Dear Colleagues:

The St. Thomas Aquinas and St. James Academy speech teams are pleased to invite you to the third annual CATHOLIC CLASSIC tournament. We are pleased to once again be recognized as a NIETOC qualifier in the relevant events. Registration has opened at [http://catholicclassic.tabroom.com](http://catholicclassic.tabroom.com/).

This year’s tournament will be held online, with competition from Thursday, January 28 through Saturday, January 30. We will offer live competition Friday in PFD, LD, and Congress and live competition Saturday morning in IX, USX, and IMP. In the remaining menu of Kansas 5A-6A events, we will offer asynchronous prelims on Thursday and live finals on Saturday. Individual students may enter as many events as they wish, with the following exceptions: no double entry in Friday events, no double entry in the two Extemp events.

Registration will be via Tabroom.com and must be completed by 3 pm on Monday, January 25. Entry fees of $5/entry will lock at that time.

Each school will be expected to have a coach or qualified sponsor present as a point of contact for tournament officials. In addition, there will be a judge burden for competing schools that will vary based on total entries.

As with all online events, there is a great deal to know and become familiar with. Participating coaches should familiarize themselves with the remainder of this document and with the supplementary documents provided on the tournament’s tabroom website:  [www.tabroom.com/STA4N6](http://www.tabroom.com/STA4N6). The point of contact for tournament concerns is Steve DuBois, sdubois@stasaints.net, 913-515-7804.

We ask for grace as we work though the complexities of the online hosting process, and promise to reciprocate to those who offer it.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you in January.

Sincerely,

Steve DuBois, St. Thomas Aquinas HS

Antionette Ishmael, St. James Academy

CATHOLIC CLASSIC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MONDAY JANUARY 25:

3 pm: All entries due and entry fees lock.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27:

3 pm: School judges must be entered into tabroom.com--see the last page of invite for judge burdens..

6 pm: Deadline for submission of all asynch videos.

THURSDAY JANUARY 28:

9 am: Prelim judging assignments posted in asynch events (OO, INF, DI, HI, PRO, POE, POI, DUO)

5:30 pm: Prelim judges with incomplete ballots contacted

7 pm: Prelim judging ballot deadline; emergency judges receive ballots

ASAP: Finals posted

FRIDAY JANUARY 29: (all rounds posted 30 min in advance, report time 15 min in advance)

3:30: LD/PFD 1 and Congress Session 1

4:45: LD/PFD 2

5:15: Congress Session 2

6:00: LD/PFD 3

ASAP: Friday awards posted to YouTube

SATURDAY JANUARY 30: (judge room report 15 min in advance)

7:15: All limited prep (IX/USX/IMP) schedules posted to tabroom

7:30: Round 1 draw begins

8:00: IX/USX/IMP round 1

9:00: Round 2 draw begins

9:30: IX/USX/IMP round 2

10:30: Round 3 draw begins

11:00: IX/USX/IMP round 3

1:00 or ASAP: IX/USX/IMP finals postings

1:30: IX/USX/IMP draw begins

2:00: Live finals in all KSHSAA events (IX, USX, IMP, OO, INF, DI, HI, DUO, PRO, POE, POI)

4:00 or ASAP: Awards posted—Zoom I hope, YouTube otherwise.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS

1. All schools should have a coach or other adult available for contact throughout
2. Students may enter as many events as they wish, with the following exceptions: no Friday double-entry, no Saturday extemp double-entry
3. Registration will be via Tabroom.com and must be completed by 3 pm on Monday, January 25. Entry fees of $5/entry will lock at that time.
4. Asych competitors guaranteed two prelims "rounds" and we will give third rounds in as many events as we can based on judge availability. Three prelims in all limited prep events.
5. Prelim tiebreakers: ranks, rates, opp seed. Finals tiebreakers: Total ranks, finals ranks, JPref in finals.
6. Sweeps based on total number of Saturday finalists.
7. Top six medal; we'll get 'em to you somehow. Award yourself a high five if you win sweeps.
8. KSHSAA rules will be used as guidelines, but the judgment of the tournament director of what seems fairest will be the ultimate criterion that resolves grievances..
9. Show grace, and grace will be shown ye.

VIRTUAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

1. Please review the Tabroom manual at <http://docs.tabroom.com/Main_Page>
2. Please review the NSDA Campus manual at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hej13hqfKmSHEVDYU-rc6UiVlaK0xbp6uGgwBHtSXIQ/edit?usp=sharing>
3. All participants and school judges must have a tabroom.com account. Please follow the following instructions to create a Tabroom account: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/creating-linking-account-tabroom>.
4. Our platform choices as of January 7 are: NSDA Campus for all non-Congress competition spaces; Zoom for Friday Congress and Saturday prep area. We will update this if changes occur and provide Zoom meeting info as the tournament date approaches.
5. All asynch videos should be downloaded by 6 pm on Wednesday the 27th. We will do our best to review videos submitted prior to that point to advise coaches of any issues. Ultimately competitors and their coaches are responsible for posting a video that is accessible to judges.
6. Videos should be "one take" with no editing or post-production and congruent with KSHSAA guidelines.
7. Finalists should plan on arriving in the requisite Zoom rooms no later than 1:45 for the 2:00 start.
8. We will make a live doc available and will post updates to it as events warrant. It is advisable for everybody--coaches, judges, and competitors--to check the live doc regularly and to seek answers to their questions there first.

EVENT-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

1. Congress competitors will debate the Jaunary 2021 NSDA packet (which is also the TTNSDA preliminary packet). Precedence resets at the break; results based on scorer ballots. PO scored hourly and medal-eligible.
2. LD/PFD kids should follow policy procedures--show up early, use email chains, etc. We won't do "tech time" because the rounds are just too short. Jan/Feb LD topic (drones) and Feb PFD topic (West Africa)
3. Limited-prep events: prep will be a zoom room, with draw starting at 7:30 and proceeding at ten minute intervals. A fixed set of three prompts in each event will be posted via screen-share at each scheduled draw time--so every IXer in the first draw will choose from the same three topics. This means that missing draw by more than ten minutes pretty much means you can't speak. Competitors double-entered in extemp and Impromptu should expect to have first draw in extemp every round and last draw in Impromptu every round.
4. Duo: recorded videos should be split-screen. In finals, competitors may not occupy the same screen at any point prior to, during, or after the performance.

JUDGE OBLIGATIONS

Your host schools have microscopic squads and we're hosting an event with no geographical boundaries, which means we have no idea how large a field to expect.Ensuring an adequate judge pool requires us to ask participating schools to provide judges. Here's what we're asking for.

THURSDAY ASYNCH EVENTS:

Each school competing in the asynch portion of the tournament is asked to provide **one judge per ten entries** or portion thereof (11 entries=2 judges). This individual needs to have a tabroom.com account and must be capable of judging two seventy-minute rounds at a time for their convenience between 9 am and 7 pm. If you want to use two people, that's fine; tell us in the judge notes that they should get one round only. If you post event preferences as part of your judge notes we will do our best to accommodate them.

FRIDAY LD/PFD

**One judge per two entries** or portion thereof (3 entries=2 judges). Must be tabroom-capable.

FRIDAY CONGRESS

No judge obligation.

SATURDAY LIMITED PREP

Each school competing in the synch portion must provide a **one judge per ten entries** or portion thereof for each of the three rounds--these can be the same person or different people. Expect assignment postings circa 7:15 am. Rounds at 8, 9:30, and 11. Showing up early is good, obviously. Judges not used for a given round are asked to be available as standby judges.

SATURDAY EVENT FINALS.

1:45 report time. If you had kids in the Thursday asynch rounds, we ask that you provide **one** judge. If you had kids in limited prep, we ask that you provide **one** judge. If you did both, we ask for **two** judges total.

Please make all school judges aware that we are asking for their availability but cannot guarantee that they will be used--we will (hopefully) have a small surplus. Once we are certain we don't need them, we will send a text thanking them and releasing them from their obligation.

If any of the above is impossible for you, let DuBois know and we'll work something out.