## Riverside High School VIRTUAL Forensics Invitational

January 5, 2021

Dear Forensic Coach:

You and your team are invited to the Riverside High School Forensics Tournament to be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 30th</u>, <u>2021</u>. Entries and prelim performance videos are due on <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 22nd</u> via Tabroom.

**Tabroom:** You will need a Tabroom account for the coach and each competitor.

Sign up and register here: <a href="http://cyclones.tabroom.com">http://cyclones.tabroom.com</a>

We will offer the following events: Extemp, Oration, Informative, Prose, Poetry, POI, Serious Solo Acting, Humorous Solo Acting, Duet Acting, Improvised Duet Acting, and Impromptu. Students may enter two events, but no student may enter both Extemp and IDA.

There will be three preliminary rounds. Prelim rounds will use recorded videos. Videos can not use professional backgrounds, greenscreens, editing, etc. Each entry MUST include the following spoken statement (or something similar) at the beginning: "This is for the Riverside Invitational". Video links will be added along with entries on Tabroom. Prelims will be judged during the week with finals announced on Friday afternoon.

A note on IDA and DUET: Videos must be split-screen. The easiest way to do this is via Zoom. Please let me know if you need assistance. I have done this and I'd love to share tips.

A note on DRAW EVENTS: I will update you on the format of these as I learn more. They will all be recorded for prelims. I'm still figuring out the best way to do "draws".

Final rounds will be held for each event **that has more than one room of competition.** Finals will be live on Zoom on Saturday, January 30th in two flights. Flight A is currently scheduled for 9am-11am and Flight B is scheduled for 11am-1pm. Awards ceremony will follow via a Zoom link (probably).

Medals will be awarded to the top six places in each event. Sweepstakes will be calculated on a 5-point scale and plagues will be awarded to the first, second, and third place schools. Finals will be cut-throat.

Each school may enter four entries per event with an initial maximum of 22 entries. Extras will be given as space allows. Entries on Tabroom will be "waitlisted" just so that I can see who is entering what.

Your entry fee is \$5.00 per student per event. **Deadline for entry is Friday, January 22nd**. Entries and fees will be final on Tuesday the 26th. This is all new to me so contact me if you have any questions. I probably have the same ones and we'll work through them together.

Sincerely,

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