

## **GFCA Area 4 Qualifying Tournament - Debate & Individual Events Saturday March 5, 2011 - Jasper County High School**

Dear Area 4 Coaches,

You are cordially invited to the Area 4 Debate and IE Qualifying Tournament hosted by Jasper County High School on Saturday, March 5, 2011. The following are the rules of this event:

1. All students must have competed at two Georgia tournaments prior to the Area Tournament in the specific event. The Area tournament does not count as one of the two eligibility tournaments. (See attached FAQ on page 3 for more details)
2. Students may double enter in some events (not policy debate), but they must meet the two tournament eligibility requirement for every event they enter.
3. This Area tournament will use the **February PF topic** and the **Jan/Feb LD topic**.
4. No school can enter students in an event for which they have already qualified four or more competitors.
5. **The first round will begin promptly at 9:00 am.** Late arrivals will forfeit the first round, but will be allowed to register late and begin competing in round two. We need your assistance in keeping the tournament on time. Once pairings are given out, you will have fifteen minutes to begin the round or forfeit that round. **JUDGES:** In offering critiques, please limit your comments to keep the tournament running on time.

### **SCHEDULE**

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration / Pizza Slice Ticket Purchase
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Round 1 (we will start at 9:00 - late entries will forfeit Round 1)
10:40 am – 12:10 pm	Round 2
12:10 pm – 12:50 pm	LUNCH BREAK (provided on-campus)
12:50 pm – 2:20 pm	Round 3
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Round 4
4:30 pm	Awards

### **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Jasper County High School is located at 14477 Highway 11 North, Monticello, GA.

**From the South** (traveling North on I-75), take the Forsyth/Monticello Exit (#187) off I-75, and take a right on Highway 83. Follow Highway 83 for 25 miles into the town square of Monticello, and follow the signs to Highway 11 North/College Street (at the light at the square, take a right and then go around the square, taking two lefts, and then go straight at a stop sign in front of Century 21/McMichael's Pizza). The high school is 2.5 miles from the town square on your left.

**From the North** (traveling East on I-20), take the Social Circle/Monticello Exit (#98) off I-20, and take a right on Highway 11. Take that 22 miles, and JCHS will be on the right.

## **FEES & MEALS**

In an effort to keep costs low for all students and schools involved, there will be a **school fee of \$35**, but no separate event fees. The school fee is to pay the janitors at Jasper County High School, for paper and copy costs, and for a Coach's Lounge.

You will need **one judge per five IE entries and 1 judge per 4 debate entries**. No student judges are permitted. *Only a few judges are available for hire at \$100 per judge – advanced confirmation by Wednesday, March 2, 2011, by 5:00 pm is necessary if hiring a judge.*

Jasper County will provide concessions for students with pizza available at lunch for \$2/slice. *Please do NOT plan to leave campus during the tournament.* Monticello is a very small town and simply does not have restaurant facilities available to feed large groups of people in such a short amount of time.

Students should purchase their pizza slice tickets at registration (prior to the first round at 9:00) in the morning so that our tournament staff may order enough pizza. Pizzas available include cheese, veggie, pepperoni and supreme. Coaches and judges will enjoy light breakfast refreshments and a catered Southern feast for lunch in the hospitality room. We will provide information for local dinner options.

Concessions will also be available throughout the day.

## **REGISTRATION**

Please email Tyson Harty (tharty@jasper.k12.ga.us) **as soon as possible** if you are intending on participating at the Area 4 Speech Qualifying Tournament.

**Please register your entries (with specific names & events) by Wed, March 2, 2011, by 5:00 pm** via email to tharty@jasper.k12.ga.us. *There can be no late entries due to GFCFA qualification confirmation procedures.* I will confirm your entry via email upon receipt.

**Please make checks payable to “Jasper County High School” and mail to:**

*Tyson Harty, Debate Coach  
Jasper County High School  
14477 Highway 11 N  
Monticello, GA 31064*

Contact Phone: Tyson Harty @ 706-816-8733 (or tharty@jasper.k12.ga.us)

**Thank you! We look forward to seeing you on March 5!**

Jasper County Debate Coaches: Tyson Harty, Jehan El-Jourbagy, Frank Altschul

## **Frequently Asked Questions (from the GCFA Website)**

### **Who is eligible to debate at Area Tournaments?**

All students must have competed at two Georgia tournaments prior to the Area Tournament in the specific event. The Area tournament does not count as one of the two eligibility tournaments.

Additionally, students qualify as individuals, not as teams, but you cannot enter a student who has already qualified at the Area tournament. So, for example, you have one student who has already qualified, and another student who has not qualified in policy debate. You may not enter them as a team; you must enter the student who has not yet qualified with another student who has not qualified.

Finally note, no school can enter students in an event for which they have already qualified four or more competitors.

### **What is the double entry policy of the Area Tournaments?**

This will vary from Area to Area, but the general rule of thumb is that students may double enter in some events (not policy debate) but they must meet the two tournament eligibility requirement for every event they enter.

### **If a division at my Area Tournament has less than four entries, will the tournament still happen?**

If the division has less than four entries 24 hours prior to the Area Tournament, the GCFA Secretary will complete his final confirmation and the event will not need to take place. All registered participants will be granted qualification to the GCFA State Tournament. In the GCFA Secretary's email the night prior to the tournament, this information will be released.

### **Can an individual that is already qualified for state compete at Area in 2-person events if their partner is not qualified?**

No. The area tournament is only open to individuals that have not already qualified for state and have already attended 2 tournaments in that event.

### **If I already have 2 entries qualified to state in a given event, can I still bring more than 2 entries in that event to the area tournament?**

Yes, but only your top two teams at the end of the tournament are eligible to qualify for the State Championship.