



The Potential of Virtual Tournaments

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A group of five diverse young people, three women and two men, are smiling and posing in front of a building with large windows. They are all dressed in professional attire, including blazers and ties. The image is overlaid with a blue tint.

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Access to Competitive Opportunities

- Schools/programs/students with a lack of resources
- Rural schools
- Programs with a lack of parental or administrative support

Logistics of Virtual Tournaments

- Typical weekend tournament schedule, month-long tournaments, after-school scrimmages
- All online or some online competitors
- YouTube, Zoom, Hangouts, customized tournament platforms
- Online ballots





What is the potential role of virtual tournaments in providing access to groups that currently lack it?



Easier to fit virtual
tournament costs
into a small budget



Access to more
frequent, high
quality events with
diverse competition



Student
participation allows
parents/admin to
see benefits of
activity



Training opportunities for coaches and judges



Practice rounds and
pre-tournament
preparation
between students

Potential Challenges

- Consistent wifi access
- Reliable, accessible technology
- State association rules/norms needing translation to online tournaments
- Ensuring virtual competition is high quality



Discuss & share:

Does virtual competition threaten traditional tournament participation? Is there a way to prevent pitting them against each other?



Discuss & share:

What is your vision
for virtual
competition in your
state? How can
national
organizations help
you?



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