



## VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

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**TO:** Schools with Entries in the VHSL State Forensics Meet

**FROM:** Lisa Giles, Assistant Director

**RE:** 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Forensics Meet

The 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual VHSL State Forensics Meet will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at Clover Hill High School. Directions and a list of overnight accommodations are included with this memo.

The state meet will be based on two preliminary rounds with a final championship round for the three students who score highest in the preliminaries. This format will also benefit contestants by allowing two judges to critique each preliminary round, with three judges used for the finals. The low rank/score from the preliminaries will be dropped in determining who advances to finals. The schedule of events is as follows:

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| 8:00 – 8:30   | - | Registration                                 |
| 8:45          | - | Opening Assembly followed by Judges' Meeting |
| 9:15          | - | Extemp Drawing for Round 1                   |
| 9:45 – 11:00  | - | Round 1                                      |
| 10:35         | - | Extemp Drawing for Round 2                   |
| 11:05 – 12:20 | - | Round 2                                      |
| 12:25 – 1:55  | - | LUNCH  |
| TBA           | - | Extemp Drawing for Final Round               |
| 2:05 – 3:20   | - | Final Round                                  |
| 4:55          | - | Awards                                       |

All schematics will be done at random through the computer program.

Clover Hill students will be selling snacks between rounds and pizza, drinks and snacks during lunch.

No podiums or lecterns will be provided for any event; therefore, all students should be prepared to compete without them.

**Tournament Entry Forms:** You must submit your State Forensics Meet Entry Form to the VHSL via email ([scondoulis@vhsl.org](mailto:scondoulis@vhsl.org)) or fax (434-977-5943) within 48 hours following your regional meet.

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**Judges:** Each school qualifying for the state meet must provide at least one **QUALIFIED** judge who may or may not be the forensics coach. Schools failing to provide a judge will be fined \$50. Judges should be prepared to assist during both preliminary rounds plus the final round regardless of whether their team advances.

Please review timing procedures for Extemporaneous Speaking (Rule 112-5-8) and Impromptu (Rule 114-2-4) in case you are assigned to judge these rounds.

### **REMINDERS**

1. **Extemporaneous Speaking** contestants must not leave prep area with any materials other than their question strip and optional note card.

2. **Extemporaneous Speaking** contestants should report to their assigned room immediately following the Opening Assembly. The drawing for first-round topics will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m.

3. **Original Oratory** contestants should make sure that he/she brings a copy of his/her speech for each round of competition (3).

4. **Original Oratory** contestants must present the same speech in each round of a given tournament.

5. **All Interpretation Event** contestants must present the same selection in each round of a given tournament.

6. **Extemporaneous Speaking/Original Oratory** - Judges may no longer question speakers at the end of their speeches.

7. **All Interpretation Event** coaches must be able to provide manuscripts on the spot in case material is called into question.

We look forward to seeing you and your contestants on March 25.

LRG/sdc

Enclosures

P.S. In an emergency or after VHSL office hours, you may contact Mary Katherine Steed by cell phone, 804-720-5385.

# DIRECTIONS TO CLOVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

**Clover Hill High School  
13301 Kelly Green Lane  
Midlothian, VA 23112**

***Be prepared to go through tolls if you are using these directions!***

## **If traveling south on I-95 toward Richmond:**

Merge on to I-195 S via EXIT 79 toward Powhite Pkwy / Powhite Parkway / US-60 W / US-360 W  
Keep left to take VA-76 S toward Powhite Pkwy / VA-150 / US-60 / US-360  
Turn left at the first stoplight on to Charter Colony Parkway  
Turn left at the 2nd stoplight on to Genito Road (there will be a CVS on your right at this intersection)  
Take the 2nd right on to Kelly Green Drive  
If you are in a car, you can access parking lots with any of the next 3 left turns. If you are in a bus, you will need to take the 3rd left turn and drive past the football stadium to access the bus loop.

