



## Flint Hills NFL District Newsletter

### District Committee

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Newsletter #3

Dear Coaches:

The first 9 wks. have come and gone, and we are headed quickly to our first qualifying tournament. Many items need to be discussed: 1. New **Manual** changes/rules as per the fall Council meeting; 2. District needs to decide on the laptop issue for policy debate; 3. District schools need to vote for the IE site; and anything else I can conjure up to discuss!

### **National Dues and Flint Hills NFL District Dues--Please pay ASAP**

I have put in the chart the active chapters who have paid their national dues. Your **dues are \$99.00 for nationals and \$30.00 for the district dues**. Please take care of these as soon as possible. You will not be able to enter NFL pts. until your national dues are paid.

#### **DISTRICT STANDINGS As of 11/2//06**

School	Members and Degrees		Current Slots for NFL tournaments*				Chapter Dues Paid	
	Current	Last Newsletter	Debate/Speech		Senate	House	National	District
			Total w/o bonus	Used				
Atchison Co. Comm. HS	0	0						
Baldwin	50	0	12	0	2	4	x	
Bishop Seabury Acad.	0	0						
Emporia	188	0	28	0	2	8	x	x
Hayden	20	20	5	0	2	2	x	
Highland Park	25	0	8	0	2	3	x	x
Junction City	92	98	20	0	2	6	x	x
Manhattan	235	0	30	0	2	9	x	
Royal Valley	37	0	10	0	2	2	x	x
Seaman	38	0	10	0	2	4	x	
Shawnee Heights	184	0	28	0	2	8	x	x
Silver Lake	145	138	24	0	2	7	x	x
Topeka High	184	156	26	0	2	8	x	
Topeka West	111	101	22	0	2	7	x	
Washburn Rural	324	0	32	0	0	11	x	

Please get in your district dues in **ASAP. District Dues--\$30.00. Please make checks payable to: Flint Hills NFL, c/o Pam McComas, Topeka High School, 800 W. 10th, Topeka, KS 66612.** Check to see if you have sent your district dues. If you plan to enter **debate teams**, remember the fee is **\$5.00 per person**, and you can add this to your district dues.

Please get in your district and national dues in **ASAP. National Dues--\$99.00; District Dues--\$30.00.**

**Flint Hills District Tournament Info**

<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Tournament Sites and Info</u></b>
December 8	<b>Green sheets due w/ judges for CX</b>
Dec. 15-16	CX qualifier @ SHHS; Congress prelim packet available for all coaches
Feb. 23	<b>2nd Packet of Legislation will be due--4 pieces per school</b>
Mar. 16	3rd Packet of Legislation--NFL Packet due--2 pieces per school
Apr. 5	<b>Green sheets due w/ judges for LD/PFD</b>
Apr. 13	LD/PFD qualifier @ SHHS
Apr. 5	<b>Orations due</b>
Apr. 13	<b>Green sheets due w/ judges for IE</b>
Apr.	<b>Green sheets due for Congress</b>
Apr. 20-21	IE qualifier @ either Topeka High School or Washburn Rural
Apr.	Student Congress qualifier @ ESU

**Mark these dates on your calendars!**

**Changes in NFL Policies & Procedures--*Manual***

At the fall meeting of the NFL Executive Council held on September 23-24 in Wichita, many changes were approved for the League. Some of the changes are minor clarification of rules, while others will have long lasting deep impacts on our profession. A brief summary of the changes appears below.

- New Lincoln-Douglas Debate Guidelines and LD Judging guidelines have been adopted.
- The LD ballot has been revised.
- Prep time for LD at Nationals and at the Qualifier has been lengthened to 4 minutes (Note: This does not affect what we do at State; coaches hosting LD can decide which prep time format to use at their discretion.)
- The topic selection process for LD has been revised.
- LD evidence rules have been revised

