



*Gray Middle School  
Don't Be A Scrooge  
Invitational*



Dear Middle School Speech Coaches,

Gray Middle School is proud to sponsor our third Jr Division Speech tournament. We would like to extend an invitation to our tournament to all middle schools. **We are also offering Novice Public Forum Debate for the first time.** Any middle school or 9<sup>th</sup> grade novice public forum teams are invited to attend our tournament. The tournament will take place on **December 16, 2017.** This year, since it is Christmas, we are proud to honor a tradition of giving here in Boone County. Our theme is Don't Be A Scrooge. We will be collecting toys for Toys for Tots. Bring a new or gently used toy to support this wonderful organization! The team that brings in the most toys will get a prize! There will be a box by the registration desk to put them in.

### **CATEGORIES**

All middle school/KHSSL Jr. events will be offered. Students may be triple entered, but not be tripled in a single flight. It is not recommended that a student triple in more than two limited prep events, as rounds will not be held up for any student who is behind. Novice Public Forum will also be offered and rounds will run throughout the day.

**Flight A:** Broadcasting, Declamation, Duo Acting, Improvisational Duo, Poetry, and Original Oratory

**Flight B:** Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous/Dramatic Interpretation, Prose, Impromptu, Solo Acting, and Storytelling

### **AWARDS**

We will honor the top 6 speech performers in every category with a medal, and a “next out” award will be given to the 7<sup>th</sup> place competitor in each category.

We will honor the top 3 overall teams with Sweepstakes trophies, as well as recognizing the top 3 small schools who have 20 entries or less.

Novice Public Forum: We will honor the top 10 Speakers with medals and the top 2 debate teams with trophies.

### **ENTRIES**

Teams are welcome to enter an unlimited amount of students in each event, provided no student is more than double entered in any single flight. Only the top 3 students in each event will count towards sweepstakes. Each entry will be \$5, with Duo Acting and Duo Improv entries at \$10. **The deadline for entries will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Drop fees will be assessed and enforced after this time, \$10 per drop.**

**Only 5 name changes will be assessed at no cost the morning of the tournament - after 5 changes, a \$5 nuisance fee per name change will be assessed.**

**Checks will need to be made to the order of: Gray Middle School.**

### **JUDGES**

You must provide one judge for every 6 IE or congress entries or fraction thereof; 6 entries = one judge, 7 entries = 2 judges, etc. Remember that Duo Interpretation and Improvisational Duo count as 1 entry here. We want your judges! **Novice PF: you must provide one judge for every TWO entries or fraction thereof.** (1 team of 2 kids = 1 entry). In the event you cannot provide the required number of judges, you may hire judges for \$30 each. Schools must provide at least one judge. Any judging drops will be charged \$50 each. Your judges should be familiar with the KHSSL rules and ballots. Of course, there will be lots of goodies in our hospitality room for coaches, judges, and drivers! *Please email me if you have judges in the IE pool that can judge debate or vice versa, including congress. This will help with overall flow of the tournament.*

A hospitality room will be available for coaches, judges, volunteers, and bus drivers.

### **REGISTRATION**

Entering/registering will be on tabroom.com. Select the KY league, register your school, and then register for the Gray Middle School Don't Be A Scrooge Invitational.

Feel free to email me any questions at [lisa.edmonds@boone.kyschools.us](mailto:lisa.edmonds@boone.kyschools.us) or you can text me at 513-227-6228.

## **FOOD**

A variety of muffins, breakfast bars, fruit and juice will be available for purchase for breakfast. Pizza will be available for purchase, along with soft drinks, water, snacks, and candy for lunch.

## **ADDRESS & DIRECTIONS**

Ryle High School  
10379 Hwy 42  
Union, KY 41091

Ryle High School is located at 10379 US 42 in Union, KY. You can plug it into your chosen direction-giving program, but it is super easy to locate:

**From the South/Louisville:** Take 75/71 N to the Union/Florence exit (180). Turn right off the exit onto US 42. Continue on this road through Florence and into Union. Ryle High School will be on the right. You can turn right either at the light directly before the school or after the school.

**From the North/Cincinnati:** Take 75/71 S to the Union/Florence exit (180). Turn left off the exit and follow directions from the south.

## **SPEECH SCHEDULE**

7 AM to 8AM      Registration  
8:30 AM      Flight A Round I  
9:30 AM      Extemp Draw  
10:00 AM      Flight B Round I  
11:30 AM      Flight A Round II  
12:30 PM      Extemp Draw  
1:00 PM      Flight B Round II  
3:00 PM      Extemp and Broadcasting draw - Finals  
3:30 PM      Finals for all events  
5:30 PM      Awards

## **DEBATE SCHEDULE**

7AM to 8AM      Registration  
8:30              Round I  
10:00             Round II  
11:30             Round III  
1:00               Round IV

Runoff Rounds if needed.