

## August 6, 2011 SCFCA Coaches Meeting

(red = new rules)

1. Schools represented: Barnwell, Bob Jones, Berkeley, Imo, J Mann, Riverside, Southside, Williston, Elko, Woodmont, Orangeburg, Wilkinson, Stall
2. Whether you attended or not, please send Gail Nicholas any updated Directory Information (name change, cell phone number, email address)
3. State matters- David Dejesa (SCFCA President)
  - a. Treasury issues- Sedrick Bell
    - ? The current balance in the state treasury is well over 1000 dollars
    - ? The state account was moved to a new bank this year.
    - ? Tax Exempt number
    - ? **VOTE: 2011-12 website dues- paid by state account**
  - b. State Dues/Fees (it was agreed to keep the 2010-11 dues the same)
    - ? **2010 VOTE:** Schools will pay the \$55 state dues BEFORE the state tournament. Mail checks (made to SCFCA) to Sedrick Bell at J Mann (SCFCA does have a tax number. If your school needs this information, email Sedrick Bell.)
    - ? **2010 VOTE:** Schools that do not pay the dues prior to the state tournament in March will be allowed to participate but will be charged state dues in the amount of \$75.
    - ? **2010 VOTE:** Entry fees will be raised to \$15 for the first entry per student and then \$10 for a second entry per student. Team entries will be \$30.
    - ? **2010 VOTE:** The Small School Bonus will be changed to require small schools to pay the state dues. Small schools will continue to waive 2 entry fees for each additional judge (beyond their required number) they bring to states
  - c. Double entries at states
    - ? **VOTE:** Externs will be allowed to double enter between the 2 extern events (R in another single IE event. They may not double in Extern p and DUO).
    - ? **VOTE: 2011-12: Allow triple entries in all Inter events and 00 - limited to 5 students per school**
  - d. **VOTE 2011-12: No novice Reading** will be a single entry event at states (no student in NR will be allowed to double) guaranteeing at least 6 prelim rounds. **No novice Reading is for FIRST SEASON students only.** This will give us one novice inter event and one novice debate event (D) at states. **No novice awards in other events will be eliminated.**
  - e. State method of getting to finals - rolling cum sversus deans state
    - ? **VOTE:** State winners in IE events will be determined by Rolling Cum soft rounds through Finals (Voted to continue this format)
  - f. Number of SC tournaments attended needed to participate at states
    - ? **VOTE 2011-12:** Students must compete in TWO SC tournaments including Mock Trial and Youth in Government. Working at a tournament **does** count as one of the two required.
    - ? **VOTE:** When there is a school year in which weather or other circumstances make this rule hard to follow, the officers will have the option to change the rule for that year.

- g. Number of judges needed at \$tates 2010 discussion confirmed:
- ? It was discussed that there has been a shortage of enough judges to get through final rounds at \$tates
  - ? One of these requirements is to provide a pro bono and unaffiliated pool of 15-20 judges
- h. Location of the 2012 \$tate tournament:
- ? By September 1 schools wishing to bid to host the \$tate tournament which will be held the first weekend in March must be made to the \$tate officers. (Schools that expressed interest - Riverside, Woodmont, Stall)
  - ? If any other school would like to bid for the \$tate tournament, please contact David Dejesa at Riverside HS.
- i. 2011-2012 Officers
- ? President - David Dejesa
  - ? Vice President - whoever hosts states will serve as the VP
  - ? Secretary - Richard Stanton
  - ? Treasurer - Sedrick Bell (J Mann)
  - ? \$tate Tournament Manager - Gail Nicholas (Bob Jones)

4. 2011-2012 tournament schedule (an updated copy is posted on the SC website) - please contact Gail Nicholas if your date changes or if you want to add a tournament to the schedule.

5. **NFL matters** - Gail Nicholas (CNFL District Chair)

- a. Nationals results - (posted on the SC website)  
 Congratulations to all students and coaches who participated and for the good results they brought for SC.
- b. 2012 Nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana June 10-15
- ? Nationals will run Sunday (registration) - Friday (finals)
- c. The tournament host is Ben Davis HS
- d. Future Nationals
- ? 2013 Birmingham, Alabama
  - ? 2014 Kansas City, Kansas??
- e. Treasury and future money:
- ? The SC NFL bank account balance is \$1994.84 as of today.
  - ? Please help us look for donations for \$tates and Districts
  - ? NFL offers some grant money which we will use to help schools pay their school dues to the NFL. Please let Gail know if you are in need of this help.
- f. Middle School NFL (JFL) - Jared Marr and Reina reported the 2010-11 success
- ? More information concerning this is located at [www.sjffonline.webs.com](http://www.sjffonline.webs.com)
  - ? Email questions to [sjffonline@gmail.com](mailto:sjffonline@gmail.com)
  - ? Adult advisors to this group are Erickson Bynum, Gail Nicholas, Truman Humbert, and Melissa Wade (Emory).
  - ? If you want to host the JFL at your tournament, contact Nick Chee.
- g. **Pay your NFL dues by Aug. 15** in order to get online access for entering points

