

THE 2020 HALLOWEEN SWING
DO UN-O WHO DOANE IT?
ACT I & ACT II

Hello friends and colleagues,

Together, the University of Nebraska Omaha and Doane University welcome you to the 9th annual Halloween Swing, held in the virtual world, October 21st-23rd and Oct. 24th, 2020. We will offer one asynchronous and one synchronous tournament of competition in all eleven AFA individual events. We look forward to providing you with an engaging tournament in an inviting online atmosphere. We can't wait to see you online!

This year, the Halloween Swing is proud to present *Murder Mystery: Do UN-O who DOANE it? Act I & Act II*. We hope you enjoy the videos, awards, and activities we have planned for your teams to celebrate Halloween, a little early.

We will use SpeechWire for registration and tabulation for both tournaments. To register, please visit <http://www.speechwire.com/>. You can find more information about Act I and Act II, below. Thank you for being patient while you may notice some repetition across the two tournament descriptions. While this is a swing tournament, we want all similarities and differences between the asynchronous and synchronous tournaments to be clear.

If you have questions or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Warm regards,

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The 2020 Halloween Swing will follow all AFA-NST rules.

A reminder of AFA's *new* rules for online tournaments:

- One Camera, One Mic
- Duo partners must perform in separate rooms (we empathize with the difficulties this brings, but we want all duos competing to be eligible for AFA qualifications, and safe)
- No live audiences in the same room as the performer
- Students may not use topics/scripts they have used prior to the '21 season.

All submitted videos and in-round performances require two party consent for any sort of recording.

DO UN-O WHO DOANE IT? ACT 1 - Asynchronous Tournament

Registration:

One judge is required for every 6 entries. All judges are expected to be knowledgeable of updated rules.

As with previous years, entries are \$8 per slot and \$12 per uncovered slot. Fees will be assessed on the basis of entries and video links received as of Tuesday, October 20th @ 6pm. Once you have received your finalized fee sheet:

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Schedule:

Two preliminary rounds (one judge per round, unless an event has 7 or less and goes straight to finals)

Tuesday October 20th @ 6pm: Video Links due to Speechwire

Weds. October 21st - Thurs. Oct. 22nd @ 4pm: Judging of Prelims

Thursday Oct. 22nd @ 6pm: FINALS ANNOUNCED!

Thursday PM - Friday @ 4pm: Judging of Finals (same videos will be used)

Friday, October 23rd @ 5:30pm: Live Awards Ceremony and Activities (casual dress)

Video Submission:

One video submission per student event will be used for all rounds. Judges will be made aware that final round videos are the same submission as prelim videos.

Please upload individual events to Youtube, *unlisted* and include the student's full name and event in the "title" of the youtube video. Links must be provided with entries, no later than Tuesday, Oct. 20th, 6pm. All entries are final.

*The tournament reserves the right to institute and utilize team event caps based on the number of teams and number of entries at the registration deadline.

Special Needs:

If you have a student or coach with special needs, please let us know. We will be happy to provide accommodations.

LP Prompts:

2 quotations and multiple *domestic social* extemp questions will be posted to the tournament's speechwire page at 8am on Monday, Oct. 20th. LP videos must be submitted no later than 6pm on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd. We trust all students and coaches to adhere to Limited Prep guidelines and honor code for preparation. Ext prep does not need to be included in the performance video. However, **please include prep time in all Impromptu videos** (this can make starting the video camera easier for students, and assessing time allocation possible for judging). All Imp judges will be reminded to allow an initial 15 seconds for competitors to read the quotations, before beginning time.

Awards:

Awards will be given for 1st-6th place and top novice in each event. Novice designates students with no intercollegiate forensics experience prior to the Fall 2020 semester. First, second, and third place awards will be given in individual and team sweepstakes at each half of the tournament.

