

# Winter Bulletin



Hello Coaches—

Happy 2024! I hope this message finds you well and that you had a restful winter break from school. As we embark on the new year, I am grateful for your dedication and hard work in guiding and supporting our student competitors. We are now gearing up for the peak tournament season, where our talented students will showcase their skills and passion for speech and debate. As coaches, you play a vital role in shaping their abilities and nurturing their growth. In the words of NYC restaurateur, Will Guidara, "Let your energy impact the people you're talking to, as opposed to the other way around." This quote reminds me of the power we possess as coaches to inspire and motivate our students. Your enthusiasm, guidance, and mentorship have a lasting impact on their development, both as competitors and as individuals. As we navigate the challenges and excitement of the tournament season, let's continue to foster a supportive and inclusive environment. Please encourage your students to embrace their unique voices, take risks, and strive for excellence. Let's empower them to use their energy to make a positive impact on the competition stage and their interactions with others.

**Regional Quals** – 2024 – Saturday – 2/3/24 – locations per Regional Director's Discretion – Tournaments will be in person unless otherwise noted.

Your Regional Director should or perhaps already has been in communication with you regarding your tournaments. Registration for all tournaments will be held via SpeechWire.

Topic Areas For Regional Quals (Tentative – I am waiting to hear from our question writer – if anything changes I will advise)

USX:

2024 Elections

Education and Health Care

The Biden Administration

U.S. Foreign Policy and Immigration

Military and Defense

FX:

Asia and the Middle East

The Americas

Europe

Africa

Global Institutions

Impromptu:

Quotations

Merriam Webster

Speech & Debate

Oscar Contenders

Recently in Stuff

World Schools Debate Motions

Round 1 Prepared Motion

This house would make farming subsidies contingent on the adoption of Green farming practices

Round 2 Impromptu Motion

Round 3 Prepared Motion

This house supports granting megacities autonomous control over their economic and social policy (e.g. immigration, health, criminal justice) with national taxation policy remaining under the federal government's control.

Round 4 Impromptu Motion

Round 5 Prepared Motion

This house supports universities treating students as customers

**Varsity State** – 2024 – Saturday/Sunday – 3/2 – 3/3/24 – Wellington HS – Macaw – Host Paul Gaba. I have already secured 1 hotel block and am working on more.

**Novice State** – 2024 – Saturday/Sunday – 4/13 – 4/14/24 – Apopka HS – Timacuan – Host Cathy Brown. I am working on securing hotel blocks.

Student Judging – Juniors & Seniors with 250 or more NSDA points can judge at the Novice State Tournament

**Middle School State** – 2024 – MS State will take place in person and will be held in conjunction with the Novice State Tournament. I will work to secure hotel blocks. I have already sent out request over the winter break.

Student Judging – Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors with 250 or more NSDA points can judge at the Middle School State Tournament

### New FFL Website

We have a new FFL website address: [floridaforensicleague.org](http://floridaforensicleague.org)

The website has also had some significant update to include:

- Updated Board of Directors – with emails linked
- Updated Forms & Documents – with all links working properly
- Most Significantly Updated Resources – Coaching 101 for new coaches, Judge Training & Resources, FFL Bulletins, FFL Meeting Minutes, FFL Fall Voting Results From 2017 to present.

I am still working on the tournaments section of the website and resources for students (the goal of this one is to periodically update it with extemp & impromptu practice questions.

### FFL Slack

We have a Slack for FFL now that tournament season is ramping up please consider joining the slack, we started using this last year so that coaches could have conversation regarding rules, rule changes, agenda items and tons of other stuff!

[https://join.slack.com/t/floridaforensicleague/shared\\_invite/zt-2ampqv8o3-3kHf\\_nBuJ4JoC0l~S1HBZw](https://join.slack.com/t/floridaforensicleague/shared_invite/zt-2ampqv8o3-3kHf_nBuJ4JoC0l~S1HBZw)

### General Reminders Are Listed Below – Updates Are Highlighted

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