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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.

We intend to host a three-round tournament, however, we do have a limited number of rooms, so depending on the size of the tournament, we may have to switch to a two-round flighted schedule. If that happens, we will let you know. We look forward to having you join us at SCAPA Middle School on Saturday, January 9th, 2027.

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

- Declamation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Duo Acting
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Humorous Interpretation
- Impromptu Speaking
- Improvisational Duo
- Oratory
- Poetry
- Prose
- Radio Broadcasting
- Storytelling

Information about competition guidelines for each category can be found in the Kentucky High School Speech League handbook and at the official KHSSL website. 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 and judge training.

ENTRY FEES

The cost for students to participate in individual events is **$6**, with Duo Acting and Improvisational Duo charging **$12**. Students may enter into up to three categories. **Checks should be made out to SCAPA** and must be turned in at registration the morning of the tournament.

DEADLINES

All entries are due in Tabroom by 10pm EST on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2026. No additions or changes can be made after this point.

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 be available to pick up a round of competition if another judge drops their round (up to three prelim rounds and one final round). Please email Katie Donohue (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 – WE WILL BE USING ONLINE BALLOTS.**

DROP FEES

Teams will be assessed an additional drop fee of $5 per entry after Friday, January 9th at 10pm EST. As noted above, any judge drop will result in a $50 fine.

AWARDS

Awards will be given for the top six competitors in each category. Team awards will be given as well.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

7:45-8:30	Registration
8:45	Opening Assembly
9:00	Round 1 (Extemp Draw at 8:30 am)
10:30	Round 2 (Extemp Draw at 10:00 am)
12:30	Round 3 (Extemp Draw at 12:00pm)
2:30	Finals Posted for Broadcasting & Extemp
3:00	Finals Posted for all other events & begin immediately
5:30	Awards

FOOD

Individually packaged snacks and beverages will be available for purchase at the tournament, and we will either have pizza or a local food truck available for lunch – we will confirm the lunch food situation the week of the tournament (if you have a strong preference between the two options, let us know). We will also have a Judges' Lounge with food available for our coaches and judges.

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. See you on January 9th!

TOURNAMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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