



PATRIOT WINTER CLASSIC JUNIOR HIGH SPEECH TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Knott County Central High School • 76 Patriot Lane • Hindman, KY 41822

Dear Coaches, Judges, and Speechies,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the **Patriot Winter Classic Junior High Speech Tournament**, hosted at **Hindman Elementary School** on **Saturday, January 17th, 2026**. We are excited to welcome you to the mountains for a full day of spirited competition, learning, and community. We are certainly looking forward to seeing all of you and your teams!

All registration and invoices will be handled through **Tabroom.com**.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (*Tentative*)

8:00- 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30- 9:00 a.m.	Judges' Meeting
8:30- 9:00 a.m.	Extemp Draw- Flight A, Round 1
9:00- 10:15 a.m.	Flight A, Round 1
10:15- 11:30 a.m.	Flight B, Round 1
11:30- 12:00 p.m.	Extemp Dram Flight A, Round 2
12:00- 1:15 p.m.	Flight A, Round 2
1:15- 2:30 p.m.	Flight B, Round 2
2:30- 3:00 p.m.	Extemp Draw- Flight A, Round 3
3:00- 4:15 p.m.	Flight A, Round 3
4:15- 5:30 p.m.	Finals (All Events)
6:00 p.m.	Awards

Times may be adjusted slightly based on final entry numbers and room/judge availability. Any changes will be communicated through Tabroom and at registration.

EVENTS & FLIGHTING

The **Patriot Winter Classic** will offer all 12 KHSSL Junior High individual speech events, following current **KHSSL rules and guidelines**. Please consult the KHSSL Handbook for full event descriptions and rules. <https://www.khssl.org/handbook-and-constitution>

Flight A

- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Humorous Interpretation
- Prose
- Declamation
- Impromptu Speaking

- Duo Acting

Flight B

- Broadcasting
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Duo Improvisational
- Storytelling
- Poetry
- Oratory

ENTRIES & MULTIPLE ENTRY RULES

- The tournament is open to **Junior High competitors only**.
- Students may enter **up to two (2) events per flight**.
- There are **no entry caps per event or per school**.
- For team sweepstakes, **only the top three (3) entries in each category from each school** will count.
- **Substitutions** may be made the morning of the competition at registration.

TOURNAMENT FEES

- **Single event entry:** \$6.00
- **Double entry (Duo Acting, Duo Improvisational):** \$12.00 per team

Late Drops (after the posted deadline on Tabroom):

- \$10.00 per single event
- \$20.00 per duo event

Schools are financially responsible for all entries and judges on the Tabroom roster as of the drop deadline.

JUDGES

- Each school is required to provide **one (1) judge for every six (6) entries or fraction thereof.**
 - Example: 6 entries = 1 judge; 7 entries = 2 judges.
- **Judge Hire Fee:** \$40.00 per uncovered judge
- **Dropped Judge Fee:** \$50.00 per judge dropped after the deadline

We would much rather have your judges than your money!

Judge Expectations

- All judges should be familiar with **KHSSL rules and ballots.**
- **All judges must have a Tabroom.com account** and be linked to your school on Tabroom.
- Judges are expected to bring a **charged device** (laptop or tablet preferred) to complete online ballots; judging on a phone is strongly discouraged.
- Judges should attend the **judges' meeting at 8:30 a.m.** to receive final instructions and room assignments.

RULES

The Patriot Winter Classic will follow **all KHSSL rules** for junior high speech events, including time limits, use of manuscripts, and restrictions on materials.

AWARDS

- **Medals** will be awarded to competitors placing **1st through 6th** in each event.
- **“Next-Out” awards** will be given for **7th place** in each event where entry numbers allow.
- **Sweepstakes trophies** will be awarded to the top-performing schools.

LUNCH & CONCESSIONS

A **full concession stand** will be available on site for students and guests, featuring items such as hot dogs, nachos, chili-in-a-bag, snacks, and drinks. Concessions will be **cash only**.

A **hospitality room** will be provided for **judges, coaches, and bus drivers**, and we intend to keep you happily fed and caffeinated throughout the day.

DUCKY ADOPTION: COMMUNITY-BUILDING ACTIVITY

We are excited to introduce a fun new community-building event at this year's Patriot Winter Classic—our **Ducky Adoption Station!**

Students may “adopt” a rubber ducky for **\$1**. Each duck will feature **one half of a two-part word** (example: one duck reads *Snow*, the other reads *Flake*). Throughout the day, students will have the opportunity to **find the speechie who has the matching half of their word**.

This activity encourages:

- cross-team mingling
- meeting new friends
- practicing communication
- building a welcoming, collaborative atmosphere

All proceeds go toward supporting the Knott County Central Speech Team.

We hope your students will participate and enjoy this lighthearted way to connect with fellow competitors!

ACCESSIBILITY & ACCOMMODATIONS

We strive to host an **inclusive and accessible tournament** where all students and adults can fully participate.

- Coaches may note **accessibility needs or room requests** for students and judges in Tabroom and/or by email.
- We ask teams to be mindful of **common allergens and strong scents** in shared spaces.

If you or your students require specific accommodations, please contact:

Bria Stacy – Tournament Director
✉ bria.stacy@knott.kyschools.us

REGISTRATION & DEADLINES

All registrations and drops should be submitted through **Tabroom.com** on the **Patriot Winter Classic** tournament page.

- **Entries Due:**
 - **Tuesday, January 13th, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. EST**
- **Drops without penalty allowed until:**
 - **Wednesday, January 14th, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. EST**

Late drops after this time will incur the **late drop fees** listed above.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please bring payment with you to registration, or mail it in advance so that it arrives by tournament day.

Checks should be made payable to:
Knott County Central Speech Team (KCCHS Speech Team)

If your school requires a W-9 or invoice prior to payment, please contact us by email.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions before or during the tournament, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Bria Stacy

Coach, Knott County Central High School

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☎ 606-438-6500 (Text messaging preferred the day of the competition.)

We are thrilled to welcome you back to Hindman for another year of competition at the **Patriot Winter Classic**. Thank you for all you do to support speech and debate in Kentucky—we can't wait to see you and your students on **Saturday, January 17th, 2026!**

Warmly,

Bria Stacy

On behalf of the Knott County Central Speech Team