

S C District Registration

March 14 & 15, 2003

Mauldin High School

Mauldin, SC

January 25, 2003

Dear South Carolina Coaches,

It's time to start thinking about the District Tournament. The District Committee and I are looking forward to hosting your team at the District Tournament to be held at Mauldin High School in Mauldin. Enclosed you will find registration forms and pertinent information. Please pay close attention to **deadlines** as many of the due dates are **not negotiable**.

DISTRICT CHECKLIST

_____ **Feb.11, 2003** Congress legislation and letters of self nomination for presiding officer are to be in the hands of Minhaj Arastu. **No school is permitted more than three pieces of legislation.** All legislation must be in correct NFL format or it will not be accepted. **No Faxed legislation will be accepted.** It blurs the print. **EMAIL all legislation** to marastu@Lex5.k12.sc.us with a CC to cnicholsnextone@msn.com. (The legislation will be emailed to you and will also be posted on the SC website located at www.scspeechanddebate.org) All legislation must be in **Microsoft Word format**.

_____ **Feb. 17, 2003** Check the SC website for the March LD and Ted Turner resolutions.

_____ **Feb. 28, 2003** Typed original orations **with quoted words highlighted, counted and totaled** should be in the hands of Gail Nicholas. Please include the following statement with the coach's and student's signatures: "This is the original work of this student and no more than 150 words are quoted." **A total of 5 Extemp questions are also due by this date. Please see extemp question requirements on the next page of this invitation.** For those of you attending the state tournament, orations and extemp questions can be submitted in a manila envelope to Gail Nicholas at the tournament.

_____ **March 4, 2003** District entry forms must be in the hands of Gail Nicholas by this date. **NO FAXED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU MAIL YOUR ENTRY IN TIME TO REACH BOB JONES BY MARCH 4. Mails are slow.** All students wishing to participate in the District Tournament must be recorded as members of the NFL with the National Office by March 7. Your entry must include the following:

_____ entry form with each competing student's signature

- _____ congress entry form with each competing student's signature
- _____ proof of NFL membership (NFL number next to name on entry, photocopy of membership card, a copy of the last point sheet stamped by Nationals)
- _____ coach's and principal's signatures on entry form
- _____ alternate students' signatures
- _____ complete interp bibliography- Remember you must supply **ISBN number** for the national tournament.
- _____ Judges' registration (Remember- you **must provide sufficient qualified judges**)
- _____ prepayment of all fees (PLEASE!!! This speeds up registration.)
- _____ Fax number
- _____ Home telephone number
- _____ Email address

Proof of membership: You **must** provide **proof of membership** for each student you register. If you cannot locate the appropriate documents, call the national office for the student's membership number or go to the NFL website and get the number – you can link to the NFL website through the SC website.

Extemp questions: If you have students participating in Extemp, please submit original questions which **you, not the students**, write. We are requesting a minimum of 5 (total) questions in any one or all of the areas listed by the Roman numerals under US Extemp and/or in any one or all of the Roman numerals listed under foreign extemp **for each team—not each extemper**. Please take time to write quality questions. Failure to turn in questions by the February 28 deadline **will result in a \$25 penalty that must be paid at registration in order for your team to compete. Please type the questions, triple spacing between them. The topics will not necessarily be used in the order below.**

United States Extemp

- I. Constitutional and Supreme Court Issues
- II. Congress and the Presidency, Political Parties, Election related issues
- III. Crime, Law and the Judiciary
- IV. Homeland Security
- V. Federal Economic Policy and Foreign Trade
- VI. Education and Medicine
- VII. U. S. Foreign Policy
- VIII. Social and Cultural Concerns

Foreign Extemp

- I. Africa
- II. Middle East
- III. International economics
- IV. U.S. International policies
- V. Europe and the British Isles
- VI. Russia and countries in the former Soviet Union
- VII. Asia
- VIII. Mexico, Canada, Caribbean, Central and South America (the Americas)

Drops and Substitutions: Email (cnicholsnextone@msn.com) or Fax these to (864) 271-7278 (Gail Nicholas' fax) or by overnight mail. **No changes will be accepted by telephone.** If you have questions about the process, please feel free to call (864) 370-1800 Ext. 6464 station 206 which is Gail's office and voice mail. **Gail can be reached at home in the evenings at 864-963-3964.** No changes except drops may be made within a 48 hour window of the tournament. If you need to make last minute drops on the day of the tournament, you can reach Gail at Mauldin High School at (864) 281-1200 (school) or 864-270-2690 (Bobby's cell). Ask for Bobby Black, Bill Evans, or Gail or a member of the NFL District Committee.

Student Codes: Your students' codes will be faxed/mailed to you as soon as possible after receiving your completed registration form. **If you have a fax machine, please include your fax number on your registration forms. If you prefer email, list your address.**

Awards:

Students ranking 3-6 in each event will earn South Carolina Awards.
Top two students in each event will earn NFL Awards. The top speaker in each Congress chamber will earn NFL Awards. Students ranking 2-6 will earn SC awards. The Best PO and the second place PO will receive awards.

