

## **Resurrection Christian School Cougar Cup** **2020 Virtual Invitational Tournament**

On behalf of the Resurrection Christian High School Speech & Debate team, I would like to invite you and your team to the 2020 RCS 'Cougar Cup' Varsity Invitational Tournament on Saturday, November 14, 2020.

We will be using tabroom.com with NSDA Campus as the online tournament platform.  
<http://rcscougarcup.tabroom.com/>

### **Tournament Style:**

This will all be online with synchronous and asynchronous events. We are going to try a flex schedule and will run rounds as soon as we have the judges for each event. That may mean some events are farther along than others at any given time. Judges are the key. The more we have, the faster we can progress throughout the day.

A coach or adult responsible for the team (that can judge) must be online and reachable during the tournament.

### **There will be 4 rounds of competition**

(all events will run at the same time if at all possible this depends on judges)

**Synchronous Events:** These will be live via NSDA Campus.

- Congressional Debate
- Combined Extemp
- Creative Storytelling
- Impromptu.

**Asynchronous Events:** For these events, students will submit a video recording of their performance - a code for students to hold up for the camera before they begin will be released a week prior to the tournament.

- Drama
- Humor
- DUO
- Poetry
- POI
- Informative Speaking
- OO

### **Notes about Event Rules:**

We will use CHSAA (Colorado) rules for Poetry, Creative Storytelling, and Impromptu.

Poetry NOTE: We will use CHSAA Poetry rules (10 minutes, memorized)

Creative Storytelling NOTE: We will use the CHSAA rules for this event - draw 3 topics (character, setting, conflict) and students have 15 minutes in the draw room to prep and memorize a 3-5 minute story. This is a live event, similar to extemp.

Impromptu NOTE: We will use the CHSAA rules for this event - draw 3 topics. These topics will consist of (1) a sentence, (2) a phrase, (3) a word, on each card. Students have 5 minutes in the “draw” room to prepare a 3-5 minute speech. The use of one 3x5 notecard is permitted while speaking. This is a live event.

Congress NOTE:

THE JUDGE DETERMINES AWARDS, NOT A CHAMBER VOTE.

LEGISLATION DEADLINE = 12:00 PM Friday, November 6.

Email properly formatted legislation to Angela Smith at [asmith@rcschool.org](mailto:asmith@rcschool.org) so it can be posted on tabroom. Please do not submit legislation that your students have debated at a previous tournament. If schools do not submit legislation, RCS will provide legislation this enhances and legitimizes the congress so students have time to actually research and prepare ahead of time. There will be NO ‘walk-on’ legislation on the day of the tournament.

### **DOUBLING:**

Your student may enter as many asynchronous events as they want IF YOU PROVIDE JUDGES. Synchronous entries are only able to enter 1 synchronous event but may double in asynchronous events.

- Doubling (or more) IS allowed for all asynchronous events.
- Doubling IS NOT allowed for more than 1 synchronous event
- Doubling IS allowed for a combination of 1 synchronous event and 1 or more asynchronous events.

#### **Asynchronous Events:**

- Competitors in all non-draw speaking and interpretation events will need to submit/upload a recording of the event that is able to be viewed by judges by Nov 13th at 5 pm. Duo must be recorded split screen.
- I will provide a code for competitors to hold up on a piece of paper at the start of their recording to ensure students are engaging in a new performance for this tournament. This code will be released a week prior to the tournament.

#### **Synchronous Events:**

- Congress, Combined Extemp, Creative Storytelling, Impromptu - Competitors in these events will compete using NSDA Campus virtual room technology in front of a judge.

## **JUDGING REQUIREMENTS:**

As we all venture into a new online competition world, I would ask for your patience as we navigate the online platforms and set up for judging. We will do our best to run this tournament in a timely fashion and utilize you as much as possible. Thank you in advance for your time.

For every 4 synchronous event entries, 1 judge will be required. For every 6 asynchronous entries, 1 judge will be required. No judges = the tournament cannot happen. Please have judges set up with tabroom accounts well before the day of the tournament.

## **JUDGES:**

PLEASE HELP US WITH JUDGES. If you want us to run on time, we must have the judges.

We are virtual this year and will need judges to set up accounts prior to the tournament.

PLEASE have judges create a judge tabroom account prior to the tournament to speed up the process at judge check-in in the morning.

We ask that ALL coaches judge 2 rounds during the day. No matter the circumstance, every team is required to donate two rounds of judging by any coach – head or assistant will do.

Coaches not wishing to judge or who do not provide a judge for the 2 donated rounds will be asked to pay a \$30 judge fee.

### **Facebook for judges:**

\*\*We have a Facebook page for Northern Colorado judges. Please tell your judges to search for 'Northern CO Speech & Debate Forensics Judges' and 'like' the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114179395299605/>

Details are posted on that Facebook page about how to set up a tabroom account as well as upcoming judging opportunities.

## **REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEES:**

- Entries will be limited to 6 in each event (please note doubling rules), Unlimited entries in Congress.
- Registration on <http://rcscougarcup.tabroom.com/>
  - Fees of \$6.00 per asynchronous single entry, \$12.00 per asynchronous DUO team
  - \$8.00 per synchronous entry
  - \$6.00 per student congress entry
- All fees will be based on pre-registration as of 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 11th.

If you want to enter more than 6 in each event, please contact Angela Smith. We are usually able to accommodate those requests.

## **SCHEDULE:**

Beyond the starting time of the tournament, we will attempt to run a flex schedule. The times listed below are an attempt to give you an idea of when we will be able to run synchronous events. Please know that as soon as judges are available, we will launch events. In a perfect world, we will run all events at the same time.

Registration: This will take place on <http://rcscougarcup.tabroom.com/> this year.

## **TENTATIVE DAY OF SCHEDULE:** (times are approximate)

- 7:00 - 7:30**     **Registration and Judge Check-in**
- 7:40 - 7:55**     **Judge Meeting**
- 8:00 - 8:30**     **Technology check-in for the beginning of Round 1**
- 8:15 am**         **Extemp Draw begins**
- 8:30 am**         **Round 1**
- Begin all synchronous events and as many asynchronous events as possible
- 10:30 am**       **Round 2**
- Begin all synchronous events and as many asynchronous events as possible
- 12:30 pm**       **Round 3**
- Begin all synchronous events and as many asynchronous events as possible
- 2:00 pm**         **Round 4**
- Begin all synchronous events and as many asynchronous events as possible
- 4:00pm**         **Awards**
- **We will try to have a live version of the awards ceremony if possible.**

NOTE, ALL TIMES ARE MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME MST - DENVER TIME ZONE

## **PAYMENT:**

Please make the checks payable to:

Resurrection Christian School     memo line: RCS Cougar Cup 2020

Send payment to:

Resurrection Christian School  
c/o Angela Smith  
6508 E Crossroads Blvd  
Loveland, CO 80538

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Smith at (970) 685-1590 (text or call is ok) or by email at [asmith@rcschool.org](mailto:asmith@rcschool.org). We look forward to seeing you for this unique invitational.

Have a great day,  
Angela Smith