

January 22nd, 2021 Skutt Speech Invitational

Schedule:

- Teams are asked to arrive between 3:15 and 3:40 at the Tennis Court parking lot on the northside of the building. We will have parent volunteers available to guide you into the building through separate entrances and take you to your team's home room. *Throughout the tournament you and your team will be asked to stay either in the homeroom or in a speaking room.*
- General meeting will occur at 3:45 PM with teams in each home room (via zoom).
- Rounds will be at 4:00 and 6:00 PM with Finals at 8:00 PM. The extra time between rounds is to allow us to sanitize the speaking rooms between the rounds and give adequate time to prevent crowding in the halls as we move between rounds.
- Awards will be LIVE and in person. After the conclusion of the last final round, finalists will be called to our Media Center by event and be spaced out on a zoom feed which will be broadcast to the homerooms (and can be shared for parents to watch at home, etc.). We will then announce and hand out awards similar to a "typical" in person contest. After an event's medals have been handed out, finalists will be dismissed to return to their team's homeroom. Team awards will be handed out to a student representative in this manner as well.

The Speaking Room:

- Students and judges will be required to disinfect their desks and chairs after they are done being used during the round.
- **No spectators will be allowed during the contest.**
- Chairs will be pre-spaced out in the classroom 6 feet apart from each other when students are not speaking. Judges will also have a pre-marked chair 6 feet from any participants. The students and judge will be spaced 15 feet from the front edge of the "performance space."
- Judges will be required to give comments and critiques in typewritten form on eBallots (via speechwire). References to the NSAA State Ballot criteria will be given for each event.
- Judges/Coaches/Drivers will be required to wear masks throughout the duration of the contest.
- Students in **individual events** will not be required to wear a mask during their performance (this is defined as the first line of the performed script or speech to the last moment of performance, students will be required to wear masks during set-up/tear-down, etc.). **Per Douglas County health guidelines, as long as performers maintain 15 feet from the judge/fellow students in the round there is little risk of community spread. Students will be required to wear cloth masks (not face shields or other face coverings such as bandannas) at all other times throughout the contest from arrival to departure.**
 - *If schools/teams or individual students would like to perform individual events while masked and NOT watch students from schools who are performing*

unmasked, these students will be allowed to perform at the beginning of the round and then be allowed to leave the speaking room to return to their respective home room. Judges will be instructed not to downgrade students for performing in masks, etc.

- Students in **Duet Acting and OID** will be required to wear masks during performance in the rounds. Duet Acting partners will be allowed to stay in the room to watch fellow competitors. OID groups will be scheduled in a specific order. OID groups will be allowed to watch the group directly before and/or after their scheduled time before departing back to their homeroom. Duet and OID groups will be properly spaced apart from both other groups and the judges when watching their specific rounds. *Parent volunteers will be stationed outside of OID rooms to help facilitate the schedule and movement of groups.*

Fees:

- Entries will cost \$8 each.
- Judges: All head/assistant coaches at the contest will be required to be entered into the judging pool.
- Since the meet will be a smaller pool of teams, schools are highly encouraged to enter mature, qualified CLEAN judges into the pool.
- Any additional needed judges will be hired from the NSAA list at the NSAA rate, **the cost of hired judges will be split evenly between all participating schools.** We will send your school an invoice at the conclusion of the contest, for those who have a conference speech contest this is similar to conference contest set-ups. *We hope that this will prevent any conflicts of interest in judging a smaller tournament pool while also making this contest possible.*

Food:

- Pre-packaged meals will be sold via a "meal ticket" in speechwire when registering your students. We are working on finalizing the contents of this. A vegetarian option will be available. These meals will be delivered to your home rooms by our parents between rounds 1 and 2. Meals will be required to eat in your team's respective homeroom.
- Judges, drivers, and coaches will be automatically given a meal ticket. These meals will need to be requested in advance so we can plan proper numbers.
- There will be a "judge lounge" with their pre-ordered pre-packaged meals with water and additional drinks available. Judges will be asked to social distance in the lounge when eating.