every three entries or fraction thereof.

2. Please select only qualified, experienced judges. First-time judges are inappropriate in a tournament in which students are selected to compete at the national level.

Please understand that the league is not responsible for hiring judges for individual schools. If you do not have enough qualified judges, your students will not be able to compete.

3. All judges are obligated to judge the Metro Final round as well as the first four rounds; it is important to have everyone available in order to insure the fairness of judging in the Metro Final round.
4. **Please ensure that your judges arrive no later than 8:15 a.m. on Saturday morning. A \$50 drop fee will be assessed if your judge is not in the building by 8:30 a.m. A \$30 fine will be assessed for each judge who does not pick up ballots by five minutes before the start of each subsequent round.**
5. Please be sure that you understand that we absolutely will enforce every guideline listed above.

Special Extemp Prep Information

1. No electronic devices are allowed in the extemp prep room, although articles printed from electronic sources are acceptable as long as the source of the material is clearly on the printout. In addition, electronic devices are not permitted during any portion of the extemp prep period.
2. **Materials previously written by students are not allowed in files or elsewhere in the prep room.** Be careful to purge your files of (1) old speeches, which may have been "discarded" into the files in a careless moment and (2) written information, which students have compiled from other sources. **In addition, original oratories or declamations left near or in the extemp files are grounds for disqualification.**
3. In order to avoid any confusion or question, we strongly recommend that students do not bring personal belongings such as bookbags/briefcases that may contain schoolwork into the extemp prep room.
4. **Briefs are not permitted** in the Extemp Prep Room. The rule of thumb is that a compiled book of articles can not be tagged, cut/edited, or annotated.
5. Please note that highlighting of materials is not allowed at NCFL Nationals, so you may want to keep this in mind as you review your files.
6. The WACFL officers will conduct reviews of material in the extemp prep room/student files at random intervals.

Students not in compliance with the rules above will be disqualified from further competition.

General Information

1. **Speeches in the Extemporaneous event must be delivered without notes.** The use of a 3x5 notecard during delivery is not permitted.
2. Coaches are reminded to have copies of all selection texts at the tournament in case of questions.

3. Consideration should be given to the quality of the selection.
4. Although **Impromptu is not a qualifying event to NCFL Nationals**, it **will** be an event at WACFL Metro Finals.

Entry Fees

Regardless of the option for WACFL dues that your school has chosen, separate entry fees to Metro Finals are assessed.

Fees are \$5.00 per person per entry. (A single entry is \$5.00; a duo entry is \$10.00; a double entry is \$10.00) These fees are payable at the registration table on Saturday, March 15th.

Metro Finals Time Schedule

Registration at Sherando is between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. Please plan ahead; if you arrive later than 8:30 a.m., we will proceed without you.

Awards will be at 8:00 p.m.

The Tab Staff will run a tight tournament – times may vary from the schedule listed below.

Please remember that the purpose of the Metro Finals tournament is to select six Arlington speakers in each event and four Washington speakers in each event to compete at the Grand National Tournament of the National Catholic Forensic League. Washington speakers compete separately from Arlington speakers in this tournament. The Metro Final round consists of the top three Washington and the top three Arlington speakers in each event. The Metro Final round determines placement of winners within the league, but does not determine qualifications to Nationals.

No decisions, results, or packets will be distributed before the end of the awards ceremony.

METRO FINALS SCHEDULE March 15, 2008

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	On-Site Registration
8:30	Extemp Draw
9:00 – 10:30	Round I
10:15	Extemp Draw
10:45 – 12:15 p.m.	Round II
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch
1:00	Extemp Draw
1:30 – 3:00	Round III
2:45	Extemp Draw
3:15 – 4:45	Round IV
5:45	Metro Extemp Draw
6:15 – 7:30	Metro Round
8:00	Awards