

**FGCCFL 2012 Grand Finals Invitation
Wharton High School
February 10-11, 2012**

Friday 9:00 AM – 8:30 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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Events: All Events. No double entries. No more than **FOUR** entries per event.

Cost: \$20.00 per competitor including Friday lunch PLUS an additional \$7.00 for **each additional meal** for judges and observers. An optional dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be sold by concession. Each school must also pay a \$100 bond which goes toward Grand Nationals registration fees. If your school has no qualifiers, this bond amount will be returned. Checks should be made out to FGCCFL for the full amount.

Food: Closed campus (FGCCFL rule). Please remember to order lunches for all competitors, judges, and coaches. ONE complimentary lunch will be provided to each school for the head coach. Please email any special food requests and your total lunch numbers to Jennifer Bell at jennifer.bell@sdhc.k12.fl.us by February 3, 2011. Vegetarian selections will be made available, and private arrangements can be made for additional allergies/needs can be made.

Judging requirements: One (1) judge for every four IE entries. One (1) judge for every four Congress entries. One (1) judge for every two LD entries. One (1) judge for every two PFD team entries. One (1) judge for each TD team entry. **COACHES: Do not count yourself in your judge quota as we must be able to use you where needed!**

REGISTRATION FOR THE TOURNAMENT:

Go to the FGCCFL web site. Click on Online Registration. Download the registration form. Fill it in completely. Save it. Email it to Bill Gibron at bgibron@verizon.net no later than 9 PM on the Tuesday prior to the tournament. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2012.**

Please be certain you send all required information including student names in correct events, and judge names in pools of IE, Congress, LD, PFD, or TD. Your number of judges in each pool must match the student entries. You will also be expected to bring original source material for all IE events (e.g. the BOOK or SCRIPT of the original work).

Please note: "The Executive Committee may levy additional tournament fees of \$25.00 for late registration, any changes made on the tournament morning, a dropped entry on the tournament day, a dropped entry not declared before the start of the first round, or a failure of a judge to report for a scheduled round."

Tournament Day Registration: 9:00am on Friday in the media center. Only the team coach or designee should process through the registration line. Please use the attached pre-registration checklist to help expedite the registration process. Students should report to the cafeteria. Judges should report to the media center.

STUDENT CONGRESS INFORMATION

Every school entering Student Congress must supply one (1) piece of Legislation per every two (2) participants in Student Congress. All materials, including manuals, templates, and packets, will be posted online on the FGCCFL website <<http://www.fgccfl.org/>> and/or on the Congress site <<http://sc.avipedia.net/fgccfl/>>. **It is the responsibility of coaches and students to check regularly for new and updated materials.**

Every school entering Student Congress must supply one (1) piece of legislation per every two (2) participants in Student Congress. The deadline to submit Student Congress legislation is **Friday, January 27** at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Legislation is to be e-mailed to Josh Schneider <joshschneider@me.com> **by coaches only**. Late items **WILL NOT** be considered, nor will items that have already been presented twice this year.

All legislation MUST be written using the appropriate FGCCFL template. This means that the legislation must be typed directly into the template following the guide text. The formatting of the template must not be altered in any way. Legislation that does not use the appropriate template as directed will be returned for revisions.

Schools will be given a chance to revise unsatisfactory legislation. Revisions must be resubmitted no later than **Tuesday, January 31 at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. Late items **WILL NOT** be considered.

Coaches may designate up to two (2) of their entries as eligible to serve as Presiding Officer by e-mailing their selections to Josh Schneider <joshschneider@me.com>. **Only students so designated will be allowed to preside at Grand Finals.**

DIRECTIONS:

Directions from I-75:

Take exit 275 (Land O' Lakes) and turn west (left) onto SR 56. When you reach Bruce B. Downs (you will see The Shops at Wiregrass across the street), turn right and drive about a mile. Wharton High School will be on your right. Please park in the 3rd parking lot (faculty lot, adjoining WalMart).

Traveling from the south? Please note that you can also take the Bruce B. Downs exit, and head north; Wharton would be on your left after about 4 miles. I am avoiding this route because of extensive construction on BBD.

