

2021 KSHSAA SPEECH/DRAMA CONSIDERATIONS

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With support of the KSHSAA Executive Board, the KSHSAA Sports Medicine Committee, the KSCA, and the results from the NFHS Aerosol Disbursement Study, we offer this document as guidance to the member schools of the KSHSAA to consider for the 2020-21 interscholastic Speech/Drama season. The considerations outlined are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging physical distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel and allowing for appropriate and reasonable protective equipment. With these considerations, the KSHSAA believes these reasonable accommodations will help with risk mitigation for the upcoming Speech/Drama season.

Virtual Invitational Tournaments

When possible, “virtual” tournaments should be utilized.

In-Person Invitational Tournaments

NFHS Aerosol Study for Acting Indoors:

- Wear masks at all times in manner consistent with intent of manufacturer to mitigate droplet dispersion (well-fitted, no gaps, two or more layers, nose and mouth covered).
- 6 foot minimum distancing between participants at all times.
- 30 minutes maximum per performance room and then the room air must be changed (HVAC and/or HEPPA Filters).
- Good ventilation in rooms.
- Wash hands frequently. Hand Sanitizer should be available.

Festival/Competition Judges/Adjudicators:

- Consider conducting a pre-event virtual meeting to review event specifics for coaches and adjudicators
- Host site tournament mitigation strategies should be included in your invitation materials.
- Judges should wear masks and be seated at least 6 feet apart and 15 feet from the student participants when possible.

Event Staff:

- Only essential staff should attend.
- All staff should wear masks and social distance at least 6 feet apart.
- Conduct check-in by coach only (team does not report to table)
- When using paper ballots, it is recommended to make each judge a packet ahead of time and give these to each judge. When the event is complete, the judge should return all completed ballots in the original envelope to the tabroom.
- Create a system whereas few people as possible touch the ballots. Digital ballots are recommended when possible.

Coaches:

- School coaches have the responsibility to ensure all students from their school have been trained and follow risk mitigation protocols
- Wear masks and maintain distancing

- Develop a plan for immediate response should one of their students become ill during the event
- Respond appropriately to concerns regarding adherence to compromising behaviors relative to risk mitigation protocols
- Avoid congregating before, during, and after rounds
- Assist in facility cleaning between rounds
- Refer concerns regarding students from other teams directly to the coach for that student's team
- Be flexible with scheduling; be willing to forgo traditional large invitational tournaments
- Host in a manner that provides championship level experiences for participating schools
- Consider virtual event preview in order to learn event specifics such as team and competition areas, cleaning responsibilities, and other details; such a meeting eliminates the need for an in-person gathering on-site prior to event start

Spectators

- The number of spectators allowed will up to the host site school administration.

Equipment/Facility:

- Facility bathrooms should be cleaned multiple times throughout the day during all day tournaments.
- Large lounge areas should be utilized for judges and bus drivers to social distance. Staff or each person should sanitize the used area when leaving the lounge.
- Create scheduling within the prelims to limit congestion in the hallways at the beginning and end of rounds.
- Encourage schools to eat lunch outside if weather allows. Always maintain social distancing.
- No buffet or self-service stations; all food should be prepackaged and "grab and go."
- Have a taped line 15 feet from where judge is sitting so there is a visible boundary for performers
- No timers for prelims to limit the number of people in room
- Set up all performance rooms to allow social distancing
- Clean rooms between rounds
- Any chairs and tables used for performances should be cleaned after each performance.
 - This is not the responsibility of the judge.
- Anti-bacterial wipes and hand sanitizer should be provided in the performance rooms for judges to wipe down their desks
- When possible, performance room doors should remain open and windows open as weather allows.
- When possible, schedule events within specific hall or designated area in order to keep participants in same area for all performance/competition sessions within a specific event.
- Gyms and large multipurpose rooms should be utilized for holding areas for teams while not performing.
 - Check with school administration and local county health departments to determine the number of total people in a gym, cafeteria, etc. and stick to these guidelines.
 - Each school should have a designated area which is properly marked.
 - Students should be supervised and only leave these areas to perform.

Student Performances

- It is required that masks be worn indoors. Students may remove their masks during performance only, but the host school may require masks be worn at all times including performances.
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet when possible.
- Wash hands frequently during the tournament.
- Create scenes that allow for distancing between partners for Duets/DUO.

Awards/Ceremonies

- It is strongly recommended that the invited schools leave the host site building immediately following the last round and awards ceremonies not be held in 2021.
- When the tournament has ended, awards can be given to the coaches in a packet and handed out on the bus or at a later time of the coaches choosing.

Team Practices

- Masks should always be worn indoors.
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet when possible.
- Classes and practices should be moved outdoors as the weather allows.

End of event:

- In lieu of handshakes, please develop and utilize an appropriate sign of respect and sportsmanship that does not include a handshake or other physical contact; suggestions include head nod, chest thump, salute, etc.

When dealing with multi-layer masks:

- Wash your hands before putting on your mask
- Place it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- Wear a mask correctly for maximum protection of self and others

Air Flow

- Outdoor is best
 - Open air
 - Tenting from elements
- Indoor air filtration
 - HEPA – Size of Room
 - Filtration Certification
 - CADR - Clean Air Delivery Rate
 - AHAM Certification - Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
- Air Change Rate Per Hour (ACH)
 - 3 ACH is the standard used for the modeling presented
 - Increased ACH recommended if possible
- ASHRAE Guidelines - American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers

Resources

- [Main NFHS Coalition Page](#)
- [Third Round of Results from the NFHS Aerosol Study](#)

- [FAQ Page](#)
- [Blog- Submit a question](#)
- [ASHRAE](#)