Team Sweepstakes:

Team points will be awarded according to a student's placement in final rounds (10 points for 1st place, 8 points for 2nd place, 6 points for 3rd place, 4 points for 4th place, 2 points for 5th place, 1 point for 6th place, and ½ point for 7th place and below). Contestants tied in preliminary rank and rate will advance to finals. Placing in final rounds will be determined by predominance of 1's, followed by lowest cumulative rank. Ties in rank will be broken on: judges' preference, reciprocals, and then cumulative speaker points. Ties in team points will be broken on the number of finals, followed by the highest number of finishes in finals (1st's, 2nd's, 3rd's, etc.).

Individual Sweepstakes:

Individual sweepstakes is open to all competitors. Individual sweepstakes points mirror the system for determining team points. Ties in individual sweepstakes will be broken on the number of finals, followed by the highest number of finishes in finals (1st's, 2nd's, 3rd's, etc.).

DO UN-O WHO DOANE IT? ACT II: Synchronous Tournament

Flight information:

Students may enter up to three events per flight.

Flight A:

Communication Analysis
Dramatic Duo
Extemporaneous
Informative Speaking
Program of Oral Interpretation
Prose Interpretation

Flight B:

After-Dinner Speaking
Dramatic Interpretation
Impromptu Speaking
Persuasive Speaking
Poetry Interpretation

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Tournament Schedule using 8x8/Jitsi:

8:15 a.m.	Auditorium Briefing
8:30 a.m.	Extemp Draw for Round I
9:00 a.m.	Round I A
10:15 a.m.	Round I B
11:15 a.m.	Lunch
12:00 p.m.	Extemp Draw for Round II
12:30 p.m.	Round II A
1:45 p.m.	Round II B
2:45 p.m.	Extemp Draw for Finals
3:15 p.m.	Finals for A Events
4:30 p.m.	Finals for B Events
ASAP	Awards

Friday, Oct. 23rd - links to the Auditorium Room, Extemp Prep, Limited Prep Waiting Room, Help Desk, Judges Lounge, individual team rooms, and some spooky surprise rooms will be provided for Act II (along with explanations and instructions for said “rooms”).

Awards:

See Awards and Team & Individual Sweepstakes descriptions in the Asynchronous Tournament information above.

Limited Prep:

Extemp - There will be a virtual *Extemp Draw Room*. Aside from 1st draw, all other competitors will use the *Limited Prep Waiting Room* to be called into their round to speak.

Impromptu - Competitors should go to their competition room at the start of the round, and then the judge will provide instructions, before releasing all but 1st speaker to the *Limited Prep Waiting Room*.

-Prelims will consist of traditional quotations from and/or about the “Murder Mystery” theme. Finals will be an **object** related to “Murder Mystery”. Given the virtual nature of the tournament, the object will be presented as an image, shared on-screen, in the round.

Judges:

One judge is required for every 6 entries. All judges are expected to be knowledgeable of updated rules.

Entry Deadline:

All entries must be received by Tuesday, October 20th, at 6:00 p.m. via SpeechWire.

Tournament Fees:

As with previous years, entries are \$8 per slot and \$12 per uncovered slot. Fees will be assessed on the basis of information received as of 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21st. Schools will be charged a \$10 fee for each change after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Any school judges dropped after 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23rd will incur a drop fee of \$25. Once you have received your finalized fee sheet on Oct. 24th,

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Health and Wellness:

It is also our priority to ensure that all attendees thrive in a safe and healthy environment. To meet this goal, we encourage all competitors and judges to step away from their computer screens, whenever convenient.

To foster as much human connection as is possible over video conferencing, **we highly recommend competitors leave their cameras on during rounds, when possible.** We understand there are varying circumstances that require an audience member to mute their camera or leave the round. Outside of those situations, we think participants being able to see one another might make the overall experience more fulfilling

We encourage everyone to do what they must to avoid triggers, microaggressions, or other harmful exposure. If any students or judges need to be blocked from a person or event for any reason, do not hesitate to let us know.

Hotel Accommodations in Omaha:

There are a variety of hotels in Omaha that range in pricing and accommodations; none of which we will be staying at. Because this is a virtual tournament. And because, COVID.