

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL  
SPEECH LEAGUE OF NATIONS 2012 TOURNAMENT**

December 13, 2011

Dear Coaches,

The Ben Franklin Speech and Debate Team is pleased to invite you and your team to compete in the *Benjamin Franklin Speech League Of Nations* Speech & Debate Tournament, February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We will be offering the following events: Declamation (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders only), Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Original Oratory, Oral Interpretation, Dramatic Performance, Humorous Performance, Duo Reading, Duet Acting, Student Congress, Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate, Advance Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate (open division).

Our tournament is at the beginning of Mardi Gras, so out of town schools will be able to both compete and enjoy local parades. In Metairie, Atlas begins at 7:30 on Friday, and Caesar, Saturday at 6:00 p.m.; New Orleans uptown Oshun begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and Sparta at 6:00 p.m. followed by Pygmalion at 6:45 p.m. Those schools coming from out of town will find hotel information on the following page. Please be aware that with parades and Family Gras in Metairie, hotel space is limited and if you will be staying at the Courtyard Marriott (\$119), reservations must be made three weeks in advance (January 20<sup>th</sup>).

Please fax, mail, or e-mail your entry to us by Monday, February 6, 2012. Your promptness will be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to having you and your teams join us in an exciting weekend of competition and memories. Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding entries, accommodations or directions.

Sincerely,

Yi Shao, Co-Captain Speech  
Barbara Fontenot, Speech Coach

Felicia Belostecinic, Co-Captain Debate  
Kenneth LaFrance, Debate Coach

**\*DEADLINES:**

ENTRY DUE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012  
LAST DAY TO DROP WITHOUT FEE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012  
LAST DAY TO ADD: WEDNESDAY, WENDESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Schools entering Student Congress are to report to the second floor landing for registration. Congress will take place in room 225. Please remember that classes are taking place, so be quiet when entering for Congress. Schools entering debate, duet acting and duo reading will register in the cafeteria. Saturday registration will take place in room 215 (TABS).

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

A room block has been set up at the **Courtyard Marriott**. School can make reservations by calling 1-800-321-2211. The rooms will be available under the name of the Ben Franklin Speech & Debate Team Group room block . The rate of \$119.00 will only be available up to and including January 20, 2012.

**\*IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

BEN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL: 504-286-2600  
MS. FONTENOT'S DIRECT LINE : 504-304-3411  
BEN FRANKLIN FAX : 504-286-2642 OR 504-379-4311 (Ms. Fontenot's Office)  
BARBARA FONTENOT'S CELL: 504-390-1013  
KENNETH LAFRANCE'S CELL: 504-452-6917

**\*E-MAIL:** [barbara\\_fontenot@benfranklinhighschool.org](mailto:barbara_fontenot@benfranklinhighschool.org)

**\*ENTRY LIMITS:**

**SPEECH:** STUDENTS MAY ENTER 3 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND ONE TEAM EVENT.  
PLEASE NOTE THAT IF NUMBERS ARE DECENT (WE HOPE), WE MIGHT ASK  
STUDENTS TO DROP AN EVENT OF THEIR CHOICE.  
**DEBATE:** ONE DEBATE CATEGORY ONLY  
**CONGRESS:** OPEN TO ALL

**\*TIME LIMITS:**

THE FIRST TIME A STUDENT/TEAM GOES OVER THE 30 SECOND GRACE PERIOD, THEY MAY BE RANKED NO HIGHER THAN 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE. GOING OVER THE GRACE PERIOD A SECOND TIME REQUIRES THE RANK TO BE CHANGED BY THE TAB ROOM TO NO HIGHER THAN 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE.

**\*JUDGING REQUIREMENTS:**

**DEBATE:** 1 JUDGE FOR EVERY THREE ENTRIES OR FRACTION THEREOF  
**I.E, DUO/DUET:** 1 JUDGE FOR EVERY THREE ENTRIES OR FRACTION THEREOF.

EACH SCHOOL MUST PROVIDE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF JUDGES. NAMES MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ENTRY. IF A SCHOOL CANNOT PROVIDE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF JUDGES, YOUR ENTRY MUST BE ADJUSTED. A LIMITED NUMBER OF JUDGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR HIRE. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO LESSON THE JUDGING REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT OF TOWN SCHOOLS.

WE WILL ASSIGN ALL PRELIMINARY ROUNDS. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN ASSIGNMENT FORM WITH REGISTRATION. ALL JUDGES NOT ASSIGNED ARE OBLIGATED TO REMAIN AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT OF A NOW SHOW. SCHOOLS ARE OBLIGATED TO REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR JUDGING FOR AT LEAST ONE ROUND BEYOND THEIR ELIMINATION. SCHOOLS FAILING TO PICK UP ASSIGNED BALLOTS WILL BE FINED \$25.00 FOR EACH BALLOT NOT PICKED UP.

