



Thank you for judging at the Kentucky Keynote!

The tournament website is here:

<http://kykeynote.tabroom.com>

Please remember that all videos you judge are the property of the students who made them and are only intended to be used for the sole purpose of online forensics competition in this educational activity. There is no other authorized use for these videos, and all links and access to student videos should be deleted once this tournament is over.

ONLINE JUDGING REFRESHER / TABROOM NAVIGATION

The coach of one of our member schools made a training video for parent judges you are welcome to view for a reminder how to use online ballots in Tabroom. It's about 13 minutes and concise and clear. Note that as our tournament is entirely asynchronous that we are NOT using Campus, just Tabroom.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrV3BTJP3nk&feature=youtu.be>

PLEASE WRITE HELPFUL BALLOTS

This tournament is a return to action for students who have had a break from contests and are revving up for the most important contests of the year soon – Regional and State tournaments plus the qualifiers to the National contests. They need input from you beyond the generic.

Please do provide praise, but also please give them advice to make their performances even better next time. Do so in a nice way – think Oreo cookie approach (compliment, suggestion, compliment).

Remember that this is an educational activity that has a competitive element. If they aren't learning something but also feeling encouraged, you need to rewrite.

JUDGING SCHEDULE

At 7 AM Eastern time on Friday all preliminary rounds will begin. When you log into Tabroom, there will be a button on the right-hand side of the screen that will only appear when judging begins to START BALLOT. You can judge at any time until 2 PM Eastern time on Saturday. You will receive ONE MORE BALLOT at 5 PM on Saturday (January 10) and can submit it any time until 8 PM on January 11 (Sunday). Failure to turn in any ballot on time costs your school \$40.

SCORING GUIDELINES

You will rank the competitors with 1 being the best, 2 being the second best, etc. You will also score them between 70 and 100. You're not required to give a score of 100 but the highest score goes to the person in first place, etc. No ties. A rubric for using the ratings points ([SNEAK PEEK HERE](#)) will appear with your ballot (as well as the rules for that event). Please use them. You can also see these plus helpful videos for each event (scroll down to see them) at the [KHSSL JUDGING TIPS](#) page. [This handout](#) can be especially helpful as well.

Please remember that many students are recording at home, and they do not necessarily have the perfect situation to record. You may certainly make suggestions, but you should also **give grace**.

TECH TIPS AND RULES

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 windows, and position them so you can see the video in one) & type on the other one (the ballot) at the same time (that's what Mr. Meadows does when he judges at a desk, and it works swell). 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.

KHSSL rules require that cameras stay still when filming; competitors may move around as they wish in the frame. They may also step out of the frame as needed. The videos should be one continuous shot – no editing or multiple cameras or close-up shots in dramatic moments or anything like that. **If you have little darlings who have obviously edited, please reach out to me.** Sometimes we also have students who are obviously reading a script offstage (in a memorized event) – just let that be a factor in your ranking to the extent that it interferes with their successful communication of the event.

AWARDS

Awards will be announced at 4 PM Eastern on Monday via video link at the [KHSSL YouTube site](#) . Results and ballots will be posted the next day. This will allow teams who wish to watch awards virtually together, families, etc. to do so and be surprised just like at a regular tournament.

LIMITED PREP EVENTS

If judging **Broadcasting, Extemporaneous Speaking or Improvisational Duo or Impromptu Speaking**, you can find the prompts at the tournament website:

<http://kykeynote.tabroom.com/>

Be aware that all Broadcasting rounds will see a Round 3 formatted script.

**QUESTIONS?
VIDEOS DON'T WORK OR HAVE WRONG EVENT?
EVENT RULES?**

After you've read over the rules in the Handbook (linked with each ballot), if you still have a question or if there's something amiss you need to alert the tournament staff about, please contact via email (khssl@khssl.org).

If you're facing an immediate deadline or if it's somehow super-urgent, please text **859/927-1100**, but please use email otherwise. Know that you can return to ballots later if you must stop mid-round.

Thanks, y'all.
Steve Meadows, KHSSL Executive Director

