**2012 Florida Junior Classical League Forum**

#### Rules and Regulations Regarding Academic Testing

**Contest Entry**. A school may enter an unlimited number of students in each written contest category.Students must register for two contests, one of which **MUST** be a written test. A student may also compete in competitive or open Certamen.

At the discretion of the Academics’ Chair, contests may be combined if there are not enough entrants in a given test or level.

**Level of Registration**. Students may compete only on the level of Latin at which they are currently enrolled. If students are not presently enrolled in Latin, they must compete on the level at which they would have been enrolled had they continued Latin. If a student on the 4x4 block schedule takes Latin in the fall term but does not take Latin in the spring term, the student would register at the level of Latin taken in the fall term. Students who are on the 4x4 block schedule and who are currently enrolled in Latin should register at the level of their current Latin class. If there is any question about a student's eligibility status, please contact the Academic Coordinator. Students must be registered for all contests they participate in; students may not place in a contest for which they were not registered.

**Changing a student’s registration**. All questions regarding registration should be directed to the Registrar.

The only changes that will be made after March 28 will be changes required because of an unforeseen medical or family emergency. Emergency substitutions must meet all membership requirements. **No changes will be made at Forum**.

**Written Tests**. The following tests will be offered.

**Test** **Eligible Levels**

**Classical Art I, II, Advanced**

**Customs ½, I, II, Advanced**

**Derivatives ½, I, II, Advanced**

**Geography I, II, Advanced**

**Grammar ½, I, II, Advanced**

**Greek Derivatives I, II, Advanced**

**Greek Literature I, II, Advanced**

**Hellenic History I, II, Advanced**

**Heptathlon II, Advanced**

**History of the Roman Empire ½, I, II, Advanced**

**History of the Roman Republic ½, I, II, Advanced**

**Latin Literature I, II, Advanced**

**Mottoes, Abbreviations, etc. ½, I, II, Advanced**

**Mythology ½, I, II, Advanced**

**Pentathlon ½, I, II, Advanced**

**Reading Comprehension: Poetry Advanced**

**Reading Comprehension: Prose Advanced**

**Vocabulary ½, I, II, Advanced**

**\*Decathlon II, Advanced**

**\*Greek Language I, II, Advanced**

\* No sweepstakes points will be awarded for this test. Please see the description on page 3.

**The following codes must be used on the registration packet:**

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| **Test** | **Level I** | **Level II** | **Adv** | **Level ½** |
| Classical Art | 1011 | 1012 | 1013 | XX |
| Customs | 1021 | 1022 | 1023 | 1700 |
| Derivatives | 1031 | 1032 | 1033 | 1701 |
| Geography | 1041 | 1042 | 1043 | XX |
| Grammar | 1051 | 1052 | 1053 | 1702 |
| Greek Deriv. | 1061 | 1062 | 1063 | XX |
| Greek Lit. | 1771 | 1772 | 1773 | XX |
| Hellenic | 1071 | 1072 | 1073 | XX |
| Heptathlon | XX | 1082 | 1083 | XX |
| Empire | 1091 | 1092 | 1093 | 1706 |
| Republic | 1101 | 1102 | 1103 | 1707 |
| Latin Lit | 1111 | 1112 | 1113 | XX |
| Mottoes | 1121 | 1122 | 1123 | 1708 |
| Mythology | 1131 | 1132 | 1133 | 1703 |
| Pentathlon | 1141 | XX | XX | 1704 |
| Read Comp Prose | XX | 1152 | 1153 | XX |
| Read Comp Poetry | XX | 1162 | 1163 | XX |
| Vocabulary | 1171 | 1172 | 1173 | 1705 |

Sweepstakes will be divided into junior and senior divisions.

**Written Test Format**. All written tests will be given during one ninety-minute testing session on Friday morning. All tests will consist of fifty multiple-choice questions having four answer choices. Machine-graded answer sheets will be used. Students will receive only those tests listed on their nametags. Students will not be allowed to take tests for which they are not registered.

