



Wisconsin Forensic Coaches' Association

~Mid February 2022 Newsletter~

CALENDAR UPDATES

- **Additions/Date Changes**
 March 12: UW-Whitewater
 March 19: Marquette University HS
 March 26: Wrightstown
- **Status Change to Virtual**
 Feb 26: Eau Claire Memorial
 Feb 26: Fort Atkinson
 March 4: Port Washington CONGRESS
 March 12: West Bend West

CALENDAR (UPCOMING DATES):

- **February 18**
 Reagan High School Congress
- **February 19**
 Lodi
 Oshkosh North
 Greater Metro Conference
 Milwaukee Public Schools Conference
- **February 26**
 Eau Claire Memorial (Virtual)
 Fort Atkinson (Virtual)
 Sheboygan South (incl. Congress 25th)
- **March 5**
 Madison Memorial
 Oshkosh West
 Port Washington (incl. Congress 4th)
- **March 6**
 GBCFL Qualifier

COVID PROTOCOL GUIDELINES

If other COVID related policies will be in effect instead of or in addition to those published by WFCA, please include that information in all invitations and registration information. If transmission rates in Wisconsin change during our season, these requirements may change accordingly.

For WFCA Covid Recommendations: [Click Here](#)

STATE TOURNAMENT UPDATE

WFCA Coaches, students, and enthusiasts,

The executive board met this afternoon for the Winter Executive Board meeting and has come to a decision regarding the status of our season culminating State Tournament. We have taken the responses to our statewide survey to heart. We have visited with as many coaches and students as we possibly could and have attempted to hear the voices of each and every one of our member schools, coaches and students. While no decision is perfect for everyone, we have attempted to meet the needs of all.

The decision is to do both! The Association will hold both an in-person State Tournament AND a virtual online State Tournament, two separate tournaments where all schools can choose to participate in either or both. Both will crown State Individual and Team Champions.

The in-person tournament will occur as stated on our calendar, on April 2nd in Eau Claire. The virtual on-line asynchronous tournament will take place the following week, culminating on April 9th. The State Student Congress will be virtual with preliminary chambers on Friday, April 8th, and the Super Session finishing on Saturday, April 9th.

Coaches can construct their teams for either or both tournaments however they wish. Team rosters can be unique for both if they choose to compete in both.

Our operating bylaws will govern both tournaments, single entry with a maximum of 25 entries per school. Three team divisions will be determined by WDPI enrollment numbers of member schools. The COVID 19 Mitigation protocol will apply to the in-person tournament. Should health risks require the association to cancel the in-person tournament, we will be prepared to move forward solely with the virtual tournament.

All details will be forthcoming with the tournament invitations from our State Tournaments Director – Ben Kroll and State Student Congress Director – Tim Scheffler.

We believe this option of holding two separate tournaments provides the greatest opportunity for our students and provides safe conditions and considerations for all schools and communities.

The Eau Claire School District, forensic teams and coaches are excited to host our in-person event, and the whole Executive Board is thrilled to provide these opportunities for our students.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact myself or Ben Kroll. We look forward to connecting with everyone at our events.

WFCA Executive Board
 WFCA President – Michael Traas

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