Hotels Nearby:

Holiday Inn Express New Tampa, 813.910.7171 (about \$140 per night)

Wingate Inn, New Tampa, 813.971.7676 (about \$120 per night)

Best Western Summercrest, Wesley Chapel, 813.345.2000 (about \$72 per night)

Comfort Inn Wesley Chapel, 813.991.4600 (about \$79 per night)

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FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Registration	9:00 AM		
IE and Debate		Congress	
Round 1	10:00 AM	Opening Business:	10:00 AM
Lunch	11:30 AM	Session 1 A:	10:30 – 12:00
Round 2	12:30 PM	Session 1 B:	1:00 – 2:30
Round 3	2:30 PM		
Round 4	4:30 PM	Session 2 A	3:00 – 4:30
POSTINGS	6:00 PM	Session 2 B	4:45 – 6:15
Semis/Rd of 16	7:00 PM	Postings for Super Congress	7:00
		Supers Opening Business:	7:30 – 8:00

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Judge Call	8:00 AM		
IE and Debate		Congress	
Finals/Round of 8	8:30 AM	Super Congress	8:30 – 11:30 AM
Round of 4	10:30 AM	Voting	12:00
Awards ASAP			

ALL SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THEIR JUDGE QUOTAS FOR THE FULL TWO DAYS OF THE TOURNAMENT.

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENT PURCHASE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. REMIND STUDENTS AND JUDGES THAT DINNER WILL NOT BE SERVED ON FRIDAY AND LUNCH WILL NOT BE SERVED ON SATURDAY.
THANK YOU!

Registration Checklist
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Before the tournament:

- **JAN 27:** All legislation sent in for review to Josh Schneider (joshschneider@me.com)
- **JAN 31:** Registration **including judge names and judging conflicts** sent to league officers (bgibron@verizon.net, tessspeak@aol.com, jcbell764@aol.com, jennifer.bell@sdhc.k12.fl.us)
- Fees collected from students, school checks ordered (if applicable) made out to FGCCFL. Be sure to include a \$100 check (can be separate or combined) which acts as a bond on registrations to Grand Nationals. If you do not use the full amount for qualifiers, the balance will be refunded.
- FEB 3: Send all meal numbers via meal order form to Jennifer Bell at jennifer.bell@sdhc.k12.fl.us. As a back-up, feel free to send an additional copy of your meal order to jcbell764@aol.com.

At registration (FRIDAY, FEB 10 @ 9:00 A.M. IN THE WHARTON MEDIA CENTER):

- Please have a copy of your completed registration form with you.
- Please have your checks/money at the ready, pre-counted. Don't forget to account for any drop fees you may have incurred.
- Please confirm that all your judges are accounted for prior to registering.
- Please have ORIGINAL source material for IE events (scripts, books, etc) handy in case of protests.

Please note:

Registration fees are \$20 per student, which includes Friday lunch. Additional lunches for judges and observers are \$7 each.

Friday dinner can be pre-ordered separately or can be purchased on-site via concession. **If you pre-order, you are GUARANTEED an upgraded meal.** If you wish to opt for concessions, you may purchase food as availability permits. Additional pre-ordered dinners are \$7 each.

Saturday food will be sold on a concession-only basis.

**Meal Order Form
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Friday lunch (cost included in student registration):

Number of regular (non-veg) student lunches:

Number of vegetarian student lunches:

Number of regular (non-veg) adult lunches:

Number of vegetarian adult lunches:

ONE COACH LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AT NO CHARGE.

Coach lunch (select one): Regular Vegetarian

Friday dinner (optional, \$7 each):

Please note that pre-ordered dinners will be a full meal. Concessions will also be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Number of regular (non-veg) student dinners:

Number of vegetarian student dinners:

Number of regular (non-veg) adult dinners:

Number of vegetarian adult dinners:

**Please email this completed form to Jennifer Bell at jennifer.bell@sdhc.k12.fl.us
AND jcbell764@aol.com by Feb 3, 2012.**