

Welcome to the Murray Middle Invitational ONLINE Speech Tournament! With COVID-19 spread still of great concern, our tournament will be totally ASYNCHRONOUS. So, we look forward to having you VIRTUALLY join us! Entry fees for the competition will be \$7 each (\$14 for Duo and Improv Duo entries). Schools will be allowed to enter students into as many events as they wish to enter. SCHOOLS MUST SUPPLY THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF JUDGES AND THOSE JUDGES MUST MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS.

Teams are required to provide 1 judge for every 6 entries into the competition. Teams will be assessed fines as indicated by the tabroom.com website if they drop entries the day of the tournament and/or do not have the promised judges as entered into tabroom.com.

### **Platform**

We will be using Tabroom.com for competition. Preliminary AND final rounds will be pre-recorded. All judges will need to have registered on Tabroom.com and have technology available to effectively compete judge rounds.

### **Events**

The tournaments will host the following fourteen Forensics events will following the Kentucky High School Speech League (KHSSL) rules for competition:

### **Speech Events**

Preliminary rounds will be judged asynchronously using pre-recorded performances January 5th & 6th and finals will be judged asynchronously January 7th & 8th.

Recordings are due in Tabroom by Tuesday, January 4th at 7pm CENTRAL TIME. Student recordings should include the entire view of the student with good sound and lighting in the performance. The recording device should be stationary for the entire performance. The link can be shared by pasting the link in the 'Link' section of their entry when you register them in Tabroom.

- [Declamation](#)
- [Dramatic Interpretation](#)
- [Duo Acting](#)
- [Humorous Interpretation](#)
- [Oratory](#)
- [Poetry](#)
- [Prose](#)
- [Storytelling](#)

### **Limited Prep**

Limited Prep prompts released to coaches on Sunday, November 7th at NOON CENTRAL TIME. Registration and performances are due by Monday, November 8th at 7pm CENTRAL TIME. Students and coaches should respect the integrity and prep time rules for this event. Performances should be recorded once and utilize only the amount of prep time reserved per event rules. Impromptu and Improv prep must be recorded. Broadcasting will be competing using a prepared script for round 2. Student recordings should include the entire view of the student with good sound and lighting in the performance. The recording device should be stationary for the entire performance. The link can be shared by pasting the link in the 'Link' section of their entry when you register them in Tabroom.

- [Extemporaneous Speaking](#)
- [Impromptu Speaking](#)
- [Improvisational Duo](#)
- [Broadcasting](#)

### **Entries**

Performances will be pre-recorded (due Tuesday, January 4th at 7pm CENTRAL) and the same recordings will be used for both prelims and finals. Teams may have unlimited entries, but coaches must have judges at the ready to fulfill their obligations. We will work together to keep the tournament running smoothly and on time.

### **Entry Fees**

Students entered into individual events will pay a fee of \$7 per entry. Duo Interp and Improv Duo entries will pay a fee of \$14 per entry.

### **Student Drop Fees**

Drops- Entry fee plus \$20 per entry after the January 4th 7pm CENTRAL deadline. Substitutions not allowed.

### **JUDGES ENTRY**

All judges should be familiar with KHSSL rules and ballots **ALL JUDGES MUST HAVE A TABROOM.COM ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO BE PLACED ON YOUR JUDGING ROSTER.** *All judges will be considered for all events and should be prepared for competition accordingly.*

Speech prelim rounds will be held asynchronously and judges may complete them anytime between January 5th and 6th. Prelim judging will close at 9pm CENTRAL on January 6th. Finals for speech events will be announced on Friday morning via Tabroom and ballots will be released for judges later that morning. Those FINAL ROUND ballots are due to be finished by 10AM CENTRAL SATURDAY MORNING.

Teams are required to provide 1 judge for every 6 entries into the competition. 6 entries = one judge, 7 entries = 2 judges, etc. Remember that Duo Interpretation and Improvisational Duo count as 1 entry here.

**We want your judges!** In the event you cannot provide the required number of judges, you may hire judges for \$50 each.

***Please email me at [michael.robinson@murray.kyschools.us](mailto:michael.robinson@murray.kyschools.us) if you have judges with special concerns. This will help with overall flow of the tournament.***

### **JUDGES DROP FEES**

Any judging drops occurring prior to will be charged \$50 for each round missed. Judging substitutions are free.

### **AWARDS**

Awards will be mailed out for the top six entries in each category AND for the top three schools in the tournament. The awards ceremony will be held in the evening at @7:30pm CENTRAL to accommodate students and parents so they may have time to eat dinner and share in the awards experience together. Get everyone around the computer to watch awards! Make some popcorn! Celebrate as a speech community and with your family in the safety of your home!

### **SCHEDULE**

**Sunday January 2nd at 12:00pm CENTRAL - Limited  
Prep prompts released to coaches**

**Tuesday January 4th at 7:00pm CT - All video  
recordings due**

**Wednesday January 5th @ 9:00am CT - Judging  
opens for prelim rounds 1-3**

**Thursday January 6th @9pm CT - Prelim rounds 1-3  
judging concludes**

**Friday January 7th morning** - Finals announcement  
and rounds released

**Saturday January 8th** - Finals ballots due by 10am  
CT. Awards will be announced online.

**Payment**

Invoices will be sent by email by the close of or shortly after the close of the invitational. Schools who will have awards mailed to them will pay an extra \$20 shipping fee. Please send your checks as follows:

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We look forward to having you join us for competition soon!

Thanks,  
Michael Robinson  
Coach, Murray High School Speech Team