

August 7, 2010 SCFCA Coaches Meeting

1. Schools represented: Barnwell, Bob Jones, Berkeley, Hillcrest, Imo, J Mann, Riverside, Southside, Williston Elko, Woodmont
2. If you did not attend, please send Gail Nicholas any updated Directory Information (name change, cell phone number, email address)
3. State matters- Erickson Bynum (SCFCA President)
 - a. Treasury issues
 - ? The current balance in the state treasury is \$0
 - ? The state treasury borrowed \$100 from the district treasury to stay out of the red.
 - ? The biggest expenses at the state tournament are trophies and food.
 - ? The state account will be moved to a new bank this year.
 - b. State Dues/Fees
 - ? 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.)
 - ? 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.
 - ? 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.
 - ? 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 and DUO).
 - d. State method of getting to finals - rolling cum sversus deans state
 - ? VOTE: State winners in IE events will be determined by Rolling Cum soff rounds 1 through Finals
 - e. Number of SC tournaments attended needed to participate at states
 - ? VOTE: Students must compete in TWO SC tournaments including Mock Trial and Youth in Government. Working at a tournament does not 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.
 - f. Number of judges needed at states
 - ? It was discussed that there has been a shortage of enough judges to get through final rounds at states
 - ? The requirements for the host school was handed to everyone present.
 - ? One of these requirements is to provide a pro bono and unaffiliated pool of 15-20 judges
 - g. SC website - fee and updates
 - ? The SCNFL District will pay the fees for the SC website for this year.
 - ? It was discussed to continue the use of the website but to also look for a more less costly means of maintaining a state website.

- h. Location of the 2011 State tournament:
 - ? By September 1 either Imo HS or Hillcrest HS will claim the bid to host the State tournament which will be held the first weekend in March.
 - ? If any other school would like to bid for the State tournament, please contact David Dejesa at Riverside HS.
- i. 2010-2011 Officers
 - ? President – David Dejesa (Riverside)
 - ? Vice President – Jennifer Tudor (Imo) or Bill Evans (Hillcrest) – whoever hosts states will serve as the VP
 - ? Secretary – Richard Stanton (Milliston-Elko)
 - ? Treasurer – Sedrick Bell (J Mann)
 - ? State Tournament Manager – Gail Nicholas (Bob Jones)

4. 2010-2011 tournament schedule (an updated copy is posted on the SC website)

5. **NF matters** – Gail Nicholas (SC NF District Chair)

- a. Gift for Sedrick Bell and Jeff's daughter. Both of these coaches recently got married. If you would like to give to a gift for both couples, please send your donation to Gail Nicholas
- b. Nationals results – (posted on the SC website)
 Congratulations to all student who participated and for the good results they brought for SC.
- c. 2011 Nationals in Dallas, TX June 13-18
 - ? Nationals will run Monday (registration) – Saturday (finals) in 2011 due to hotel logistics
 - ? The tournament and hotel accommodations will be located at one site in downtown Dallas
- d. Future Nationals
 - ? 2012 Indianapolis, Indiana
 - ? 2013 Birmingham, Alabama??
- e. Treasury and future money:
 - ? The SC NF bank account balance is \$1496.88 as of today.
 - ? Please help us look for donations for States and Districts
 - ? NF offers some grant money which we will use to help schools pay their school dues to the NF. Please let Gail know if you are in need of this help.
- f. **Middle School NF** (J.F.) – Nick Chee (outside graduate currently studying at Emory)
 - ? Nick has set up a committee of former competitors to start NF program in middle schools. The goal is for the middle schools to feed into the local high school programs
 - ? More information concerning this is located at www.sjffonline.webs.com
 - ? Email questions to sjffonline@gmail.com
 - ? Adult advisors to this group are Erickson Bynum, Gail Nicholas, Truman Humberts and Melissa Wade (Emory).
- g. **Pay your NF dues by Sept. 1** 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
- h. Red/Yellow/Red system and Charters v. Affiliates
 - ? SC is in danger of going back to Yellow status

- ? In order to maintain Green status, our district must have 16 chartered schools of have 750 entries in the last 3 district tournaments
- ? Currently we have 12 chartered schools
- ? Let Gail Nicholas know if you need help entering points or catching up on points
- ? Schools with less than 500 students only need 25 NFJL 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 O, HI, DI, DU, OSX, and IX. Other speech events will be recognized for lesser point values
 - ? There will no longer be point entry caps in any categories. For students who have already reached these caps, you may re-enter their points
 - ? NJFL 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 2009-2010 season **Jackie Olinger** of Bob Jones Academy was the top SC point earner. **Dennis Kewin** of Mauldin was second.
 - ? Currently entering the 2010-2011 season, **Pavan Gami** of Southside and **Benjamin Nicholas** of Bob Jones Academy are tied for 98th in the nation as point earners
 - ? Student service citations will now be awarded for every 100 service points earned by a student. The NJFL is considering points for community service that is not speech only.
- ? **NFL Academic All-Americans**- this award requires 750 NFJL 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 NJFL. This award was earned over the summer by Ben Nicholas 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)

- ? NJFL information sheet on writing legislation was handed to each coach in attendance.
- ? PLEASE use the bill and resolution templates from the NJFL to submit legislation for any tournament this year. The templates are located on the SC website.
- ? A discussion was held concerning the new "grading" system that the NJFL uses for rejecting legislation for nationals. Again, make sure your students follow all guidelines from the NJFL. We really missed the mark for nationals this year.

k. Computer usage for competitions

- ? Please continue to use Joby of Tournaments for tournament registration
- ? Brent Hinkle of JUT has been very good to our state.

l. District Congress and District tournament

- ? Location – in SC March 18-19, 2011. Riverside is currently willing to host the tournament. A host requirement sheet was handed to all in attendance. If any other schools are interested in bidding, let Gail know.
- ? A discussion of hosting districts with the Carolina West district took place.
- ? The concern was the heavy burden that SC carries by providing more judges than the NC district. It was agreed that neither district would have enough judges without the other.
- ? Gail committed to discussing this matter with the NC chair, Andrew West.
- ? Andrew West is in the process of discussing this with his committee.
- ? 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 Interpieces. . . read the NF manual concerning cuttings piece availability, etc.
- ? Computer usage in the Extemp Prep room is coming. Tight policies must be set, though. Bob Jones Academy tournament (October 16) 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.

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 dipstored 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. **2010-2011 SC NF Committee:**

Chair – Gail Nicholas of Bob Jones Academy

Erickson Bynum of Southside HS

Greg Cook of Riverside HS

Alternates Sedrick Bell of J Mann and Bill Evans of Hillcrest