

# 2026-2027 NCFCA Club Association Guide

## Partnering for Kingdom Impact

Local clubs are where students grow, friendships form, and families walk out the speech and debate journey together. At NCFCA, we are deeply grateful to partner with clubs like yours.

When your club chooses to associate with NCFCA, you affirm that you actively train students for competition in NCFCA and that you fully support our mission: to challenge and equip ambassadors for Christ to communicate truth with integrity and grace.

This guide outlines the relationship between your club and the league. It serves as a foundation for mutual support, clear communication, and aligned expectations.

## What You Can Expect from NCFCA

We want your club to flourish! As an associated club, you'll receive:

### Leadership Support

- A dedicated Club Support Manager and Regional Coordinator to walk alongside you
- NCFCA 101 onboarding tools to help you orient new families
- Opportunities for training, leadership development, and connection with other leaders

### Visibility and Communication

- Inclusion in the [Club Directory](#) on NCFCA.org
- Secure forwarding of inquiries from prospective families
- Club Leader communications and seasonal updates
- Ready-to-use communication templates

### Operational Tools

- Resources to assist with club management
- Privileged use of NCFCA branding (see the [NCFCA Brand Guide for Clubs](#))

## What NCFCA Asks of Your Club

Our partnership is rooted in shared mission and mutual support. Here's how your club contributes to the work of NCFCA:

### Reflect the NCFCA Mission

- Actively promote and model NCFCA's Mission and Core Values
- Clearly communicate to prospective club members that participation in NCFCA requires families to affirm our [Foundational Beliefs](#)
- Encourage Christlike character, integrity, and excellence in competition

## Welcome Families

- If listed on NCFCA's public Club Directory, respond promptly to new family inquiries
- Include new families when your club has capacity
- Notify NCFCA if your club is full and unable to accept new members
- Promote constructive community among local clubs

## Equip Families

- Direct families to league resources, especially the NCFCA 101 onboarding tools
- Reinforce competition rules and guidelines
- Help families understand any differences between your club's materials and NCFCA's official policies and rules

## Understanding Affiliation and Association

NCFCA is careful to observe a distinction between the terms **affiliation** and **association**.

- **Affiliation is for Families.** NCFCA recognizes the family unit as a distinct entity. To participate, each family must affirm alignment with our Foundational Beliefs.
- **Association is for Organizations.** Association allows clubs to publicly align with NCFCA while retaining their own mission and identity. This structure protects the legal and operational independence of each organization.

## Clarity in Identity and Representation

To preserve the legal and operational distinctions between clubs and the league:

- Use the NCFCA name and logo only in accordance with the [NCFCA Brand Guide for Clubs](#).
- In all communications and promotional materials, clearly indicate that your club is an independent organization and does not operate in any official capacity on behalf of NCFCA.

## Let's Walk Together

NCFCA does not operate through a franchise model. Instead, each associated club retains independent governance and identity while aligning with league standards and mission.

We are distinct organizations united by a shared purpose: to serve families, raise up leaders, and build up the next generation for the glory of God.

If you have questions, needs, or ideas, we're here to serve you. Thank you for partnering with NCFCA in this important work!