Tentative Schedule

TENTATIVE Friday, March 14, 2003

10:00-1:00 Registration (Coaches only) at Mauldin High School (commons area)
2:45 - Have students at Mauldin High in the commons area - there will not be a traffic problem because this is a teacher workday.
3:15 Opening Assembly
3:30 Extemp Draw and Congress Begins
4:00 IE/TTD Round I
4:30 LD/CX/ Round I
6:00 Extemp Draw
6:30 IE/TTD Round II
7:00 LD/CX Round II
8:15 Extemp Draw
8:30 IE/TTD Round III
9:00 LD/CX Round III

Drops will be posted after Rounds II and III are over. Congress will recess for the evening at 9:45 P.M.

TENTATIVE Saturday, March 15, 2003

- 8:30 Extemp Draw and Congress convenes
- 9:00 IE/TTTD/LD/CX Round III
- 11:00 LD/CX Round IV
- 11:30 Extemp Draw
- 12:00 IE/TTD Round IV
- 1:30 LD/CX Round V
- 2:00 Extemp Draw
- 2:30 IE Round V
- 4:00 Congress Voting Begins
- 4:00 Extemp Draw if needed
- 4:30 ALL EVENTS ADVANCE TO NEXT ROUND IF NEEDED. ROUNDS WILL BE CONTINUOUS UNTIL NO LONGER NEEDED. NO MEAL BREAKS.
- 7:00 Awards- May start earlier if rounds are complete.

Interp manuscripts: Each student is required to have the original, uncut source of his/her selection at the tournament. However, if the cutting comes from many different pages within a work, please, in addition, photocopy all pages used for a particular cutting and highlight the lines for easy reference. **Coaches are required to present original sources at registration. Please be aware that any student qualifying for Nationals must include publisher address and ISBN number with his national registration.**

Fees: Due to an increase in our custodial fees and other tournament related expenses, fees for the District Tournament will be \$20 per entry. Remember that a CX team or a Duo team counts as two entries- \$40. **You must pay for each person you originally register. Plans for the tournament are made based on original registrations.** There will be no charge for substitutions; however, substitutions may only come from your alternate list unless you provide documentation from your principal of the student's eligibility. Please follow the instructions found in the tournament manual. **Make all checks payable to the South Carolina National Forensics League. Checks are due with the initial registration.**

\$20 for each entry

\$25 failure to turn in Extemp questions by February 28

\$50 for each judge dropped (and not replaced) after registration is received.

\$25 School fee

The school fee will be used specifically to cover the costs of the **judges lounge.**

In the past the schools in the host area have carried this cost – some paying as much as \$100 extra dollars to enter. This year the committee is asking that all schools entering the tournament share this expense.

Judges: In order to ensure the best competitive environment for our students, we ask that you provide quality judges for the tournament. At this point we plan to run the Up and Down method whereby only one judge is used in rounds 1-2. If we should have a

plethora of judges registered, we might be able to run three judges in early rounds. The judging requirements are as follows:

- one judge for each LD debater
- one judge for each CX team and Ted Turner Team
- one judge for every 4 IE entries
- one judge for every 6 congress entries

Failure to provide judges will require teams to cut their entries.

There are no judges for hire. The local pro bono pool is used to fill out rounds where school conflicts create impossible situations for us. Please start working on judging commitments soon. **REMEMBER, ALL OF YOUR JUDGES ARE REQUIRED TO BE ON TIME TO ROUND I and ARE COMMITTED THROUGH FINAL ROUNDS.** Each year we have teams who want to leave because their students are eliminated. This creates an impossible situation for those students remaining in the competition since judges from their schools cannot be used in a round where the school is represented. A judge's failure to report for a round will earn the team a \$50 per round fine.

Judges will be required to stay in the judges lounge during rounds when not judging. The ability to find them quickly will be facilitated. Judges are asked **NOT** to observe rounds in which they are free since they may judge that particular event in a later round.

Number of entries: No team is allowed to enter more than four in any one category except congress. Total number of entries for each school is determined by the number of degrees the school has on record seven days prior to the tournament. To determine the number of entries your school may bring, refer to the chart on TD-2 of your NFL manual. Each school gets one Ted Turner Team that does not count against its entry allotment.

Double Entries: Duo contestants may double enter in HI or DI this year. However, if the Duo team qualifies and the student also qualifies in HI or DI, the student is obligated to attend Nationals in the **BOTH** events. If the contestant decides to drop an event, he must remain in Duo, and no alternate will move up in his other event. Ted Turner Debaters may **NOT** double enter. Extempers may double but not in the other Extemp category. LDer's and CXer's may double in IE events.

Congress apportionment (which is separate from your other entry limits) can be found on SCM-10 of your NFL manual. Congress will use the judges' preference system for choosing the top speakers.

IE Tournament plan: We will tentatively plan to use the IE plan described on pages TD 10-16 of your NFL manual. The plan calls for two downs, and the student is out. The first two rounds of IE are randomly paired. Subsequent rounds are paired according to the NFL guidelines. Three judges are used beginning with round three.

