

September Update



Hello Coaches—

I wanted to update you all on what has been going on behind the scenes here at FFL. As we gear up for debate season, I wanted to remind everyone that we are not machines, we are people, and you need to take time to care for yourself! I had that epiphany over the weekend when I felt overwhelmed with work. So, take a moment to meditate, read, paint, draw or even garden. My point is making time for yourself each day is important. And to quote Ferris Bueller, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in awhile, you could miss it." My updates are listed below. Have a good Tuesday everyone.

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.

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WE HAVE A HOST! Novice State – 2023 – Saturday/Sunday – 4/22 – 4/23/23 – Western High School, Davie, FL – Host Dario Camara (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.

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.

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FFL Membership Drive

I had emailed Ben all of our documents needed for SpeechWire for our membership drive. He is still working on getting everything updated, but I hope that he will have us up and running by the end of this week. I will send another email when we are open. We will be using SpeechWire to conduct the membership drive.

***** **New** *****

New FFL Website

Our new FFL website is almost ready to go live. It looks amazing and the Executive Board, myself, and some other coaches have given feedback regarding the site. My hope is that you will find it useful, streamlined, and modern. There are additional things that the designers will be adding, but that will come after our initial launch.

***** **New** *****

FFL Google Group

Aly Asware created a Google Group. You may have received an invite. The purpose of the Google Group is to act as a message board. If coaches have questions they can post them there and that way someone from FFL can answer the question. We are hoping this will help all coaches and you can look to get answers in one place. If you have not received an invite please email Aly - afiebran@nova.edu

General Reminders Are Listed Below

FFL Executive Board

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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!