

Emporia High School Debate

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Dear Coach:

The Emporia HS Debate Team cordially invites you to compete in the 2016 Emporia Invitational Debate Tournament on Saturday, **September 24**. We will offer three divisions of debate: **Open, JV and Novice**. Both are one-day divisions. Fees will be six dollars per team. Registration will be on **Tabroom.com**. Registration will require you to enter teams by **debater names**. The entry deadline is 4 PM on September 16th. Changes can be made any time before the deadline. Any cancellations after the deadline will result in a loss of entry fees.

We will have five preliminary rounds in all 3 divisions. Rounds 1 and 2 will be preset and 3-5 will be power matched. We will break the top four teams in each division to debate for medals and a trophy. The top 8 teams will medal.

Each school is allowed up to 6 teams allocated as you choose. Schools may be given extra entries the week of the tournament based on available space, and on whether or not you have allowed us the same consideration in the past. Sweepstakes will be awarded on the basis of your 4 best entries, with at least one in each division. No prior designation will be required.

We look forward to seeing you September 24th.

Sincerely,

Scott Bonnet
Director of Debate
Emporia HS

Emporia High School Invitational Rules

General Rules:

1. The tournament will be a cross-examination style policy tournament using the current KSHSAA debate topic- Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its diplomatic and / or economic engagement with the People's Republic of China.
2. Any team more than 10 minutes late to the round, where the delay is not the fault of the tournament, will receive a 3-4 loss.
3. No maverick or 3 person teams will be allowed to compete.
4. No scouting of any kind will be allowed in preliminary rounds, but elimination rounds will be open.
5. Any rules challenges (evidence or otherwise) must be made before the beginning of the next round.
6. Any rule disputes will be settled by a rules committee of the three coaches that tournament management believe are least likely to listen to silly complaints!

Judging:

1. Judges will be considered "clean" after preliminary rounds.
2. We think we will have plenty of judges, but coaches or sponsors may be asked to help us cover in some situations.

Prelims and Out Rounds:

1. Rounds I and II will be preset. Remaining rounds will be power matched based on win/loss and speaker points.
2. A school's teams will be protected from debating each other unless they are the only remaining undefeated teams in the division.
3. Elimination brackets will not be broken.
4. Elimination seeding will be based on the following priorities: 1. Win/Loss record, 2. Speaker Ranks, 3. Opposition Win/Loss record, 4. Head to Head competition. In the event of an unbreakable tie, we'll flip a coin.
5. Sides for semis and finals will be determined by coin toss to be called by the higher seed, UNLESS the two teams have met previously, in which case, the teams will be locked for sides.

Tournament Schedule

Saturday, October 5

Registration: 7:30

Round I: 8am

Round II: 9:30am

Round III: 11am

Lunch: 12:30pm

Round IV: 1:30pm

Round V: 3pm

Announcements, Sweeps 5pm

Semi-finals: 5:30pm

Finals: 7pm