**AWARDS:**

TROPHIES SHALL BE AWARDED TO THOSE STUDENTS PLACING 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> IN EACH EVENT AND FOURTH PLACE IN DUO READING AND DUET ACTING. SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE TOP THREE SCHOOLS OVERALL.

**FEES:**

\$ 5.00 FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT, LD, AND CONGRESS  
\$10.00 FOR EACH TEAM EVENT (DUO/DUET, AND PF)

**FOOD:**

COMPETITORS MAY PURCHASE GREAT FOOD THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT FROM OUR SPEECH TEAM IN THE CAFETERIA. JUDGES WILL BE SERVED IN THE JUDGES LOUNGE.

**EVENT RULES:**

PLEASE SEE THE NCFL AND LHSSL CONSTITUTIONS IN ADDITION TO THE NEW COACHES MANUAL FOR COMPLETE RULES GOVERNING EACH OF THE EVENTS OFFERED. SEE THE ROSTRUM FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY DEBATE RESOLUTIONS. PLEASE NOTE THAT BINDERS WILL BE USED FOR OI AND DUO READING AS REGULATED BY THE LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE.

LAP TOPS WILL BE ALLOWED IN EXTEMP PREP, BUT USERS MUST FOLLOW LEAGUE RULES. COMPETITORS IN VIOLATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

\*WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR TOURNAMENT. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN HAVING YOUR JUDGES PICK UP THEIR BALLOTS ON TIME, YOUR STUDENTS GETTING TO THEIR ROUNDS ON TIME, AND YOUR PROMPT ARRIVAL AT REGISTRATION WILL HELP GREATLY ENHANCE YOUR TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE AND WILL BE APPRECIATED.

**SANCTIONING:**

THIS TOURNAMENT IS SANCTIONED BY THE NEW ORLEANS CATHOLIC FORENSIC LEAGUE AND THE LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE.

**SWEEPSTAKES POINTS:**

	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	FINALISTS
DUO/DUET	50	35	20	10
I.E./CONGRESS	35	25	15	5
LD	35	25	15	
PF	50	35	20	

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LEAGUE OF NATIONS  
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012**

<b>12:30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION I (second floor landing)</b>
<b>1:00-4:00</b>	<b>STUDENT CONGRESS (225)</b>
<b>3:30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION II (cafeteria)</b>
<b>4:00-5:30</b>	<b>DUO READING/DUET ACTING, DEBATE, RD I</b>
<b>5:30-7:00</b>	<b>DUO READING/DUET ACTING, DEBATE II</b>
<b>7:00-8:30</b>	<b>DEBATE III</b>
<b>8:30-10:00</b>	<b>DEBATE IV</b>

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012**

<b>7:30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION III (room 215)</b>
	<b>EXTEMP DRAW: LIBRARY</b>
<b>7:45</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY: CAFETERIA</b>
<b>8:00-9:30</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL EVENTS, RD</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>EXTEMP DRAW, RD II</b>
<b>9:30-11:00</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL EVENTS, RD II</b>
<b>11:00-12:15</b>	<b>DUO READING/DUET ACTING SEMI FINALS</b>
	<b>DEBATE QUARTER FINALS</b>
<b>12:15</b>	<b>EXTEMP DRAW, SEMI FINALS</b>
<b>12:45-2:15</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL EVENTS, SEMI FINALS</b>
<b>2:30</b>	<b>DEBATE: SEMI FINALS</b>
<b>2:30-4:00</b>	<b>DUO READING/DUET ACTING FINALS</b>
<b>4 :00</b>	<b>EXTEMP DRAW, FINALS</b>
<b>4:30 – 6:00</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL EVENTS, FINALS</b>
<b>6:00</b>	<b>DEBATE FINALS</b>
<b>7:30</b>	<b>AWARDS</b>



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**SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

**DUO TEAMS**


**DUET TEAMS**


**PUBLIC FORUM TEAMS**




**BEN FRANKLIN SPEECH LEAGUE OF NATIONS  
2012 FEE FORM**

**SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>ENTRY #</u>	<u>FEE</u>
<b>Declamation</b>	_____ X \$5.00 =	\$ _____
<b>Dramatic Performance</b>	_____ X \$5.00 =	\$ _____
<b>Extemporaneous</b>	_____ X \$5.00 =	\$ _____
<b>Humorous Performance</b>	_____ X \$5.00 =	\$ _____
<b>Impromptu Speaking</b>	_____ X \$5.00 =	\$ _____
<b>Oral Interpretation</b>	_____ X \$5.00 =	\$ _____
<b>Original Oratory</b>	_____ X \$5.00 =	\$ _____
<b>ALD</b>	_____ X \$5.00 =	\$ _____
<b>NLD</b>	_____ X \$5.00 =	\$ _____
<b>Public Forum</b>	_____ X \$10.00 =	\$ _____
<b>Duet Acting</b>	_____ X \$10.00 =	\$ _____
<b>Duo Reading</b>	_____ X \$10.00 =	\$ _____

**TOTAL OWED:** \_\_\_\_\_