

**Washington Arlington Catholic Forensic League  
Speech Metro Finals Information  
February 25, 2017  
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School**

***Eligibility***

1. Student has received a first, second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth 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.
4. Student has competed in the same event at three or more qualifying tournaments (Rule of 3).

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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. It is the coach's responsibility to add these students to his/her list.**

***\*\*\*\*\* Due to the weather conditions that impacted Speech IV, we are adding additional eligibility factors. A student registered for Speech IV will be able to count that as attendance for Rule of 3 purposes. Additionally, based upon your registration for Speech IV, you can add a maximum of 4 entries as 'wildcards' to metrofinals. The students must be entered in the speech event that was indicated on the Speech IV registration. A double entry would count as two entries. \*\*\*\*\****

***Registration for Metro Finals***

1. Students may double enter in Metro Finals.
2. Registrations should be entered through tabroom.com by no later than **Friday, February 17th at 9:00 p.m.** If you have questions, you may contact Meghan Nugent at 301-346-3061 or via email at mnugent@fcps.edu. ***Do not email your registrations.***
3. If prompted, indicate how the student qualified for Metrofinals - Qualifier (Q), Rule of 3 (3), or Rule of 10 (10), Wildcard (W). 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, February 21<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. Drops will not be confirmed.

**Please remember that there is a \$25.00 drop fee for students for Metro Finals. The drop fee will be assessed after 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21st.**

***Judging Requirements***

1. Please provide one judge for every **2.5** 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. A judge is considered 'Qualified' if the judge has judged in at least one WACFL Preliminary Speech Tournament or was a Speech competitor in WACFL in the past.

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. Battery powered computers are only allowed for evidence retrieval in the extemp prep room. **Please note: Students are not required to use laptops in lieu of extemp tubs, but if students choose to use battery powered laptops in the extemp prep room, they must follow the additional rules on the attached sheet. All other extemporaneous speaking rules, including the prohibition of prepared notes, handwritten notes, and briefs still apply to the information stored on a battery powered laptop instead of within an extemp tub.**

Otherwise, no other 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.

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.**

***Note: Due to changes in NCFL Bylaws in the Fall and this being the qualifying tournament for the NCFL Grand National Tournament, we want to draw your attention to the following specific rules that were altered and should be taken into account for both Metrofinals and NCFL Nationals:***

1. ***In all speech events, only the performers' feet may touch the ground.***
2. ***In Oral Interpretation of Literature, the description of "properties" has been modified as follows: "No properties except a manuscript or binder may be used. Using "properties" means manipulating articles of clothing or objects to enhance the performance. Speakers using properties and/or costumes will be disqualified."***

## **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.** A competitor can be disqualified if selection texts, etc. can not be produced in the event of an inquiry or challenge.
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, February 25th.

## **Metro Finals Time Schedule**

Registration at Good Counsel 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 **five** 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

February 25, 2017

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	On-Site Registration
8:30	Extemp Draw
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	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 <b>**Dinner will be available.**</b>
5:45	Metro Extemp Draw
6:15 – 7:30	Metro Round
8:00	Awards