- An alternative system for LD qualification other than “Up/Down” is being considered.
- Student Congress Legislation must be the original work of the students or it can not be considered for the agenda.
- Presiding officer point assignment has been clarified.
- For a student to count as a member of chamber at the National Qualifier, they must give at least one speech. **Any student failing to give one speech will not be allowed to vote and will not count toward the number needed to get to a second, third, or fourth qualifier.**
- Super Session must be scored by two judges and a parliamentarian. If we do not have a Super Session in Senate, the chamber must have 3 judges for every session.
- **ALL** congress speeches now have a mandatory one-minute cross-examination period.
- The procedures for how we must run our Congress qualifier have been amended.
- For a one-year trial period, laptop computers will be allowed at Nationals in policy debate. Likewise, we have the option to use them this year at our national qualifier in policy debate as well.
- Policy debate evidence rules have been amended.
- A policy regarding oral critiques in policy debate has been adopted.
- The run-off round at Nationals in policy, LD, & PFD has been eliminated. All teams with 8 or ballots will clear to rounds 7 & 8.
- In all interpretation events, the gender stated for a character by an author must be honored. However, a male can play a female and a female can play a male.
- All main speech events now have the “grace period rule.”
- A new National Tournament Quota Bonus system has been adopted for the 2006-2007 school year.
- The California Plan has been changed, so that if an event has only 18 or fewer entries, only two prelim rounds need to be conducted.
- Students who qualify in policy debate or PFD can now enter duo at the IE qualifier if they enter with the same person they qualified in policy or PFD

There are a lot of changes, and Richard Belske, Three Trails District Chair, only summarized them. Full details are available online at <http://www.nflonline.org/uploads/Main/councilpkt.pdf>. These same changes were also printed in the November *Rostrum*, which you should have by now.

**Time Schedule for NFL @ SHHS**

The district committee will be meeting at Topeka High on Thursday, Dec. 16. We will meet @ 5:00 p.m. to set the tournament. This will allow for drive time. If you plan to come, you will be put to work.

**Friday, Dec. 17**

**Saturday, Dec. 18**

Registration—

Cafetorium or Media Center 1:30 p.m.  
 Assembly 2:30 p.m.  
 Rd. 1 3:15 p.m.  
 Rd. 2 4:45 p.m.  
 Rd. 3 7:00 p.m.

Rd. 4 8:00  
 Rd. 5 10:00  
 Rd. 6 12:00  
 Rd. 7 2:00  
 Rd. 8 4:00

Assembly following last round of competition in Auditorium

**Prelim Entry**

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Prelim Entry</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Baldwin		
Emporia		
Hayden		
Highland Park		
Junction City		
Manhattan		
Seaman		
SHHS		
Silver Lake		
Topeka High		
Topeka West		
Washburn Rural		

**NFL Debate @ Manhattan—Dec. 16-17**

1. School and local judges **CANNOT** perform timekeeper duties and/or listen to any rounds, unless they have been assigned to judge in the specific round.
2. Schools are encouraged to bring their own timekeepers to timekeep when the school is affirmative. **\*\*Note—the timekeeper should be a NFL member. This would be a great experience for some our younger students who aren't competing at this tournament.**
3. A district committee person or designated adult will serve as timekeeper for elims.
4. **\*\*Note\*\*--Registration will be promptly at 1:30 p.m.** We have done this to facilitate for the strike procedure for schools. **If schools are not present on**

- or before 2:00 p.m., the school loses their strike privilege for rds. 1 & 2. Also, your code will be drawn at this point. So, please be on time.
5. **\*\*Note\*\*--As a reminder, rounds are closed until we reach 8 or fewer teams. There is no scouting allowed at the NFL tournament.** By the way, this is not just a district rule, *The Manual* speaks to it.

