

# *The Baltimore Catholic Forensic League*

February 27th, 2010

Dear BCFL Coaches:

The members of the executive committee present at the last tournament:

- Charles Donovan, Diocesan Director; cdonovan@loyolablakefield.org
- Bob Dacey, Tournament Director; Daceybob@comcast.net
- Paul McMullen, Assistant Director of Lincoln/Douglas Debate; mcmullenp@calverthall.com
- Steve Sprouse, Assistant Director of Policy Debate; keblecol@msn.com
- Mary Beth Baker Assistant Director of Speech, mbaker@bcps.org
- Howard Scott Assistant Director for Congress, hscott@thecatholichighschool.org
- Patrick Daniels Assistant Director for Public Forum, patrick.daniels@gmail.com
- Carl Klein, Secretary/Treasurer. ckleinsr@gmail.com had the job to certify the qualifiers for the Championship Tournament in Debate and Speech. Qualifiers for Congress were finalized following the last BCFL Congress. Their decisions are based upon the cumulative scores posted on the BCFL web site, the last tournament rounds on that date, as well as a Tab Room generated tournament to correct for tournaments cancelled. **The assumption was that all data on the Web site PRIOR to BCFL #5 was checked by all coaches and was accurate.**

## **Qualifiers and events**

Based upon established league formulas posted on the Web site, we are qualifying 16 teams in policy debate, 8 teams in Public Forum and 16 debaters in LD. Additionally we will qualify 18 in Congress, 12 in Drama, 12 in Original Oratory, 10 teams in Duo Interpretation of Literature, 10 in Extemporaneous Speaking, 16 in Oral Interpretation of Literature, and 12 in Oratorical Declamation. All will compete for one of the 6 BCFL positions in each event at NCFL Nationals, held in Omaha, Nebraska Memorial Day weekend. Additionally we will conduct championship rounds in our two auxiliary events, Children's literature where 12 students will compete and Impromptu which will have 12 students competing. It is important to note that these two auxiliary events will NOT qualify students to NCFL Nationals, however their results will be counted into the Championship Tournament sweepstakes totals for each school.

## **Location and Time**

Championship Qualifying Congress will be held Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:30PM continuing until 6:30PM at Loyola Blakefield High School. There is no judging requirement for Congress however coaches must still accompany students. The Championship Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Calvert Hall College High School (check the school Web site for directions). Check in of schools,

students and judges will begin at 7am. Judges meetings for all events will commence at 7:30 AM. All rounds should begin no later than 8:00 am. We will be running at least a semi-final round in all speech events thus the need to begin early.

### **Costs**

There is a fee of \$15 per student per event (including student congress) to cover the tournament costs. (The cost for a policy/ Duo / public forum team is \$30). There is a \$75 judging fee per entry assessed for any unfilled judging requirements payable upon registration on the morning of the tournament. Please make every effort to provide clean judges who are able to judge multiple schools and events. **Judges who are blocked from judging multiple schools are not able to be used at this tournament.**

### **Online Registration**

We will use the **Joy of Tournaments** web site to register for this tournament. It is extremely important that you register all competitors and judges by Friday, March 12th, 2009 at 5 PM. Complete First and Last name as you wish to have them published in the tournament program must be provided. All judge's names **MUST** be accurate with any restrictions included. Place holder judge names are **NOT** permitted! You may bring extra judges above your quota. If they are former competitors or college students and considered "expert" judges for an event, they will receive a \$15 per round available stipend (maximum \$60). These individuals **MUST** be approved beforehand by either, Carl Klein, Charles Donovan, or Bob Dacey and they must be in excess of your normal judging quota.

### **Judging Requirements, payments, and deadlines**

Your judging requirements are as follows:

2 judges **per policy team** up to a maximum of 6;

2 judges **per LD Debater** up to a maximum of 6;

2 judges **per Public Forum** up to a maximum of 6;

1 judge per each **2 entries in speech** up to a maximum of 6, and

**Judges should be expected to help in multiple events as needed to field clean panels.**

So we can provide the best judging possible, it is recommended that judges you bring have some experience in the events in which they will be used. Contacting former participants who have graduated is a great way to provide experienced judges.

Our Web site will list the students who have qualified, and will have a copy of the invoice should you need one for billing purposes. All payments for judges and entrants must be received by (not postmarked) to Carl Klein by Friday 3/12/10. Make checks out to "BCFL". Checks may be mailed to Carl Klein, 1900 Rollingwood Rd., Baltimore, MD 21228. Or, you may pay Carl the day of the tournament during check-in, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Calvert Hall High School.

The cafeteria staff at CHHS will be selling food to provide an economical lunch for student participants.

**Announcing National Qualifiers**

After the awards assembly at the conclusion of this tournament, it will be critical for all coaches who have students with the potential of going to nationals present so that we may certify students who will be attending the Grand National Tournament in Omaha. Prior to this time you need to determine from your students if they wish to travel to Omaha. Also know in which event they will compete should they qualify in the top 6 of multiple events. Students may only compete in one event at Omaha. Students who choose not to travel to Omaha will be replaced by the next available call up competitor. **THE COACH OR THEIR DESIGNEE MUST BE PRESENT** to accept a bid for a student. Having the answers to the above questions before the awards assembly will help move things along. It is projected that the awards assembly will be held in the Knott Auditorium and begin around 6:00 PM.

Sincerely,

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