



Fall 2011

Dear High School Speech Coaches:

Danville High School is proud to invite you to the **18th annual Tournament of Firsts** on **November 19**. Entry registration will be managed through our tournament site at www.tabroom.com. We're back on our own this year and back in our own building after a crosstown swing with Boyle last year. To make this year's contest special, we are offering Varsity and Novice divisions of all twelve KHSSL speech events; any event that does not register twelve or more entries in both Varsity and Novice divisions will be collapsed into one single Varsity event with recognition given to the top non-advancing Novice at Awards. We are also holding a teaching Novice Congress where students new to Congress can participate in a Congress session with direct instruction and guided speaking.

CATEGORIES OFFERED

All twelve KHSSL Speech events will be offered (KHSSL rules). Students may single, double, or triple in the speech events. Students in the Novice Congress may **ONLY** enter the Novice Congress, which will conclude with the Speech prelims, allowing the Novice Congress participants to observe the final rounds of their choice.

ENTRIES

You may enter as many students per event as you like; the best three competitors from your team in each event will count toward team sweepstakes. Each entry will be charged \$5.00. Duo Interp and Duo Improv will be charged \$10.00. Danville High is very limited in classrooms (we are a school of just over 500), so we cannot have three full rounds of each event at the same time; therefore, we will hold two rounds plus a final for each event. We will announce what events are in which flights on Thursday, November 17, once we know final numbers for entries.

SCHEDULE

7 to 8 AM	Registration
8:30 AM	Round 1 Flight A
10:00 AM	Round 1 Flight B
11:30 AM	Round 2 Flight A
1:00 PM	Round 2 Flight B
3:15 PM	Postings
3:15 PM	Extemp Draw and Broadcasting Draw for Finals
3:30 PM	Finals begin
5:30ish PM	Awards

We know Extemp will be in Flight B; for all other events, stay tuned!

We will e-mail a tournament update with a final schedule on Thursday, November 17. Please watch for it in your e-mailboxes. It will also be posted online.

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AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to 1st – 6th places in all varsity events plus sweepstakes. We will also offer awards for novice competitors as outlined earlier in this letter.

JUDGES/FEEES

You must provide one judge for every six entries **or fraction thereof**; 7 entries = 2 judges, etc. Remember, Duo Interp and Improv Duo count as one entry in judges needed and as two entries in fees to pay (\$5 per kid = \$10 per duo entry). You may hire judges you do not provide for \$30 apiece. Your judges should be familiar with the KHSSL rules and ballots. We promise them lots of goodies and coffee. No charge will be made for judges for Novice Congress; experienced Congressional Debaters and coaches will run that event. The Novice Congress fee will be \$10 instead of \$5 as those students cannot double.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT NOVICE ENTRIES, SPEECH EVENTS

- Any 9th grade student is a Novice competitor.
- Any student new this year to high school speech is also a Novice.
- A student who competed in high school speech last year in a different event is NOT a Novice. For example, if a kid competed in Poetry last year as a 9th grader and wants to try Impromptu this year, that kid competes in Varsity Impromptu.
- According to the KHSSL Handbook (see page 42 item 4), students who prequalify for state in a Novice division at an invitational tournament must do so TWICE in Novice contests to be truly prequalified.
- If a duo team (Improv or Interp) has one new member and one experienced, then the team MUST compete in Varsity. Novice is only for 100% Novice teams.
- Note that you do not HAVE to enter a student in Novice if that student qualifies for Novice at our contest; you can enter that student in Varsity if you like.
- Novice divisions of events will count for sweepstakes just as varsity divisions do.

ADDITIONAL NOVICE CONGRESS INFORMATION

Novice Congress will count toward sweepstakes (best three entries per school only) using the following formula:

1 st place	10 Sweepstakes points
2 nd place	7 Sweepstakes points
3 rd place	5 Sweepstakes points
Non-placing participant	2 Sweepstakes points

*Note: as Congress is not a KHSSL prequalifying event, Danville High students will likely participate in the Novice Congress. If we do not have at least ten participants, we will cancel the Novice Congress. Students will NOT need to write legislation ahead of time; instead, writing legislation will be part of the day's training, and practice legislation will be sent out on November 17 to entered schools.

Also, as this is NOT a prequalifying event, we welcome ANYONE NEW TO CONGRESS THIS YEAR to compete in the Novice Congress, so if you have experienced students you can spare from Speech for the day who wish to learn this event, please send them to us.

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ENTRY DEADLINE

11 AM, Wednesday, November 16.

Any adds or drops after this time will be subject to a \$5 nuisance fee plus the entry fee. Substitutions are free of charge until the conclusion of registration on Saturday. Please note that our school is small. If we are full at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, we will not add your school's entry late, no matter how much we love you. Don't be late!

LODGING

Hampton Inn (859-236-6200)
(recommended highly, plus they give you cookies)

Quality Inn (859-236-8600)
Comfort Suites (859-936-9300)
Best Western (859-236-5525)
Country Hearth Inn (859-236-8601)

FOOD

Food will be available to purchase at the school.

PHONE CALLS AND E-MAILS

E-mail is the most efficient way to reach me. steve.meadows@danville.kyschools.us .
My cell phone # is 859-396-0646. It is also my home phone.

DIRECTIONS

Danville is 40 minutes south of Lexington, 90 minutes from Louisville, and 130 minutes from Bowling Green. The high school is at 203 E. Lexington Avenue.

Y'ALL COME!

Steve Meadows, Coach
Nate Johnson and Isabelle Ballard, Team Captains

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