

**Washington Arlington Catholic Forensic League
Speech Metro Finals Information
February 27,
2021 VIRTUAL**

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 are available via each tournament's results pack on tabroom.com. 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.

Registration for Metro Finals

1. Students may double enter in Metro Finals except for Extemp or Impromptu.
2. Registrations should be entered through tabroom.com by no later than **Sunday, February 21st @ 9:00 pm**. If you have questions, you may contact Meghan Pafumi at 301-346-3061 or via email at mfpafumi@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). 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 Wednesday, February 24th 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 Wednesday, February 24th.

Judging Requirements

1. Please provide **one judge** for every **2 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 any and all rounds.
4. **Please ensure that your judges arrive on time. A \$50 drop fee will be assessed if your judge is not in the virtual space by 8:30 a.m. A \$30 fine will be assessed for each judge who does not log into their assigned virtual room by 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. In a virtual tournament, students are expected to abide by the integrity guidelines of the event in their homes and the virtual prep room. Battery powered computers are only allowed for evidence retrieval in the extemp prep room. **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.**
2. **Materials previously written by students are not allowed in files or elsewhere in the virtual 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. **Briefs are not permitted** in students' virtual Extemp Prep materials. The rule of thumb is that a compiled book of articles can not be tagged, cut/edited, or annotated.
4. 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.
5. The virtual prep monitors have the right to request students show their screens 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.** 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.
5. Please remind your students and judges that in Oratorical Declamation, Dramatic Performance, Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Duo Interpretation of Literature the rule regarding only feet being allowed to touch the ground has been changed to, "Positions other than standing should not be excessive in length or dominate the performance." This change does not apply to Oral Interpretation of Literature or Impromptu. Also, due to the virtual nature of the tournament, we are allowing students to sit while presenting/performing.

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)

Metro Finals Time Schedule

Registration is between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. Please plan ahead; if you check-in later than 8:30 a.m., **we will proceed without you.**

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.

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

METRO FINALS SCHEDULE

February 27, 2021

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Online Virtual 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
6:00	Announcement of NCFL Qualifiers