



*Gray Middle School
Virtually Give Thanks
Invitational*



Dear Middle School Speech Coaches,

Gray Middle School is proud to host the Virtually Give Thanks Jr. Division Speech tournament. We would like to extend an invitation to our tournament to all middle schools. The tournament will take place on **November 14, 2020** on tabroom. This tournament is a **totally asynchronous** tournament. This means that all entries will be prerecorded, including finals.

CATEGORIES

All middle school/KHSSL Jr. events will be offered. Please visit the KHSSL handbook at <https://www.khssl.org/handbook-and-constitution> for rules.

COST

Each school will be charged the **lesser** of these two options: a school fee of \$150 or individual entry fees. Each entry will be charged \$5 with Duo Acting and Improvisational Duo charging \$10. Any judge fees that may be incurred will be charged separately from the \$150 cap. Invoices will be adjusted at the close of registration. Schools should send a check in advance or email a purchase order to confirm payment.

Checks will need to be made to the order of: Gray Middle School.

School mailing address:
Gray Middle School
10400 Old US Hwy 42
Union, KY 41091

ENTRIES

We will be offering UNLIMITED entries: however, only the top three scores in each event will count towards sweepstakes. Students may quadruple enter (enter up to four events). New entry deadline is 8 pm EST Monday, November 9th. **All recordings must be uploaded by Tuesday, November 10th 5 pm EST.**

All events will be judged on Tabroom.com. When registering your students, it will be a requirement to include the link to their performance in order for your entry to be eligible. The link can be shared on the “Piece Title” section of their entry when you register them. Platforms include You-Tube (links MUST be marked unlisted), Google Drive, Dropbox, etc. Please ensure permissions are set so that anyone with the link can view. Duo Acting and Improvisational Duo must be split screen. Refer to the <https://www.khssl.org/virtual-tournament-best-practices> for tips on recoding and submitting videos.

For Broadcasting, you will need to record your second round script. This will be used for all rounds, including finals.

For the limited prep events of Extemp, Impromptu, and Improv Duo, the topics will be released on **Monday, November 9th 5 pm EST** and your students will have 24 hours from that point to record and send you their performance links. You will need to forward that link to me by **Tuesday, November 10th 5 PM EST**.

NO recordings will be accepted for ANY event (including limited prep events) past the Tuesday, November 10th 5 PM EST deadline so please do not wait until the last minute to record any event. Any entry that has not either uploaded or forwarded to me their link will be considered a DROP with fees applied at that time.

JUDGES

One judge for every 6 entries or fraction thereof: 7 entries = 2 judges, etc. Larger schools - please try to find neutral judges to bring to the tournament and make sure that they are well versed in the KHSSL rules and ballots. You may hire judges at \$30 each.

ALL JUDGES ON YOUR TEAM NEED TO CREATE A TABROOM ACCOUNT AND LINK IT TO YOUR SCHOOL!

Prelim rounds will be held asynchronously which means that your judges can complete them anytime from Wednesday, November 11th (beginning at 8:00 PM EST) through Friday, November 13th, with the deadline for completion being at 3:00 PM EST on November 13th. Finals for speech events will be announced on Friday evening via Tabroom, with assignments being blasted that same evening and those judging assignments for finals must be completed by Saturday morning, November 14th at 2 PM EST. All speech judges must be available for a minimum of 3 asynchronous rounds plus finals (if chosen) in order to fulfill an entire judging slot.

SCHEDULE

Wed 11/12 - 8 pm EST - All preliminary rounds released

Fri 11/13 - 3 pm EST - Deadline for all preliminary rounds to be judged

Fri 11/13 - 5 pm EST - Breaks announced via tabroom and all final rounds released

Sat 11/14 - 3 pm EST - Deadline for all final rounds to be judged.

Sat 11/14 - 6 pm-ish Awards will be broadcast live. I will send all coaches the link.

AWARDS

We will be presenting full color certificates for the top 6 performers in each speech event. We will honor the top 3 overall teams with sweepstakes plaques. Awards will be mailed to schools upon completion of the tournament.

HOW TO ENTER

Entering/registering will be on tabroom.com. Select the KY league, register your school, and then register for the Gray Middle School Virtually Give Thanks Invitational Tournament. Feel free to call/text email me any questions. Hope to see you November 14th!

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