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District Chairs and Committee Members:

I hope everyone is off to a good start to the school year. 2007-2008 is sure to be a great year in forensics because of your efforts. Our staff greatly appreciates your hard work and commitment to the National Forensic League and its efforts to support forensics education.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACTION

The Executive Council met on September 19-23 for its annual fall meeting. I have provided the minutes from that meeting. Please read them thoroughly. In a previous email, I notified all Chairs of the changes that may affect District Events. Please contact my office if there are any questions.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SUPPLY REQUISITION FORM

You have been sent the District Supply Requisition Form for this year's District Tournament Series. You **MUST** fill out this form to ensure proper supplies are sent and that your event is sanctioned by the League. Please email, fax, or mail this form to Jackie Oakes by November 1st. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FORM HAS TWO PAGES TO FILL OUT WITHIN THE DOCUMENT.

NEW NFL SHOWCASE DVD

The new NFL Showcase DVDs, which provide excellent examples of each NFL event as well as expert instructional commentary, have been completed. Each chair is receiving a complimentary copy of the DVDs to use for recruitment of new programs and to load to coaches on your district. There are several other ways that coaches can utilize the videos. All new NFL coach advisors will automatically receive the DVDs upon registering their school. All coaches and students may view each individual video at www.nflonline.org under Community. Additionally, the NFL has several copies as part of its Library Loan system which can be borrowed by contacting Diane Rasmussen at nflsales@nflonline.org.

FINAL ROUND INTERP TAPES

Complimentary copies of the 2007 National Final Rounds in the Interpretation

Events are available for educational classroom use by member schools. **Each individual coach must fill out the proper paperwork agreeing to use the DVDs for educational/archival use only before the DVD's can be sent.** To obtain the proper form, coaches should go to the Coaching Resources link on the website.

NEW QUOTA SYSTEM BONUS

At this point, all District Chairs should have received notification of your bonus quota system status for this upcoming District Tournament season. Each month, Jackie will be notifying you of your current totals. Starting next month, each District Chair will receive a spreadsheet informing you of each school's total new members and degrees for the year to allow you to be more informed. Remember, the new members and degrees that your District earns from Sept. 1st, 2007-July 15, 2008 will determine your bonus system level for 2008-2009.

UTILIZING NEW RESOURCES

We are so incredibly excited about the new resources available to members via the NFL website at www.nflonline.org. Please encourage all members to visit the site and register as a member of the online community. This will give members access to all online chat sessions, all streaming video clips, and the blogs, forums and online polls. In addition, members will notice new LD Debate materials now available under the Resource section of the website. These materials are part of an effort to increase the curriculum materials available in all events. Not only does the NFL have a multitude of new features, but the website now dedicates a section to those partner projects that we believe are outstanding sources for educators and students. To check out our various partner projects, go to

www.nflonline.org/Partners/Partnerships.

The NFL has several new projects in place:

1. The National Public Policy Forum deadline for submissions is October 31st. The process for entering this unique public debate contest is easy. Winners receive up to \$10,000 in scholarships. To learn more or register for the program, advisors should immediately go to www.nppf.net.

2. The National Debate Coaches' Association has organized a wonderful Open Access File Share of Policy Debate evidence which is available to the public. We have provided a link via the partner page to make access easier.

3. In partnership with IDEA, the NFL is supporting "Debatepedia." Debatepedia is a wiki program with the mission to become the "Wikipedia of debate and reasoning". We encourage students and coaches to create an account and become an editor, where they will benefit from being able to structure arguments on issues of importance to them, weigh them, and ultimately draw conclusions. You can find a quick link to Debatepedia at www.nflonline.org.

ROSTRUM SUBMISSIONS

We are really trying to increase the amount of excellent *Rostrum* articles to share with our members. Please submit articles to Sandy Krueger at nfprostrum@nflonline.org.

JOY OF TOURNAMENTS

This is a friendly reminder that Districts that wish to use the Joy of Tournaments software for free need to notify the NFL National Office by November 1st.