- ? Keep up with point entry. You may go back a year to catch up on points
- ? Update your coaches. Clean out old coach names

#### h. Red/Yellow/Red system and Charters v. Affiliates

- ? SC is in danger of going remaining RED status
- ? In order to gain Green status, our district must have 16 chartered schools or have 750 entries in the last 3 district tournaments
- ? Currently we have 12 chartered schools
- ? Let Gail Nicholasknow if you need help entering points or catching up on points
- ? Schools with less than 500 students only need 25 FL degrees to reach charter status. Larger schools need 50 degrees
- ? Please contact Gail as soon as you are ready to charter!

#### i. New point system explanation

- ? There will be three areas of point entry: Debate, Speech, Service
- ? Debate will consist mainly of Policy, LD, PFD, and Congress. Other debate events will be recognized for lesser point values
- ? Speech will consist of FO, HI, DI, DUO, USX, and IX. Other speech events will be recognized for lesser point values
- ? There will no longer be point entry caps in any categories. The exception will be the Service category. **Service point earned will be capped at 25% of a student's total points**
- ? FL will recognize the top 25 point earners as **National All-Americans**; however, the top 1% in each state will also be recognized as individual state All-Americans
- ? For the 2010-2011 season **Benjamin Nichol** of Bob Jones Academy was the top SC point earner and number 31 in the nation. **Paavin Ganji** of Southside was second and number 49 in the nation. **Anand Shah** of Southside was third and number 104 in the nation.
- ? Student service citations will now be awarded for every 100 service points earned by a student. The FL is considering points for community service that is not speech only.
- ? **FL Academic All-Americans**- this award requires 750 FL points, 3.7 GPA, and specific scores on the ACT or SAT. Once your student has met all three requirements, fill out the application and send it to the FL. This award was earned over the summer by Ben Nichol and Drew Peterson both of Bob Jones Academy. Whenever you have a student who has received this award, let Gail know so that this can be posted on the SC website. (If Gail has missed recognizing one of your students, she offers her apologies. The only way she will know if a student is an Academic All-American is if you contact her!!)

#### j. Congress changes and issues (legislation)

- ? FL information sheet on writing legislation was handed to each coach in attendance. Please note the **new template for writing Constitutional Amendments**
- ? PLEASE use the bill and resolution templates from the FL to submit legislation for any tournament this year. The templates are located on the SC website.
- ? A reminder was given to follow the instructions on writing legislation and make sure all is included so that we can submit a successful bill to nationals. Again, make sure your students follow all guidelines from the FL.

#### k. Computer usage for competitions

- ? Please continue to use Joby of our manents for tournament registration
- ? Brent Hinkle of J T has been very good to our state

l. District Congress and District tournament

- ? Location - **in SC March 16-17, 2012**. Riverside and Southside are currently willing to host the tournament. But it is still C's turn to host. Gail will be offering SC hosts to Andrew West.
- ? We need **allocation for the District Congress** which will be held with a regular Saturday tournament in February if possible. Contact Gail if you will do this for us
- ? Make sure that you follow all rules concerning Interpretations. . . read the NF Manual concerning cuttings piece availability, etc. **The NF will be looking at a possibility of usage of DF based sources**
- ? Computer usage in the Extemp prep room is coming. Tight policies must be set, though. Bob Jones Academy tournament (October 15) began computer usage last year and will continue to do so this year. Feel free to use the usage policies posted for the BJA tournament. They are a combination of rules from several national tournaments
- ? **The national office is considering requiring unaffiliated judges in district congress chambers. This would not include the partisanarian.**
- ? **District sweps will now be divided into the following categories: Speech, Debate, Overall, Congress**
- ? **Autoqualifiers for nationals from the previous nationals will now include Semifinalists, Finalists, and the top 14 in the House and in the Senate.**

m. **Attendance at Districts** . . . support the state! In order to keep in good standing with the NF, all NF schools need to participate at Districts. If our SC dipstorred status, we will lose our number of qualifiers to nationals. . . we will be limited to one per event. Please, let's all work hard this year to get our state back to Green status for the sake of our students!

n. **2011-2012 SC NF Committee:**

- Chair- Gail Nicholas of Bob Jones Academy
- Erickson Bynum of Southside HS
- Sedrick Bell of J Mann
- Greg Cook of Riverside HS
- Truman Humbert of Legacy Charter

**The NF announced that there will be no alternates, so all 5 will vote.**

o. **The NF website will be overhauled soon.**