



Dear High School Speech and Debate Coaches,

The Rowan County Senior High School Speech and Debate Team and Boosters are pleased to invite you to the seventh annual Harlen Hamm Tournament for High Schools on Saturday, January 6, 2018, in Morehead, KY. We are once again a bid tournament for the University of Kentucky Tournament of Champions in speech events!

## DEADLINES

- Email Congress legislation by ~~Tuesday, January 2~~ Wednesday, January 3, at 3:30pm in MS Word format.
- Entries and fees will freeze on Thursday, January 4, at 5:00pm. \$5 extra will be charged for adds/drops.
- Drop entries and make substitutions yourself online until noon on Friday, January 5. Substitutions are free.

## EVENTS AND ENTRIES

Teams may have unlimited entries in each event. Each single entry will cost \$5; each partnered entry will cost \$10.

- Speech: We will offer all 14 KHSSL-sanctioned speech events. Students may enter two speech events per flight. All national-level events are mostly aligned with national rules. Go [here](#) for the KHSSL Handbook, which contains event rules and descriptions.
  - Flight A: Broadcast, Extemp, Improv Duo, Informative, Oratory, Poetry, and POI
  - Flight B: Declamation, Drama, Duo Interp, Humor, Impromptu, Prose, and Storytelling
- Congress: We will use NSDA rules. Students in Congress may not enter any Flight B speech events.
- Debate: Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum Debate will be offered and will use NSDA current topics. Novice debate categories will be held if there are sufficient entries; if not, we will collapse Novice and Varsity into division and will provide a breakout final round for each, meaning the top two varsity teams will hit, and the top two novice teams will hit. Debate students may not enter any other event.

## JUDGES

Because our speech events usually have large entries, we are forced to hold two flighted prelim rounds for speech events so our school building is able to accommodate the tournament. If possible, we will place two-judge panels in each prelim room in speech events to maximize the number of ballots students get back and to make the break to finals fairer. Congress will have two scorers and one parliamentarian per session. Debate prelim rounds will have one judge in each round. Final/out rounds in speech and debate events will have three-judge panels. Here are the quotas per judge category.

- Speech: Teams must bring one judge for every six speech entries or fraction thereof. Each missing speech judge will cost \$35. Speech judges may also count as Congress judges. Please make sure all judges are familiar with KHSSL event rules.
- Congress: Teams with Congress entries will be required to provide one Congress judge per six Congress entries or fraction thereof. To enter Congress judges, add them in the Speech judge category and type "Congress" in the judge notes field in Tabroom.com. Each missing Congress judge will cost \$35.
- Debate: Teams must bring one debate judge for every two debate entries or fraction thereof. There will very few extra debate judges on hand, so you must fulfill your debate judge quota, or reduce your debate entry.

## TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Our tournament will qualify students to attend the Tournament of Champions, a prestigious national tournament held April 28-30 at the University of Kentucky. The following events will be available for qualification: DI, Duo Interp, Extemp, HI, Informative, Oral Interp, Oratory, and POI. (While our tournament offers Poetry and Prose as separate events, getting a bid in one or the other fully qualifies a student for the TOC in Oral Interp.) Events smaller than 25 entries qualify the top three, and events 25 entries or larger qualify all finalists for the TOC. For more information, go to <https://ci.uky.edu/UKDebate/tournament-champions-1>.

## **AWARDS**

Finalists in all events and the top six students in individual sweepstakes will receive medals. The top six in speech team sweepstakes and the top three in debate team sweepstakes (including Congress) will receive trophies.

## **SCHEDULES**

### Speech

7:00-8:00am – Registration  
8:00-8:30am – Draw/Judge meeting  
8:30-10:00am – Flight A, Round 1  
9:30-10:00am – Draw  
10:00-11:30am – Flight A, Round 2  
12:00-1:30pm – Flight B, Round 1  
1:30-3:00pm – Flight B, Round 2  
3:00-3:30 – Draw  
3:30-5:00pm – Finals  
5:30pm – Awards

### Congress

7:00-8:00am – Registration  
11:30-12:30pm – Session 1  
12:45-1:45 – Session 2  
2:00-3:00pm – Session 3  
4:00-5:00pm – Session 4/Supers  
5:30pm – Awards

### Debate

7:00-8:00am – Registration  
8:30-9:30am – Round 1  
9:45-10:45am – Round 2  
11:15am-12:15pm – Round 3  
12:45-1:45pm – Round 4  
2:15-3:15pm – Semis/Round 5  
4:00-5:00pm – Finals  
5:30pm - Awards

## **FOOD**

A hospitality room will be provided for all adults. Competitors will have a concession area in the cafeteria. Please make sure students know to bring small bills for concessions.

## **LOCATION**

Rowan County Senior High's campus is located at 499 Viking Drive, Morehead, KY 40351. Morehead is situated on I-64, roughly one hour east of Lexington. Contact Ryan Brown if directions that are more detailed are needed.

## **LODGING**

For those teams traveling a long distance to Morehead, the following hotels are recommended:  
Comfort Inn and Suites: 606-780-7378; Hampton Inn: 606-780-0601; Best Western: 606-784-5796

## **CONTACT**

Get in touch with Ryan Brown anytime via email at [ryan.brown@rowan.kyschools.us](mailto:ryan.brown@rowan.kyschools.us).

Thank you for adding the Harlen Hamm Tournament for High Schools to your competition schedule! We can't wait to see you in Morehead on January 6!

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