

Tournament Eligibility

Students in grades 9–12 from any public, private, or homeschool institution are eligible to attend. Schools must be members of the Maine Principal's Association and the Maine Forensics Association to attend the State Finals Tournament. Visit www.maine forensic.org to learn more about our organization.

Registering for Tournaments

Registration is managed through TabRoom tournament management software www.tabroom.com. FMI about using the software contact tech@maineforensic.org. For questions about a tournament, contact the tournament host.

Debate Topics

MFA uses the topic schedule published by the National Speech & Debate Association. Visit <http://www.speechanddebate.org/topics> for updates.

Congressional Debate Dockets

Participating students are highly encouraged to submit legislation to their coaches three weeks prior to each tournament. The docket is posted two weeks prior to each tournament on www.maine forensic.org and the corresponding tournament page on www.tabroom.com.

Extemporaneous Speaking Topics

The topic list can be found at www.maine forensic.org. As the year progresses, new topics are added to increase the areas of inquiry for this event.

Coaches Conferences

Coaches gather twice yearly to collaborate and plan.

September 9, 2016 at Lewiston High School
May 12, location TBD

Oct 15
Lincoln Academy

- Novice-only tournament
- Debate, Congress and Speech
- Varsity students may judge rounds

Oct 29
Bangor HS

- Debate, Congress and Speech
- Halloween costume contest

Nov 5
Maranacook
Community HS

- Debate, Congress and Speech

Nov 12
Edward Little HS

- Debate, Congress, and Speech

Nov 19
Falmouth HS,
Deering HS

- Speech (Falmouth)
- Debate, Congress (Deering)

Dec 10
Poland Regional HS

- Debate, Congress, and Speech

Jan 7
Thornton Academy

- Debate, Congress and Speech

Jan 14
York HS

- Debate, Congress

Lewiston HS

- Speech

Jan 21
Poland Regional HS

- Debate, Congress, and Speech

Jan 28
Brunswick HS

- **State Championship Tournament**
- Debate, Congress, and Speech
- Participation rules outlined in tournament invitation

Feb 4
Poland Regional HS

- **NCFL National Qualifiers**
- Must be NCFL Member to attend
- NCFL Debate, Congress, and Speech

Feb 11
Lincoln Academy

- **NSDA Maine District Tournament**
- Must be NSDA member to attend
- NSDA Debate, Congress and Speech