Welcome to the Rowan County Senior High School National Greatest of All Time (GOAT) Tournament for Middle Schools! This event is open to ALL middle school and elementary school students and will occur April 14-18, 2021. This tournament will be completely ONLINE and ASYNCHRONOUS, which means that students will record their performances and provide the video links on Tabroom.com. We are so excited to provide this opportunity for students and we look forward to a wonderful tournament. We truly hope that you can join us for what is guaranteed to be a tournament that is the **G**reaaaatest **Of All Tiiiiiiiime**!

Events Offered

We will be offering all 12 middle school speech events offered by the Kentucky High School Speech League (KHSSL). We will also be using KHSSL rules for these events. The 12 events are Radio Broadcasting, Declamation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Acting, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Improvisational Pairs, Original Oratory, Poetry, Prose, and Storytelling. Please see the KHSSL Handbook for event guidelines. All these events will be judged asynchronously (prerecorded) for all rounds. <u>All recordings and entries are due Tuesday, April 13th, at 7:00pm (EST).</u>

Entries

Students can enter as many events as they want. Each individual entry is \$6.00 and duo entries are \$12.00.

Limited Prep Events

Students are expected to use all time limits, just as if they are at a regular tournament. Competitors in Impromptu and Improv Pairs should record the prep time as well as the performance. Extemp competitors do *not* need to record their prep time. Broadcasting competitors should submit a Round 2 (Prepared News Broadcast performance).

Judge Information

Each participating institution is required to provide one qualified judge for every six (6) individual entry slots, or fraction thereof. All speech judges will be expected to be available for the preliminary rounds and out rounds (please see the schedule below). In the event you cannot provide the required number of judges, you may hire judges for \$40 each. All judges must have a linked Tabroom.com account.

<u>Awards</u>

We love to award students and schools for hard work! Therefore, we will be offering several different awards. The top six students in every event will be recognized as finalists and receive an award. We will also be recognizing and awarding non-advancing semifinalists in every event. Top novices will also be recognized and awarded in each event. Finally, we will be offering an Overall Best Speaker award for students who accumulate the most individual sweepstakes points in the tournament. We will recognize and award the top 10 overall best speakers.

With regard to school awards, we will be recognizing and awarding several schools in the following sweepstakes categories based on entry sizes: Class A (small-entry schools), Class AA (medium-entry schools), and Class AAA (large-entry schools). You may enter as many students in each event as you wish, however, the top three students in each event will count toward school sweepstakes points.

Fees

As noted above, each individual entry is \$6.00 and duo entries are \$12.00. An \$8 fee will be added to each team's invoice to cover awards postage. Please make checks payable and mail to:

Rowan County Speech Boosters c/o Kim Reeder 610 Knapp Avenue Morehead, KY 40351

| Sunday, April 11th, at 12:00pm | Limited Prep Topics Released on Tabroom |
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| Tuesday, April 13th, at 7:00pm | All entries and video recordings due on Tabroom |
| Wednesday, April 14th, at 12:00pm Friday, April 16th, at 12:00pm | Preliminary rounds for all events |
| Friday, April 16th, at 2:00pm Saturday, April 17th, at 12:00pm | Semifinals for all events (Quarterfinals, if necessary) |
| Saturday, April 17th, at 2:00pm Sunday, April 18th, at 12:00pm | Finals for all events |
| Sunday, April 18th, at 7:00pm | Live Awards Ceremony |

Tentative Schedule

All times are in EST

We look forward to a wonderful tournament! We think this tournament will be the **G**reatest **O**f **A**II **T**ime! If you have any questions at all, please contact us!

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