



ROWAN COUNTY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Junior High and Middle School Speech Team Coaches,

The Rowan County Senior High School Speech Team and Boosters are pleased to announce the first annual Harlen Hamm Junior Invitational on October 31, 2015! We are so excited to begin hosting this tournament on the junior level. Harlen Hamm, our tournament's namesake and longtime professor and coach at University Breckenridge School and Morehead State University, always advocated for communication instruction at all educational levels. In recognition of this, we host this tournament in homage to his legacy and lifetime commitment to this activity.

THEME

We will be having a Halloween-themed tournament! Bags of candy will be distributed, the cafeteria will be decorated, and all Rowan County Senior HS team members and coaches will be dressed in costumes. We will also tell ghost stories before the awards ceremony!

HOW TO ENTER

The tournament will be managed and tabulated through Tabroom.com. The tournament website is www.harlenhammjunior.tabroom.com. If a coach needs assistance with the website and getting his or her team registered, don't hesitate to ask! Please have entries completed on the website by 5:00pm on Wednesday, October 28. Drop and add fees will apply after this time!

EVENTS AND ENTRIES

All KHSSL-sanctioned speech events will be offered. To see event rules, go to www.khssl.org/the-handbook and select the link to see the KHSSL handbook. Teams will be allowed to send unlimited entries in each event, but only the top three will count towards sweepstakes points. Each student can enter up to three events.

JUDGES

Teams need to provide one judge for every six entries (six entries equal one judge, seven entries equal two judges, etc). Each judge missing from a team's quota will cost \$30. Please make sure all judges are familiar with the most current KHSSL event rules.

FEES

Single events will cost \$5 each. Partnered events will cost \$10 each. Dropped or added entries made after the online registration deadline has passed will cost \$5 plus the original entry fee. Each team will be allowed four total student substitutions and each substitution made after four will cost \$5 each. A dropped judge will cost \$50.

FOOD

A hospitality room will be provided for all adults. Competitors will have a concession area in the cafeteria.

AWARDS

All finalists in each event will receive medals. Each top non-advancing novice in each event will receive a certificate as will any semifinalist. The top three schools in sweepstakes points will receive trophies. The student who scores the most sweepstakes points for his or her team will be awarded the Harlen Hamm Individual Sweepstakes Award regardless of event type entered.

LOCATION

Rowan County Senior High is located at 499 Viking Drive, Morehead, KY 40351. Morehead is situated on I-64, roughly one hour east of Lexington, two hours east of Louisville, two hours southeast of Florence, and two hours northwest of Hazard. [Here](#) is a link to our location on Google Maps.

SCHEDULE:

Every effort will be made to hold a three prelim round tournament. In the event that the tournament becomes too large to be able to have three prelim rounds, the tournament will be converted to a flighted two-round competition with a semifinal round of the top 12 students in all events with significant entry numbers. The following are the proposed and alternate schedules. You will be informed of which we will be using on Wednesday, October 28.

Proposed Schedule

7:00-8:00am: Registration
8:00-8:30am: Extemp Draw/Judge Meeting
8:30-9:45am: Round 1
9:45-10:15am: Extemp Draw
10:15am-11:30pm: Round 2
11:30am-12:00pm: Lunch
12:00-12:30pm: Extemp/Broadcast Draw
12:30-1:45pm: Round 3
2:15-2:45pm: Extemp/Broadcast Draw
2:45-4:00pm: Final Round
4:30pm (or sooner): Awards

Alternate Schedule

7:00-7:45am: Registration
7:45-8:15am: Extemp Draw/Judge Meeting
8:15-9:30am: Round 1 Flight A (events TBA)
9:30-10:45am: Round 1 Flight B (events TBA)
10:45-11:15am: Extemp Draw
11:15am-12:30pm: Round 2 Flight A
12:30-1:45pm: Round 2 Flight B
1:45-2:15pm: Extemp/Broadcast Draw
2:15-3:30pm: Semifinal Round
3:45-4:15pm: Extemp/Broadcast Draw
4:15-5:30pm: Final Round
6:00pm (or sooner): Awards

CONTACT

You may contact Ryan Brown anytime via email at ryan.brown@rowan.kyschools.us or by cellphone at 606-776-5089. Email is the best way to communicate!

Thanks for adding the Harlen Hamm Junior Invitational to your competition schedule! We look forward to seeing you in Morehead on October 31!

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