

FFL Fall Bulletin



Fall Meeting – 2022 – Fall Meeting (Virtual via Zoom) Saturday 8/20/22 – the link is here, but it is also included in this email as well. Aly Fiebrantz set up the meeting because she still has access to unlimited Zoom.

Fall Meeting Link - <https://nova.zoom.us/j/93856698034>

Meeting Time – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Regional Quals – 2023 – Saturday – 2/4/23 – locations per Regional Director’s Discretion – Tournaments will be in person unless otherwise noted.

Varsity State – 2023 – Saturday/Sunday – 3/4 – 3/5/23 – Pine View School – Gulf Coast – Host Jym Froelich. I will be working to secure a hotel block.

Novice State – 2023 – Saturday/Sunday – 4/22 – 4/23/23 (this date is subject to change based on the TOC – if TOC changes it’s date we will move to 4/15 – 4/16/23) as of right now TOC is still listed as taking place in May. **WE STILL NEED A HOST**

Middle School State – 2023 – The MS State Committee will decide which format is best for middle school students and determine dates and locations if necessary.

Other Important Dates/Religious Holidays

8/27/22 - SAT

2/11/23 – ACT

9/10/22 - ACT

3/11/23 - SAT

9/25/22 - Rosh Hashanah

4/15/23 – ACT

10/1/22 – SAT

4/5/23 – Passover Begins

10/4/22 – Yom Kippur

4/9/23 - Easter

10/22/22 - ACT

11/5/22 – SAT

12/3/22 – SAT

12/10/22 - ACT

FFL Executive Board

President – Carol Cecil – ccecil@dadeschools.net or flforensicleague@gmail.com

VP - Operations – Dario Camara - dariocamara@gmail.com

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Region 1 – Katrina Brownsberger - katrina.brownsberger@okaloosaschools.com

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Region 3 – Jym Froelich - JAMES.FROELICH@sarasotacountyschools.net

Region 4 – Bo Lint - bobby.lint@ahschool.com

Region 5 – Kate Hamm - khamm@ransomeverglades.org

Region 6 – Ryan Levesque - ryan.levesque@ahschool.com

Region 7 – Marna Weston - westonmr@gm.sbac.edu

NEW TREASURER MAILING ADDRESS – W-9 ATTACHED!

We have a new FFL Treasurer. Grant Chmielewski from Dr. Phillips HS in Orlando has taken over the treasurer position.

Dr. Phillips HS
ATTN – Grant Chmielewski
6500 Turkey Lake Rd
Orlando, FL 32819

Please make sure that you update the mailing address with your bookkeepers. I am going to make sure I say this every time I send an email because Cathy Brown as of last season was still getting checks mailed to her. She has not been the treasurer in over 4 years!

FFL Membership Drive

We are slated to open the 2022-2023 FFL Membership Drive on September 1, 2022. I will send a separate email with instructions. We will be using SpeechWire to conduct the membership drive.

FFL Fall Meeting Agenda

Old Items That Still Need To Be Dealt With

1. Revamped Congress Manual – Ready For September 2022 – Paul Gaba, Wellington HS
2. Congress Packet For NS/MS – Kate Hamm & Benjamin Gaddis – Ransom Everglades & Trinity Prep

New Agenda Items

1. Agenda Item #1: Creating an FFL Middle School (and possibly Elementary School) Division – Ryan Hubbard – American Heritage Broward (ties in with #3)
 - OPTION 1 + 3 combined by unanimous vote
2. Agenda Item #2: FFL Fall Meeting Coach Workshops - American Heritage Broward
3. Middle School Steering Committee – Aly Fiebrantz Awsare - NSU (tied in with #1)
4. Sweepstakes – Aly Fiebrantz Awsare – NSU
 - Redefine what constitutes a small school
 - Rebalance the categories (due to new events added)
 - Revisit the calculation methods (see “rebalance” above)
5. Revamp Executive Board Responsibilities - Aly Fiebrantz Awsare – NSU
6. Regional Directors – Regional directors will get to select one of two tiebreakers to be used a Regional Tournaments. – Nathan Johnston – Lake Highland Prep
7. Hosting Guidelines – Carol Cecil – Braddock
8. Formula for unused state qualifier spots. - Nathan Johnston – Lake Highland Prep
9. Decrease prelims & pattern speech - Aly Fiebrantz Awsare – NSU
10. WSD all schools get 2 entries at quals (9th grade supp – will not apply to WSD – schools will not be able to use 9th grade supp for a 3rd WSD entry) - Nathan Johnston – Lake Highland
11. Remove Regional Constraints for prelims - Aly Fiebrantz Awsare – NSU

12. Increase Varsity State to 42 qualifiers per event (an increase of 6 from the original 36) - Nathan Johnston – Lake Highland Prep