Begin securing your judges **NOW! 1 judge per team entered; judges must be @ least sophomore standing in college. They should have judged rounds on the topic.** All school judges must be submitted to:

**Gail Naylor  
Silver Lake HS  
PO 39  
Silver Lake, KS 66539**

**Tournament Duties:**

Tab Chair—Pam  
Pairings—Cindy & Shawn  
Judges—Gail, Aaron

**NFL DEBATE TOURNAMENT INFO!!!! READ THIS NOW!!!!**

1. All schools that have submitted a prelim entry form will receive a **green sheet. Be sure to have your principal's signature, coach's signature, and signatures of all students entered in the tournament. \*\*Note\*\*--This year, students in team events who qualify are not bound, if they both qualify in their individual event(s). Therefore, you will need to have these students declare what event will be their #1 choice. Those forms will be included, too.**
2. **Students must be on record at least 7 days prior to the district tournament as *Bona Fide* NFL members.** Take the time now to submit all point sheets, membership forms, and \$\$ to the national office for processing.
3. **I will verify your proof of membership online. You will need to merely update w/ new members. NO PROOF=NO PARTICIPATION!!!!** Those are the rules, and your district committee will enforce them.
4. **Green Sheets and Double Entry Forms are Due: Friday, Dec. 10**

**Pam McComas  
Topeka High School  
800 W. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Topeka, KS 66612**

**All green sheets MUST BE TYPED! ALL STUDENT'S NAMES MUST BE CORRECT AS THEY APPEAR IN THE NATIONAL OFFICE.** This is one week before the tournament as per *The Manual*.

5. Each school will receive 3 judge strikes. A list of teams entered in the tournament will be sent to each school for school judges to do a strike on teams they should not hear. The committee has established guidelines for school judges to use in making self-strikes. (a) If you have worked with a student at a workshop; (b) if you have assisted in coaching the student at a particular school; (c) if you are related to the student or coach from a particular school; (d) if you graduated from the high school with the last 4 years. These self-strikes will not count toward the 3 strikes the coach is allowed the day of the tournament. Since we are allowing self-strikes to occur, perhaps all of us need to make a concerted effort in finding as many judges who are clear to hear teams. I don't want to see us in a judge bind at the tournament. The judge committee will do their best to honor strikes.
6. **Entry fees will be \$10.00 per team.**
7. Each school may bring a maximum of **four** teams. Bear in mind this is based on members and degrees for your chapter. Check the newsletter for your entry formulas. **We need at least 30 teams to qualify 3 teams to nationals. Remember, a team counts as 1 entry.**
8. You may make substitutions prior to the tournament. **This must be done no later than Thursday, Dec. 16, 24 hours before the district tournament. All substitutes must appear on your green sheet, and you need signatures + proof of membership for these students. If the student's name is not on the green sheet=no compete!**
9. **Timekeepers**
  - A. Timekeepers must be NFL members from your school. No judges may observe or timekeep the round for a team
  - B. The timekeeper is the official timer for the school's affirmative team. When the team is not aff., the timekeeper is the checker for the official timer.
  - C. Schools need to provide their own timekeeper. This way there can be no scouting of teams.
10. **Evidence Usage**—Read *The Manual*. \*\*New *Manual* language adopted.
11. **Prep Time**—5 min. per team per round.
12. **Tab Room**—The tab room will be open at all times **to coaches only!** The Ethics Committee will be comprised of the district committee.

## **Other NFL News**

**All forensics coaches need to go the NFL website and pull down the Licensing Agreement form for your interp videos.**

**[www.nflonline.org/CoachingResources/VideoAudio](http://www.nflonline.org/CoachingResources/VideoAudio)** click on the "Licensing Agreement" link. This year, the Council and the NFL approved giving each NFL school a DVD of the final round of interp. All distribution will be from the National Office. So, please get your forms signed and sent back ASAP to the National Office.

The NFL District Committee wishes all of you a safe and wonderful Turkey Day! Happy Thanksgiving!!

