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Dear Middle School Speech Coaches:

The School for the Creative and Performing Arts is pleased to invite you to its middle school speech tournament: The SCAPA Animated Speakers Tournament! We will be offering all twelve Forensics events as outlined by KHSSL. Individual students may enter up to three categories. This will be a three-round tournament, and only categories with 8 or more entries will have a finals round.

**Due to continued snow and poor road conditions, the SCAPA Animated Speakers Tournament will be held ASYNCHRONOUSLY online through Tabroom.com. We look forward to having you join us ONLINE the week of Tuesday, January 14th through Saturday, January 18th. Please read this invite carefully for recording guidelines, video submission deadlines, and judging deadlines.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie at [katherine.donohue@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:katherine.donohue@fayette.kyschools.us)

Sincerely,

Katie Donohue

SCAPA Speech Team Coach

Beth Randolph

Principal, SCAPA Bluegrass

**EVENTS**

The tournament will host the following twelve Forensics events and will follow the Kentucky High School Speech League (KHSSL) rules for competition:

● Broadcasting

● Declamation

● Dramatic Interpretation

● Duo Acting

● Extemporaneous Speaking

● Humorous Interpretation

● Impromptu Speaking

● Improvisational Duo

● Oratory

● Poetry

● Prose

● Storytelling

Information about competition guidelines for each category can be found in the [Kentucky High School Speech League handbook](https://www.khssl.org/handbook-and-constitution) and at the official [KHSSL website](https://www.khssl.org/). Also, please take time to review the KHSSL ratings guidelines as you prepare both your students and judges for competition. For new judges, please take the time to ensure they are trained and prepared for judging. Helpful materials for new judges can be found on the KHSSL website under [judging tips](https://www.khssl.org/judging) and [judge training](https://www.khssl.org/judge-training). If you have any judges new to virtual tournaments, they can check out this video for a quick tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrV3BTJP3nk>

**LIMITED PREP EVENTS**

Limited Prep prompts will be released to coaches on Friday, January 12th at noon EST. Plesae distribute the prompts to your students when they are ready to record. Registration and links to performances are due by Monday, January 13th at 9pm EST. Students and coaches should respect the integrity and prep time rules for all events. Limited prep performances should be recorded once and utilize only the amount of prep time reserved per event rules. Impromptu and Improv Duo prep must be recorded. Extemp prep should NOT be recorded. Broadcasting will be competing using a prepared script for round two. All of those same performances from prelims will be judged in finals if that category has a finals round.

**RECORDING GUIDELINES**

With the exception of Broadcasting, student recordings should include the entire view of the student (as possible) 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. It is recommended to save videos as **unlisted** YouTube videos and paste that link into Tabroom. If you decide to share a video link from a cloud server (Google Drive, Dropbox, etc.), please make sure that your link share settings are set so that **anyone with the link can view** the recording.

Recorded Video Special Note: *If a student is reading their speech or script on their video screens in any event other than Broadcasting, they risk being dropped in rank. Broadcasting is the only event where students are permitted to read from a phone, laptop, or video screen.*

**ENTRY FEES**

The cost for students to participate in individual events is **$5**, with Duo Acting and Improvisational Duo charging **$10**. Students may enter up to 3 categories. **Checks should be made out to SCAPA** and mailed to the address below as soon as possible:

**SCAPA**

**Attn: Katie Donohue**

**400 Lafayette Pkwy**

**Lexington, KY 40503**

This will be an ASYNCHRONOUS tournament and coaches must work to ensure that links are properly placed and working, and that judges are aware of deadlines for turning in ballots. This will be critical to keep the tournament running smoothly and on time.

**DEADLINES**

**All entries with links are due by 9pm EST on MONDAY, JANUARY 13th**. No additions or changes can be made after this point.

If any coaches need assistance with getting videos uploaded, please text Katie Donohue (859) 913-0575

**JUDGES**

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 Acting and Improvisational Duo count as 1 entry here. We need your judges! Any judge drops will be charged $50 each. Judge substitutions are free. Your judges should be familiar with KHSSL rules and ballots and are expected to complete their rounds in a timely manner. Please email Katie Donohue ([katherine.donohue@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:katherine.donohue@fayette.kyschools.us)) if you have judges with special concerns. This will help with overall flow of the tournament. Remember, all judges will be considered for all events and should be prepared for competition accordingly. **ALL JUDGES MUST HAVE A TABROOM.COM ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO BE REGISTERED TO JUDGE.**

**DROP FEES**

**Teams will be assessed an additional drop fee of $5 per entry after Tuesday, January 14th at 12pm EST.** If an entry does not have a working video link, it will be counted as a drop. As noted above, any judge drop will result in a $50 fine.

**AWARDS**

Certificates will be given for the top six competitors in each category – these will be mailed to the coaches at their school. Team awards will be given for the top 3 teams, and we will make arrangements with those coaches for delivering the team award.

**PLATFORM**

We will be using Tabroom.com for competition. All competitors and judges will need to have registered Tabroom.com accounts, and have technology available to effectively compete in or judge rounds. The entire tournament will be ASYNCHRONOUS, so students need to record their presentations and submit them by the entry deadline.

**ASYNCHRONOUS SCHEDULE**

Friday, January 10th - Limited Prep Topics will be released at NOON EST to coaches

Monday, January 13th - ALL entries and video links are due at 9pm EST

Tuesday, January 14th - Prelims rounds will be released to judges at NOON EST

Thursday, January 16th - All prelim rounds will end at 10pm EST

Friday, January 17th – Any categories with Finals rounds will be announced at 8am EST

Saturday January 18th – Finals rounds will end by 8pm EST

Sunday, January 19th – Awards video will be shared with coaches

**HOW TO ENTER**: Please register online at www.tabroom.com. Registration is OPEN! If you have any questions regarding the process, please let us know.

**TOURNAMENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

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