



Dear Coaches:

We hope that you and your team will join us for this year's asynchronous Patriot Winter Classic Jr. High Speech Tournament. We've been hosting this tournament on the first weekend of December for the past 25 years, and not even a pandemic can stop us from continuing this tradition. Though this is not how we prefer to host, and we truly miss the lively, Saturday, in-person atmosphere, we recognize that safety during these times is important, and we get to hear from teams much further away than we could have ever hoped. Thank you for choosing to participate in our tournament!

-Bria Stacy and the Coaches and Students of the KCC Speech Team

Events Offered:

- Broadcasting
- Declamation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Duo Acting
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Humorous Interpretation
- Impromptu Speaking
- Improvisational Duo
- Oratory
- Poetry
- Prose
- Storytelling

See the [KHSSL Handbook](#) for Kentucky rules, time limits, etc. Broadcasting will use Round 2 format and will not be treated as a Limited Prep event.

Registration and videos are all due by 8 PM Tuesday, November 30th.

Limited Prep:

Extemp, Impromptu, and Improv Duo topics will be released at 1pm Saturday, November 27th. Students are expected to use the time limits accordingly. Impromptu and Improv Duo should film prep time as well as performances. Extempers do not need to film prep time and may use Internet searches but may not consult human beings by any means in preparation. Improv Duo must be filmed in separate rooms per the KHSSL rules for virtual competition.

Also, please note that Broadcasting will follow a round 2 (student prepared script) format and will not be treated as a limited prep event.

Video Info:

All videos (including the three limited prep events above) MUST be uploaded by 8 PM Tuesday, November 30th. Student video links should be set to “anyone with the link” can view. Or, if Youtube is utilized, the video must be marked as “Unlisted”. Upload student video links to Tabroom through the “Entries” tab. There will be only one video uploaded, and it will be used for all rounds (Prelims AND Finals). No sweat! No fuss!

Schedule:

- Prelims will be judged 8 AM Wednesday to 9 PM Thursday.
- Finals will be judged 6 PM Friday to 12 PM Saturday.
- Awards will be announced at 6 PM Saturday via video link, or as close to 6 PM as possible.
- All times Eastern Standard Time.

VIRTUAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

1 PM SAT 11/27 LIMITED PREP TOPICS RELEASED

8 PM TUES 11/30 REGISTRATION AND VIDEO UPLOAD DEADLINE

8 AM WED 12/1 ALL PRELIM ROUND JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS RELEASED

9 PM THU 12/2 ALL PRELIM ROUND BALLOTS DUE.

6 PM FRI 12/3 FINALS POSTED/FINALS BALLOTS OPEN TO JUDGES.

12 PM SAT 12/4 ALL FINAL ROUND BALLOTS DUE

6-7 PM SAT 12/4 AWARDS RELEASED ONLINE (EXPECT A VIDEO TO WATCH)

ASAP MAIL CHECKS TO COVER TOURNAMENT FEES. ASAP AFTER CONCLUSION OF TOURNAMENT & RECEIPT OF MOOLAH = AWARDS MAILED.

Moolah and Judges

- Fees: \$6 per competitor per event.

A \$10 fee will be added to each team's invoice to cover awards postage.

Judge hires \$50. I would rather have your judges than your money!

- Judges: Judge quota is one per six entries or fraction thereof; (7 entries = 2 judges, 13 entries = 3) hires are \$50. Judges must be available for Prelims AND Finals. Judges should be familiar with KHSSL rules and ballots.

Judges must have a Tabroom account before you register them.

Make checks payable and mail to:

Knott County Central High School Speech & Debate Team

76 Patriot Lane

Hindman, KY 41822

W-9 form available upon request.

Drop/Add:

- \$10 per competitor per event nuisance fee + registration fee for drops after 8 PM Tuesday 11/30.
- Judge quotas do NOT change when drops are made.
- Dropped judges are \$50 and lots of mean looks long distance.
- No adds after 8 PM Tuesday 11/30.

Entries:

- Teams may enter an unlimited number of students in each event.
- Students may enter as many events as they wish to enter.
- Only the top 3 students on each team in each event count towards sweepstakes.
- Duo Acting and Improv Duo entries MUST film on separate screens and should both be visible on screen at all times – even if they live in the same house – just to keep everything fair to everyone.

Awards:

- Team sweepstakes awards will be plaques mailed to your schools. Top 6 teams will be recognized and top 3 teams receive a plaque.
- The top 6 finishers in each event will receive a Patriot Winter Classic Ornament with their placing on them, keep them forever, hang them on your tree every year and celebrate your speech success during the holiday season! And, if you don't participate in the whole tree thing, hang them in your room!
- Awards will be mailed after completion of the tournament and receipt of your team's entry fees.

More Information for You:

Tabroom.com

- Coaches, competitors, and judges need Tabroom.com accounts for registration, online

ballots, and video links for asynchronous events. See making a Tabroom.com account <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyTgMwhRJpo>

- Judges will use Tabroom.com to access their ballots. And, after the tournament is over, students can see their ballots on Tabroom.com and use those comments from their judges to help them improve their performances.

Asynchronous Tournaments & Students

Once a student submits a video to their coach for an asynchronous tournament, there isn't anything else students need to do except watch out for awards and look at ballots at the tournament's conclusion.

KHSSL Resources for You

- [KHSSL Best Practices for Virtual Tournaments](#); you can probably guess what this is about.
- [Filming Students for Video Competitions](#) (video from KESDA)--How to Best Film Yourself guide for students filming competition videos -- a new video (that's lots of fun plus very useful) plus [some text suggestions](#) from the fine folks at KESDA -- thanks y'all.
- [KHSSL Video for Judging Virtual Tournaments](#)--Judges, be sure to watch this!

Tech Tips

#1 For judging, you can use 2 devices: 1 for the video & 1 for your ballots. You can log into Tabroom on each device. Or you can use a desktop computer, open 2 tabs and position them so you can see the video (one tab) & type on the other one.

#2 When judging, try to use a fairly large screen to watch the videos. If you're trying to watch videos on a phone, you may be losing facial expressions, etc. because the screen is so small.

#3 KHSSL rules require that cameras stay still when filming; competitors may move around as they wish in the camera frame.

Tournament Director Contact Info:

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Please don't be shy to email questions about rules or events or how the tournament will work. This is going to be a great event for your speechies!!!!