## **Things to Do NOW!**

1. Pay your national and district dues.
2. **Give me your Directory Information--please see form @ end!**
3. Vote for Tournament sites and laptop issue--**return by Fax 575-6255 or mail it before Nov. 18**

Sincerely,

Pam McComas  
Flint Hills NFL District Chair

**Ballot for Sites 2006-07**

**School** \_\_\_\_\_ **Coach** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to: Pam McComas, THS, 800 W. 10th, Topeka, KS 66612**  
**Fax: 785-575-6255**

**Forensics:**                      **Topeka High**                      **Washburn Rural**

**Laptops (allow to use @ district tournament)**                      **yes**                      **no**

**Flint Hills NFL Directory  
2006-07**

**School:** Emporia High, 3302 W. 18th, Emporia, KS 66801  
**School Phone:** 620-341-2365

**Coach:** Scott Bonnet  
**Address:** 2511 W. View Dr, Emporia, KS 66801  
**Phone:** 620-342-6233 Cell: 620-480-1188

**Email:** sbonnet@usd253.org

**School:** Hayden High School, 401 Sw Gage Blvd, Topeka, KS 66606  
**School Phone:** 785-272-8673 Fax: 785-272-2975

**Coach:** Robert Dorst  
**Address:** 5940 NW Westbrooke Dr, Topeka, KS 66617  
**Phone:** 785-246-1338 Cell: None

**Email:** dorstr@haydenhigh.org

**School:** Highland Park HS, 2424 SE California, Topeka, KS 66605  
**School Phone:** 785-274-6000

**Debate Coach:** Matthew Herbert  
**Address:** 1115 n. 900 Rd, Baldwin, KS 66006  
**Phone:** 785-550-2085 Cell: 785-550-2085

**Email:** mherber@topeka.k12.ks.us

**Forensics Coach:** Jessica Short  
**Address:** 2745 SW Villa West Dr #2406, Topeka, KS 66614  
**Phone:** 208-241-7355 Cell: 208-241-7355

**Email:** jshort@topeka.k12.ks.us

**School:** Junction City High School, 900 N. Eisenhower, Junction City, KS 67432  
**School Phone:** 785-717-4283

**Debate Coach:** Al Kirtley  
**Address:** PO Box 357, Clay Center, KS 67432  
**Phone:** 785-632-5915 Cell: 785-632-4545

**Email:** akirtley@usd475.org

**Forensics Coach:** Cathy Rankin  
**Address:** 203 Lakeview, PO Box 26, Milford, KS 66514  
**Phone:** 785-463-5325 Cell: 785-375-8804

**Email:** cathyrankin@usd475.org

**School:** Manhattan HS, 2100 Poyntz, Manhattan, KS 66502  
**School Phone:** 785-587-2100 ext 501

**Coach:** Shawn Rafferty  
**Address:** 1925 Morning glory, Manhattan, KS 66502  
**Phone:** 785-770-8496 Cell: 785-249-2842

**Email:** SHAWN@manhattan.k12.ks.us

**School:** Seaman HS, 4850 NW Rochester Rd, Topeka, KS 66617  
**School Phone:** 785-286-8300

**Coach:** Steve Workman  
**Address:** 6411 Crescent Rim Dr, Ozawkie, KS 66076  
**Phone:** 785-484-3294 Cell: 785-249-6965

**Email:** sworkman@usd345.com

**School:** Shawnee Heights HS, 4201 SE Shawnee Heights Rd, Tecumseh, KS 66542  
**School Phone:** 785-379-5880

**Coach:** Aaron Dechant  
**Address:** 1014 SW High, Topeka, KS 66604  
**Phone:** 785-633-2899 Cell: 785-633-2911

**Email:** dechanta@snh450.k12.ks.us

**School:** Silver Lake HS, 200 E. Lake St, Silver Lake, KS 66539  
**School Phone:** 785-582-4639/582-4970 (Gail's Rm)

**Coach:** Gail Naylor  
**Address:** 2416 SW Harrison, Topeka, KS 66611  
**Phone:** 785-235-6451                      **Cell:** 785-640-2758

**Email:** gnaylor@silverlake.k12.ks.us

**School:** Topeka High School, 800 SW 10th, Topeka, KS 66612  
**School Phone:** 785-295-3226                      **Fax--**785-575-6255

**Coach:** Pam McComas  
**Address:** PO 5078, Topeka, KS 66605  
**Phone:** 785-266-9339                      **Cell:** 785-231-7414

