

The Potential of Virtual Tournaments

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Access to Competitive Opportunities

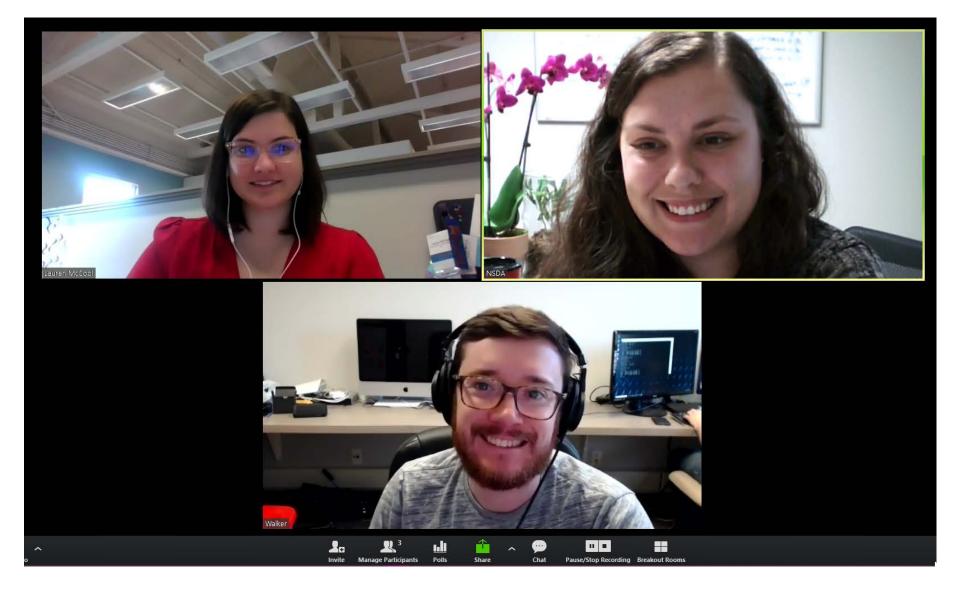
- Schools/programs/students with a lack of resources
- Rural schools
- Programs with a lack of parental or administrative support



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





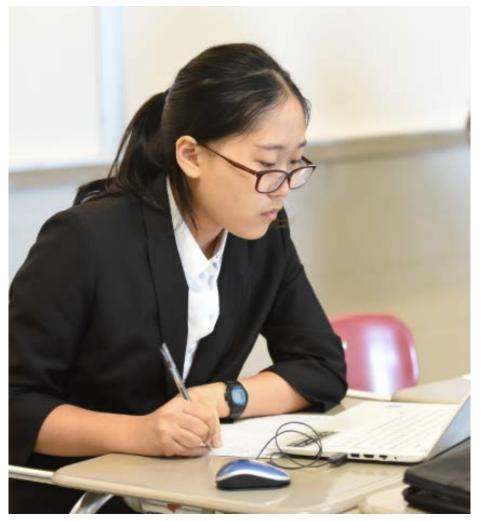
Access to more frequent, high quality events with diverse competition





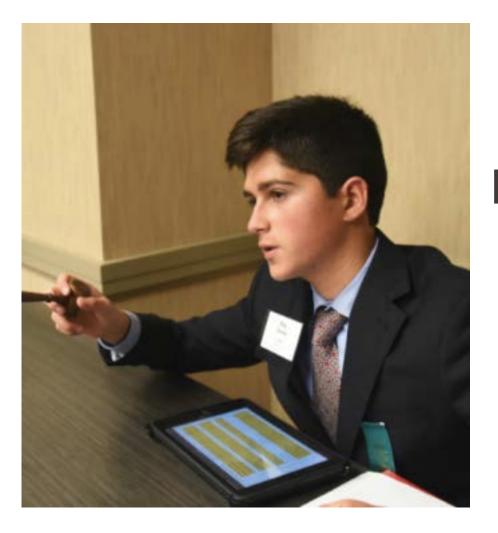
Student participation allows parents/admin to see benefits of activity





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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