

Dear Coaches:

You are cordially invited to the **Larry A. Ryle High School VIRTUALLY Haunted Invitational - a NIETOC qualifier!** We are delighted to host one of the first tournaments of the season, and hope that you will come out to join us for a spooky good time from the safety of your locations on **Saturday, October 30th (with some asynchronous judging a few days before).**

**This will be a NSDA Campus tournament --
ALL participants (students, judges, etc) must have an account on Tabroom.com.**

All times in this invitation are in EASTERN. The full schedule is broken down into US time zones.

CATEGORIES

We will be offering all KHSSL speech and debate events. Please visit the [KHSSL handbook](#) for rules. Speech events (IE) will run asynchronously (recorded videos) and debate will run synchronously (live).

ENTRIES

We will be offering **unlimited** entries; however, only the top three scores in each event will count toward sweepstakes. Students may **triple in asynchronous events AND single in synchronous events**. Thus, you could have a student quad entry (ie. OO/informative/storytelling/LD).

DEADLINE is 11 pm Eastern on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH.

Adds will be allowed based on space left in rounds and judging quota. Substitutions are free. You may make substitutions and drop students online until Tuesday, October 26th at noon, as well as upload any video links until then.

JUDGES

You must provide one judge for every FIVE congress/IE entries or fraction thereof; 5 entries = one judge, 6 entries = 2 judges, etc. Remember that Duo Interpretation and Improvisational Duo count as 1 entry here. LD/PF/CX: you must provide one judge for every TWO entries or fraction thereof. In the event you cannot provide the required number of judges, you may hire judges for \$30 each. Schools must provide at least one judge and can only hire two judges. We want your judges, not your money! Any judging drops will be charged \$50 each. Your judges should be familiar with the KHSSL rules and ballots. Please note that there will be **three judge pools** -- one for LD/PF/CX, one for IE, and one for Congress. ***Schools entered in synchronous events may use a judge in both the IE pool and a debate pool. If you do so, those judges must meet their judging requirements in both pools.***

COST

School fee = \$10
Single entries = \$6
Double entries = \$12 (PF, CX, Duo Interp, Duo Improv)
Entry drops/adds after deadline = \$10 single/\$20 double
Unfulfilled judge burden = \$30 per judge
Judge drops = \$50
Judge no-show = \$30 per round

AWARDS

We will be presenting medals for the top six performers in each speech event. We will present medals for the top four entries in all debate events. Speaker award certificates will be given based on the number of entries. We will be offering separate debate (LD/PF/Congress/CX) and speech (IE) sweepstakes awards.

Plaques will be awarded to the top 3 schools in each. Awards will be mailed to schools upon completion of the tournament and collection of fees.

NIETOC QUALIFYING

We are proud to again be a NIETOC bid tournament! Top placing entries in DI, HI, Duo, Oratory, Informative, POI, and Extemp will earn a bid for the NIETOC, which will be held May 12-15 in Texas. Go to www.nietoc.com for more information.

PLATFORM

We will be using NSDA Campus for synchronous competition, which is integrated with Tabroom.com. Asynchronous competition will be judged via Tabroom.com. You can refer to the [KHSSL virtual best practices guide](#) or the [NSDA website](#) to familiarize yourself with this platform.

ASYNCHRONOUS SPEECH EVENTS

Teams will submit one video link per entry that will be used for the entire tournament. Please ensure that YouTube links are marked unlisted, and if using Google Drive, Dropbox, etc. permissions are set so that **anyone** with the link can view. Duo Interpretation and Improv Duo videos must be split-screen. Refer to the [KHSSL virtual best practices guide](#) for tips on recording and submitting videos. Topics for limited prep events will be released on Monday, October 25th at 4pm. Video links must be added to entries by noon on Tuesday, October 26th.

SYNCHRONOUS DEBATE EVENTS

Ryle students will **only** be entered in debate events if entries are needed to create suitable competition for everyone involved. Congress will be held if we have a minimum of 8 non-Ryle students. We will host policy debate if there are at least 2 entries. Ryle students who are entered will be eligible for individual awards but not for sweepstakes. We will be using current topics; novice LD will be using the modest novice topic.

New this year for LD/PF: unless entry numbers are high to warrant elimination rounds, we will run five preset preliminary rounds and determine placings using typical tiebreakers. This way, students are guaranteed more rounds of competition. We had positive experiences with this format at other out of state tournaments last year and want to bring it to this early KY tournament.

Congress legislation: Submit legislation on tabroom. Legislation will be due Sunday, October 24th at 11pm, and the packet will be released by Monday at 4pm. No more than four pieces of legislation per school.

SCHEDULE -- SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The full schedule can be viewed [here](#). Students in IE will not be attending rounds; judges can adjudicate rounds at their convenience in the allotted time period. On the synchronous schedule, we tried to build in small breaks. Our awards ceremony will be live.

COSTUME CONTEST

Win prizes! All participants can compete in our annual costume contest before awards to celebrate Halloween. Please encourage your students to dress up and submit their photos by Tuesday, October 26th at 11pm. Coaches/judges, you can get in on the action as well! A voting link will be sent to all, and the winners will be announced at our awards ceremony.

HOW TO ENTER

Please register online at <http://rylehaunted.tabroom.com>. Registration is now open. If you have any questions regarding the process, please let me know. Hope to see you the last weekend in October!

Happy Speechoween,
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