**School:** Topeka West HS, 2001 SW Fairlawn, Topeka, KS 66604  
**School Phone:** 785-438-4117

**Forensics Coach:** Melanie Ralston  
**Address:** 3611 NW Topeka Ave., Topeka, KS 66617  
**Phone:** 785-286-1335                      **Cell:** 785-224-1418

**Debate Coach:**

**School:** Washburn Rural HS, 5900 SW 61st, Topeka, KS 66614  
**School Phone:** 785-339-4234                      **Fax:** 785-339-4125

**Debate Coach:** Cindy Burgett  
**Address:** 2820 SE Allen Dr, Topeka, KS 66605  
**Phone:** 785-379-9318                      **Cell:** 785-845-6250

**Forensics Coach:** Rob Owens  
**Address:** 4453 Sunny Ln, Vassar, KS 66543  
**Phone:** 785-838-3625                      **Cell:** 785-220-3608

**Return to Gail Naylor, Silver Lake HS--Dec. 10**  
School \_\_\_\_\_

Judge 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Years of judging \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ This judge is available on Friday

\_\_\_\_ This judge is available on Saturday

Home community \_\_\_\_\_

Did this judge debate in high school? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Did this judge debate in college? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) this judge should not hear \_\_\_\_\_

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Judge 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Years of judging \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ This judge is available on Friday

\_\_\_\_ This judge is available on Saturday

Home community \_\_\_\_\_

Did this judge debate in high school? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Did this judge debate in college? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) this judge should not hear \_\_\_\_\_

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Judge 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Years of judging \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ This judge is available on Friday

\_\_\_\_ This judge is available on Saturday

Home community \_\_\_\_\_

Did this judge debate in high school? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Did this judge debate in college? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) this judge should not hear \_\_\_\_\_

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Judge 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Years of judging \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ This judge is available on Friday

\_\_\_\_ This judge is available on Saturday

Home community \_\_\_\_\_

Did this judge debate in high school? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Did this judge debate in college? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) this judge should not hear \_\_\_\_\_

## JUDGE PARADIGM SHEET

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did you debate in high school? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did you debate in college? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many elimination rounds have you judged on this topic? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many preliminary rounds have you judged on this topic? \_\_\_\_\_
5. List tournaments where you have judged this year:

### **Please circle the following that applies to your judging criteria:**

#### Which best describes your priorities in judging debates?

- A. Communication skills are more important than resolution of substantive issues.
- B. Resolution of substantive issues is more important than communication skills.
- C. Communication skills and resolution of substantive issues are of roughly equal importance.

#### Which best describes your paradigm or approach to judging debate?

- A. Skills emphasis (Who does the “better job of debating”)
- B. Stock issues emphasis
- C. Policy maker emphasis
- D. Hypothesis testing emphasis
- E. Tabula rasa (judge adopts perspective according to standards debated in the round)
- F. Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### What speed or rate of presentation to you prefer?

- A. Slow and deliberate – conversational pace, speed discouraged
- B. Moderate contest rate – faster speed discouraged
- C. Fairly rapid delivery acceptable so long as presentation is clearly enunciated – very rapid speed discouraged
- D. Very rapid delivery preferred
- E. No preferences regarding speed

#### Counterplans are:

- A. Never acceptable
- B. Rarely acceptable and only if specifically justified by substantive plan mandates
- C. Acceptable if justified and if consistent with other elements of the negative approach
- D. Acceptable even if inconsistent with other elements of the negative

#### Topicality is:

- A. Very important in my decision; I consider it a paramount issue.
- B. Fairly important, roughly on par with other major issues in the round
- C. Rarely important, violation of topicality must be fairly blatant to win my ballot
- D. Almost or never important to my decision-making process

#### I find generic disadvantages:

- A. Reprehensible. I prefer specific, real-world arguments
- B. Acceptable if specific links are clearly analyzed
- C. Generally acceptable

School \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_

We intend to enter \_\_\_\_\_ teams at the CX qualifier at SHHS, Dec. 17-18.

We DO NOT intend to enter \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail by Nov. 10: Pam McComas, Topeka High School, 800 W. 10th, Topeka, KS 66612.**

