

2020 FJCL Virtual State Forum Certamen Run through Discord Server

Salvete!

Though there will not be an in-person FJCL Certamen tournament this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the FJCL will instead be hosting an online tournament through a Discord server on Saturday, April 25th.

The tournament will follow the same basic rules and format as past FJCL State Forum Certamina. Each team can play a maximum of 4 players per round. Alternates can switch between, never during, rounds. For the Novice and Intermediate divisions, the distribution of each category of question will be approximately 50% Language, 25% Mythology, and 25% History/Culture. For the Advanced division, the distribution of each category of question will be approximately 40% Language, 20% Mythology, 20% History/Culture, and 20% Literature. Questions will be of a similar difficulty level to past FJCL State Certamina.

There will be three 15-question preliminary rounds, after which teams will be seeded based on their composite scores. The nine highest-scoring teams will advance to the 15-question semi-final round, in which play will be divided as follows: 1 v. 6 v. 7, 2 v. 5 v. 8, 3 v. 4 v. 9. The highest-scoring teams in each semi-final round will advance to the 20-question finals.

The tournament will be run through a Discord server in a similar style to Michael Kearney's current national online Certamen tournament. More details will be available about the specifics of playing certamen online as we approach the tournament. Due to the nature of "virtual forum," we will not be awarding teams who place in the online Certamen, unlike at normal FJCL state fora.

Tentative Schedule of Play:

Round 1: 10 - 10:30 AM **Round 2:** 10:30 - 11 AM **Round 3:** 11 - 11:30 AM
Semi-Finals: 1:30 - 2:15 PM **Finals:** 2:30 - 3:15 PM

To register for the tournament, click [here](#). Registration is due by Monday, April 20th. If you have any further questions, contact Anya AitSahlia at recordingsecretary@fjcl.org. We are excited to still be able to enjoy this fun aspect of convention with you and hope you are staying safe in these strange times!