

Thomas Jefferson 2023 NIETOC Invitational IE Async Tournament AKA TJS BATTLE ROYALE

Tournament Director

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Dear Coach:

You are invited to the 12th Annual Thomas Jefferson Invitational IE Async Tournament. We pride ourselves in our efficiency, ability to stay on schedule, and quality of competition. This is a district 3 qualifier in all individual events. And yes, you got it! We are definitely a Nietoc Tournament as well!, we strongly believe this will be a great opportunity for your students to win some awesome trophies (already purchased) as well as receive amazing feedback from quality judges.

SUPERVISION:

The WIAA requires the presence, at all times, of a certificated staff member from the school or district supervising your participants. You will not be allowed to compete if you do not comply with this rule.

PLEASE READ THE EVENT RULES CAREFULLY

If you are coming from out of state, you may want to consult the Washington Forensics Association Rules found here:

<https://wiaa.com/ConDocs/Con1144/201920%20Bound%20for%20State%20Regs.pdf>.

DEADLINES

REGISTRATION AND VIDEOS: Registration, and judging commitments due Tuesday, January 10th at 6pm. Thursday January 12th all asynchronous videos are due.

ASYNCHRONOUS JUDGING: On Thursday January 12th by 9pm, videos for asynchronous judging of rounds 1, 2, and 3 will be sent out. Judging will be due by Saturday 14th no later than noon. Finals will go out at 2pm and due by 6pm. And awards will be announced as the final ballots for each round are turned in. Keep in mind that this may be done earlier than expected.

ONLINE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- All IES including Extemp and Impromptu: Conducted asynchronously, upload via YouTube

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO (*Adapted from [link](#)*)

After recording the performance with the program of your choice, complete these steps

1. CREATE A YOUTUBE ACCOUNT, if you do not already have one.
2. PUBLISH YOUR VIDEO: Log in to www.youtube.com, click “upload” at the top of the front page. Upload in standard and not high definition.

3. **EDIT VIDEO DETAILS:** The title of your video should be the event followed by your name (ie PROSE-Your Name). In the description, add the TITLE of your selection, along with your NAME.
4. **EDIT VIDEO VISIBILITY:** When creating the Visibility, change the audience option from “Public” to “Unlisted” to ensure the privacy of your video; only those with a link to the video can watch. Do not make your video “Private” or “Public”
5. **Confirm Viewability:** After your video is fully uploaded, please ensure that your video has no technical issues with sound/video and that the performance is viewable from beginning to end. You might share the link with someone you trust in order to double-check that the link works.
6. Send this URL to your coach immediately so they may upload it to Tabroom.

INFORMATIVE: A speech that is designed to be informative in nature. Visual aids and note cards are permitted, but are not required. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

DRAMATIC INTERP: One or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is serious in nature. The presentation is **MEMORIZED**. Time: ten minutes maximum with 30 second’s grace.

DUAL INTERP: A cutting from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which may be either humorous or serious in nature. The selection must be memorized but given without props or costumes. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum with 30 second’s grace. Duos can be recorded in the same room or split screen.

EXTEMPORANEOUS: Thirty minutes before speaking time, each speaker will select a topic from a choice of four. Questions will be based on current events of the last three months. Speaker will be expected to organize and analyze material relevant to the subject area and answer the chosen question. One note card for novices only is permitted. Time: seven minutes (7) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace. **Although the rules and format of this event are set for a live round expectation, the purpose of making this an Async event is to give each competitor a chance to record the best speech possible for competition and feedback. Competitors in Extemp will have the opportunity to pick one topic/video for all three rounds (4 rounds if in finals) or 3 different topics/video (one per round (if in finals the video that receives the highest ranking will be what will be submitted for finals if multiple speeches per competitor have been submitted the one with the highest ranking will be the video that competes in finals.**

ORATORY: An original speech designed to persuade—that is, to change or reinforce an existing belief, to eulogize, to cause agreement with speaker’s position, or to motivate to action. Event is ten minutes (10) maximum, with 30 second’s grace.

IMPROMPTU: The student is required to record three different speeches with three different topics for three different rounds. This means three different links will need to be submitted. The video with the highest ranking will be the video that competes in finals if a student makes finals. The student will choose a topic and have six minutes to prepare and speak on the chosen topic. Time may be used in any manner the speaker chooses (example-2 minutes prep and 4 speaking or 4 minutes prep and 2 minutes speaking). Time: six minutes (6) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

HUMOROUS INTERP: One or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is humorous in nature. The presentation is **MEMORIZED**. Time: ten minutes with 30 second grace.

Programmed oral interp: At least one cutting of prose and one cutting of poetry and/or drama linked thematically. We will follow WSFA rules. Time: ten minutes maximum with thirty second's grace.

REGISTRATION AND FEES:

Registration this year will occur through the Tabroom website. Please do not email registrations unless something is wrong with the website. The deadline for registration is Thursday, January 12th at 6pm. Fees will be set on that day. Drops after that time will not be deducted from the entry fee. We want to start and end on time. Please let TAB know as soon as you know of a change.

Fee Schedule:

-School Fee:	\$ 30.00
-Each IE:	\$ 5.00
-Duo Interp Entry:	\$10.00

Make checks payable to Thomas Jefferson High School Speech and Debate.

Payment of fees may be made in advance or during registration. Acceptable methods of payment are 1) School Check. 2) School or District PO. 3) Personal Check.

JUDGING: In individual events, one judge is required for each 5 IE's (including Extemp and Impromptu) entered. One student doing two events counts as two contestants. A Dual Interp pair is counted as one entry. All judges are subjected to judge prelims and unless otherwise approved through the tournament Director. All ballots will be submitted electronically via tabroom, so please ensure judges have accounts ahead of time. We also highly recommend that judges take the NFHS judging course found [here](https://nfhslearn.com/courses/adjudicating-speech-and-debate): <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/adjudicating-speech-and-debate>

Judges may only judge 1 division of debate but may cover a teams' obligation for both asynchronous speech and limited prep. So, theoretically, a judge can cover three categories. You may also use a judge to cover both asynchronous speech and extemp and impromptu.

Time Commitments

Asynchronous speech judges must be available to judge multiple rounds between Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon via video (nothing will be live).

LIMITATIONS: NONE! Enter as many as you want especially since fees have been reduced drastically. The purpose of this tournament is to encourage all HighSchool students to participate without the pressure of being in person one last time. No audience members accept your judges. If it is not memorized, that's ok! Let's get feedback on what you have already. If the student feels like the piece can conquer the tournament, then perfect! Let's put it to the test. Did you write a speech and still not sure if it is an Oratory or Informative? That's ok! Let's test it out. Try new things (stay within the rules of course and don't present anything that you wouldn't present in front of your parents and School Principal).

AWARDS: Awards will be given to the top percent in Individual Events. Schools will receive awards no later than 3 weeks after the tournament unless otherwise informed. Schools who have earned NIETOC bids will also be informed directly from Tournament director.