

December 1, 2020

Greetings! Mullen High School is proud to host the fourth annual Colorado Cup ONLINE Speech & Debate competition from Thursday, January 14 thru Saturday, January 16, 2021. ***We are proud to announce that we are an NIETOC Qualifier in all events and are, once again, a Kentucky-TOC qualifier for All Speech / Interp Events and Finalists in Lincoln-Douglas Debate!***

Why should you come to the Cup?

- We are both a TOC Qualifier and a NIETOC Qualifier!
- Reasonable entry fees: \$10 per competitor (we want this tournament to be accessible to ALL schools!)
- Minimum of 4 prelims in every event!
- Asynchronous (recorded) prelims and synchronous (live) elim rounds in Speech/Interp events!
- Elimination rounds breaks will follow TOC/NIETOC elimination rules!
- We will publish a clear policy on judging bias and use a Diversity Officer for the tournament!

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

AVAILABLE ONLINE at <https://www.speechwire.com/c-info.php?tournid=10727>

Asynchronous competition starts on Thursday, January 14

Live rounds on Friday evening, January 15, and all-day Saturday, January 16

DOUBLING RULES

- Student may double in TWO or THREE Asynchronous Speech/Interp events.
- Since we are holding Live Finals in Speech & Interp events, Debaters and Extempers are not allowed to double enter.
- Speech Competitors (except in Extemp) may participate in the Friday Congress.

ENTRY FEES

In order to make this an affordable tournament for all participants, we are charging a flat fee of \$10 per student entry (\$20 for teams).

JUDGES

Schools are required to bring:

- 1 judge for every 3 Debate entries;
- 1 Judge for every 6 Interp/Speech entries; and
- 1 judge for every 10 Congress entries.

Fees are charged at a rate of \$30 per missing speech or debate judge and \$10 per missing Congress judge. These fees and the number of judges you owe are clearly posted on your registration page. Schools who fail to meet the judging requirements will be subject to removal of entries in the event for which judges are missing.

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REGISTRATION begins Dec. 1 on Speechwire. We will accept entries until we are full.

1. No more than 5 entries are allowed in any other event except Congress.
2. We will keep a waitlist as needed.
3. Fees are assessed on entries recorded as of Tuesday, January 12th.
4. All video submissions are due by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 12th.
5. **Make checks payable to Mullen Speech and Debate. Please pay by check or valid PO at the tournament.** We are NOT RESPONSIBLE for setting ourselves up as a vendor in a school district payment system. Contact me if you would like to pay by credit card.

ONLINE Rules or NEW Rules this Year:

- All competitors and judges must have a SpeechWire account to log in.
- Duo Interp must be recorded in a split-screen format.
- Only competitors and judges will be allowed in competition rooms; additional observers will not be allowed in rounds.
- Please review the virtual rules posted under “Files for Download” on our Speechwire page for additional information.
- Ben at Speechwire has provided video resources to explain the creation of student accounts, judging online, viewing ballots, and competing online. Please check them out. <https://www.speechwire.com/p-video-resources.php>

FINALS AND AWARDS

- We plan to recognize at least the top 6 performers in all events and all nominees in Congress along with all NIETOC and K-TOC bid winners!
- Our Awards Ceremony will be hosted LIVE at the conclusion of the tournament.
- No trophies or other physical awards are offered.

CONGRESS

- Please submit legislation no later than Tuesday, January 5th.
- Legislation will be posted on speechwire.com by Friday, January 8th.
- PO's will be nominated from the floor.

GENERAL RULES

1. At least one coach must always be available by phone.
2. We generally follow CHSAA/NSDA rules for each event we offer.
3. Note that, in Colorado, Poetry is an Interp event with a 10-minute time limit. Scripts are optional, but the use of binders as props is not allowed.
4. CX topic: Criminal Justice Reform. Prep time is 8 minutes.
5. LD topic: Lethal Weapons Ban. Prep time is 4 minutes.
6. PF topic: NSA Surveillance. Prep time is 3 minutes.
7. Extemp topics will be released ONE HOUR prior to the start of each round on Speechwire and via e-mail to coaches. There will be no prep room or proctoring.

QUESTIONS? E-mail Mike Trevithick, speech@mullenhigh.com, or call 303-981-5320.

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