## **If traveling north on I-95 toward Richmond:**

Merge on to VA-288 N via EXIT 62 toward Chesterfield / Powhite Pkwy  
Merge onto US-360 W / Hull Street Rd toward Amelia  
At your first stoplight, turn right on to Old Hundred Road  
As you enter the roundabout just past Swift Creek Middle School, take the first exit on to Kelly Green Drive  
If you are in a car, you can access parking lots with any of the next 3 right turns. If you are in a bus, you will need to take the 1st right and drive past the football stadium to access the bus loop.

## **If traveling west on I-64 toward Richmond:**

Take the I-295 S / US-60 exit, EXIT 200, toward Rocky Mt NC.  
Keep left at the fork in the ramp.  
Merge onto I-295 S via the ramp on the left  
Merge onto VA-895 W via EXIT 25 toward Richmond  
VA-895 W becomes VA-150 N / Chippenham Pkwy N.  
Merge onto US-360 W / Hull Street Rd toward Amelia and drive approx. 5 ½ miles down Hull Street Road  
Turn right onto Genito Rd / VA-604  
Just after you go over the overpass, turn left onto Kelly Green Dr.  
If you are in a car, you can access parking lots with any of the next 3 left turns. If you are in a bus, you will need to take the 3rd left turn and drive past the football stadium to access the bus loop.

## **If traveling east on I-64 toward Richmond:**

Merge onto VA-288 S via EXIT 175 toward Chesterfield  
Take the Lucks Lane exit toward VA-720  
Turn slight right onto Lucks Ln.  
Turn left at the next stoplight on to Charter Colony Parkway  
Turn left at the 3rd stoplight on to Genito Road  
Take the 2nd right on to Kelly Green Drive  
If you are in a car, you can access parking lots with any of the next 3 left turns. If you are in a bus, you will need to take the 3rd left turn and drive past the football stadium to access the bus loop.

# OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

## MIDLOTHIAN, VA AREA

The official host hotels for the 2017 VHSL State Forensics Tournament are as follows.

Block name for all hotels: VHSL Forensics

All rates include breakfast.

Deadline for reservations: March 8, 2017

### **Holiday Inn Express - Midlothian**

8710 Midlothian Turnpike

Richmond, VA 23235

804-320-8900

*Approx. 9 miles/15 minutes from CHHS*

**Rate:** \$99 + tax/night for 2 Queens or 1 King with a pullout

### **La Quinta by Chesterfield Town Center**

1301 Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

804-794-4999

*Approx. 8 miles/15 minutes from CHHS*

**Rate:** \$109 + tax/night for 1 King or 1 King with a pullout

\$119 + tax/night for 2 Queens with a pullout (sleeps 6)

### **Four Points by Sheraton**

9901 Midlothian Turnpike

Richmond, VA 23235

804-323-1144

*Approx. 10 miles/15 minutes from CHHS*

**Rate:** \$129 + tax/night for 2 Doubles or 1 King (a rollaway can be requested when booking room)

### **Country Inn & Suites by Carlson – Chester**

2406 West Hundred Road

Chester, VA 23831

804-751-0080

*Approx. 18 miles/22 minutes from CHHS*

**Rate:** \$109.99 + tax/night for 2 Queens or 1 King

\$119.99 + tax/night for 1 King with a pullout

### **Wingate by Wyndham Richmond Short Pump**

13991 North Gayton Road

Richmond, VA 23233

804-421-1600

*Approx. 20 miles/25 minutes from CHHS*

**Rate:** \$106 + tax/night for 1 King with a pullout

\$102 +tax/night for 1 King

# Attention Forensics Coach!

## T-SHIRT SPECIAL OFFER

Souvenir T-shirts, long sleeve T's and hooded sweatshirts, personalized with the names of all competitors, will be available for sale to students at State Forensics.

Fine Designs, the official apparel printer for all VHSL State Championship events, will provide a variety of styles. If you have a specific design or customized artwork/idea that you would like the printer to consider, you may call Ivan Skachko at 440-525-1787 to discuss your concept. Be sure to contact Ivan as soon as possible so he will have time to consider your request.