Debate students advance until they have two losses. The first two rounds are randomly paired with numbers drawn at registration. Later rounds are straight power. Three judges will be used when there are eight or fewer teams left.

Directions and Hotel information: Information is included with this letter. Please make your hotel reservations early to avoid last minute panic. All blocks of rooms are released by March 1. Make your reservations prior to this date. Rooms are reserved under the name “National Forensic League Block.”

Judges’ Lounge: A reminder to all **coaches** that this year the entire state will share the expense of the complimentary judges’ lounge. Bobby Black of Mauldin will be coordinating this effort. Included in your school entry will be a **\$25 school fee** to help with this expense. This will not require a separate check.

Turn in your NFL points now!!! Don’t wait until the last minute and expect the National Office to be able to deal with impossible situations.

A final note about judges—Of all the tournaments in the course of the year, Districts is the most important to our students in that it offers them a chance to go to Nationals. We MUST provide QUALITY judges for them. Please DO NOT bring INEXPERIENCED JUDGES! Please advise your judges on proper decorum. It is unethical for a judge to come out of a round and coach your students about the competition he/she has just seen. Please caution them about innocent remarks. All judges are expected to be on time to their rounds and to stay through the end of the tournament. They MUST be available for ROUND I; we cannot start without judges.

Tournament Day Registration Process:

10:00-1:00 Register at Mauldin. Coaches only. Commons Area

- ___ **verify all entries**
- ___ **verify all judges**
- ___ **produce the original sources for interp pieces**
- ___ **draw numbers for debaters**
- ___ **pay all drop fees**

If you have questions, please email or call Gail Nicholas: home (864) 963-3964 in the evening after 7:00 p.m. or at Bob Jones Academy (864) 370-1800 ext. 6464 station 206 during the day.

Directions to Mauldin High

If you are coming from I-85, exit on Laurens Road (276) into Mauldin. At the intersection of 276 (called Main Street in Mauldin) and Butler Road, turn left. The intersection has a traffic light and is well marked. The school is on the left about 2-3 miles from that intersection.

If you are coming into the Greenville area from the Columbia area on I-385, exit at Butler Road (exit 34) and turn left. The school is less than a mile on the right.

If you are coming from Greenville on I-385, exit at Butler Road (exit 34) and turn right.

Buses will find it more convenient to use the bus parking lot on the right side of the school. A large bus turn-around area is provided.

Look at the SC WEBSITE **for the following District information:**

1. Ted Turner Debate Rules and Ballot
2. LD and Ted Turner resolutions for March (available Feb. 17)
3. Congress Legislation for the District tournament
4. Links to NFL online
5. School points
6. School contacts
7. District results will be posted following the tournament
8. Past newsletters (in the archives)

www.scspeechanddebate.org

Mauldin Area Lodging Information

Hampton Inn – I-385/Woodruff Road 864-213-8200

(Closest lodging to Mauldin HS: Hampton Inn is located on Exit 35 on I-385 and Mauldin HS is located on Exit 34 on I-385.)

*****Brochure included in this packet.*****

RATE = \$59 plus tax

Rooms = 2 queens (some single kings available)

Price includes a deluxe continental breakfast

Blocked Rooms available through March 1 – ask for the “National Forensic League Block”

Other local lodging:

Comfort Inn – Simpsonville (I-385) 864-963-2777

Holiday Inn Express 1-800-465-4329

Masters Inn – Mauldin 864-288-1770

Microtel Inn 864-297-8630

Motel 6 864-277-8630

Palmetto Inn 864-967-4500

Redroof Inn 864-297-4458

Fast food restaurants are numerous in the Mauldin and Simpsonville areas.

Double Entry

The Executive Council has reinstated the prior double entry rule and passed a new rule allowing a student to enter two (2) interpretation events.

Please Note:

1. The district committee may or may not choose to allow double entries [See the Chapter Manual: Page 2: rule 7]. Their decision is final.
2. No double entry is allowed for students entered in the new trial event, Ted Turner Debate.
3. Students may not double enter Debate and L/D. Students may not double enter in International Extemp and U.S. Extemp.
4. A student may enter two (2) but only two (2) interp events [DI/HI; DI/Duo; HI/Duo].
5. A student may win two events at the district tournament and choose to attend nationals in only one. If this is the student's choice please note:
 - a. If the student qualified in a team event and a solo event the student must attend in the team event [Debate, Duo]. The student may also enter the solo event or drop it.
 - b. If a student drops an event, no alternate may move up. Alternates may move up only if the qualifier does not attend the national tournament.

The above rule is the famous “Naegelin rule.” Lanny, Richard Sodikow, Phyllis Barton and others were very concerned that overzealous coaches would pressure kids to drop events to allow others from the same school or another school to move up. [i.e. “My girl will drop OO to let your boy move up if your girl will drop DI to let my boy move up”] Such deal making is not in the best interest of students.

A student who doubles should plan on attending both events if s/he wins– that's why s/he doubled! If s/he only wishes to enter one event – the other place remains vacant.