**Senior and Junior Divisions**. A senior high school consists of grades nine through twelve; a junior high school consists of grades six through eight. Schools with grades seven through twelve may enter as two schools: a junior and a senior high. However, in order to enter as two schools, each school must have registered as a separate chapter with FJCL and NJCL. If a school offers Latin in 7th grade, and the school does *not* register in the Junior Division, then a first year student must be registered as Level I, even if he/she is in the first year of a two-year program. Since 8th grade students compete against senior division students, schools may choose to register 8th graders as senior division; however, all 8th graders MUST then be registered as senior division members with both the NJCL and FJCL. Moreover, schools may not divide 8th grade students between senior and junior divisions.

**Two-year Latin I programs.** ONLY students in the first year of a two-year program may register for Level ½ tests. If a student chooses to do this, and is taking two tests, **BOTH OF THE TESTS MUST BE LEVEL ½.** For instance, a student may NOT sign up for Pentathlon ½ and Hellenic History I. Level ½ students MAY take two Level I tests and be scored against Level I students. A student may NOT take the same Level I test twice. If a Level ½ student takes two Level I tests in his or her 7th grade year, they must then take two DIFFERENT Level I tests the following year. Please direct any questions regarding level or eligibility to the Registrar or Academic Coordinator. Students not in compliance with this rule may be disqualified from one or both of their contests at the discretion of the Academic Coordinator and Registrar.

**Individual Awards**. Individual awards will be given for first through tenth places. At the discretion of the academic and creative coordinators, ten places may not be given if the quality does not warrant an award. There will be no “gaps” in places awarded. The judges’ decisions will be final. Ties in written contests will not be broken.

**Sweepstakes Awards.** Academic, Creative, and Overall Sweepstakes trophies will be given to the top ten places in the Senior Division and to the top five places in the Junior Division. In addition, rosettes will be given to Senior Division schools placing 11th to 20th in the Overall Sweepstakes. Certamen will not be included in the Academic Sweepstakes but will be counted in the Overall Sweepstakes. Overall sweepstakes includes points for academic and creative contests. The Scrapbook will not be counted in the Creative Sweepstakes, but will be counted in the Overall Sweepstakes. Sweepstakes points will be determined in the following manner: First place 10 points, Second place 9 points, Third place 8 points, etc. Certamen places will count for double points, and only 1st through 6th places will receive points. All leveled contests will be judged for best of show. Best of show winners, i.e., the highest first place winners in a non-leveled contest, will be awarded medals. Best of show awards will not be given if a tie occurs. Double first-place winners will be given monetary rewards according to Article Six, Section 14, of the FJCL Constitution.

**Academic Decathlon.** Academic Decathlon will be offered as a new contest at State Latin Forum. One student from each school may register to take the Academic Decathlon. The Decathlon test will consist of 50 questions from the following subject areas: Latin Grammar, Vocabulary, & Derivatives, Roman History, Mythology, Customs, MAQ, Latin Literature, Greek Derivatives, and Geography. The Decathlon will not count for Academic or Overall Sweepstakes. Only one member per school is eligible to take the Decathlon. Furthermore, students registered only for Latin II or Advanced will be allowed to take the Decathlon. There will be a monetary award presented to the winner, the amount of which will be determined by the Academic Coordinator in consultation with the FJCL Financial Director.

**Greek Language.** This test will be offered as an addition to a student’s other two contests. It will not count for Sweepstakes, although places will be awarded. The test will cover all levels of Greek grammar.

**Heptathlon**. This year the Heptathlon test will consist of the following subjects: Latin Grammar, Vocabulary & Derivatives, Roman History, Customs, Mythology, MAQ, and Latin Literature. This is a change from previous years, as Latin Literature will now be substituted for Greek Derivatives.

*Suggested Study Materials and Sources. A helpful, yet non-inclusive list of sources is available BY REQUEST this year. The materials list has been updated to reflect some valuable new sources and has deleted some sources that are now out of print, outdated, or difficult to obtain. Anyone who would like a copy of this list may email djackson@oakhall.org Please keep in mind that this list is a guideline only and that test writers may use any viable source they see fit.*

