

Hello All,

This is the **CALL FOR LEGISLATION for Legislative Debate State Finals**. All participating schools must submit at least one bill or resolution for legislative action at the tournament. Please email your bill or resolution to director@themifa.org. The **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT is FRIDAY DECEMBER 18, 2015**. The docket will be provided to you one day later on the 19th.

Legislative Debate State Finals will take place on **Saturday January 9, 2016** at Albion College. **Both Varsity and Novice** Legislative Debate will run in conjunction with Varsity Policy Debate & Varsity Public Forum Debate. Registration will be open Dec 11 through December 18, after which add/drop/change fees go into effect. Additional tournament details are being finalized and will be posted to the website asap.

Details regarding preparing legislation are below:

"Participating schools are required to submit at least one piece of legislation for legislative action at each tournament. The tournament director shall confirm receipt of legislation. Legislation format: All legislation must be on one (1) page, using a traditional twelve (12) point font and double spacing. Each line should be numbered. Components for the bill include a statement of the policy, a definition of key terms in the policy, the date of implementation, the government agency responsible for the administration of the bill, the mechanisms for enforcement or compliance and funding issues. Resolutions include a series of reasons for a specific recommendation. The reasons for the resolution are captured in a series of "Whereas" statements. The recommendation is a "Therefore" statement. The resolution should contain a clear statement of the appropriate action. Bills and Resolutions must be national in scope and impact.

The tournament director may reject legislation deemed inappropriate because of content, inflammatory language choice, or incorrect formatting. If the tournament director rules the proposed legislative item of a school unacceptable, the director should provide a rationale for the decision. If the bill or resolution is rejected, the school must provide an alternative item to participate." - (excerpted from Speech Activities)

Hope your year is off to a great start. Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Best,

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