

Dear Debate Coach,

Welcome:

The Manhattan High School Debate Team cordially invites you and your debate team(s) to the Manhattan High School Debate Tournament that will be held on October 28- 29, a two-day tournament. The Manhattan High School Debate Team would like to express its sincerest “thanks” to Matt Baer and the Topeka West Debate Team for their willingness to adjust their tournament dates to make our ability to host our tournament this year.

The Specifics:

We will be offering two divisions: Open and Novice. Both divisions will debate five rounds: Rounds 1-2 will be randomly paired; Rounds 3-5 will be “powered”. The specifics will be provided at registration.

Each division will receive awards for the top 8 teams. Sweeps will be decided by cumulative record of your top 4 teams (with 2 teams entered in the Open Division).

Open division is meant for any debater with more than a year of experience. The Novice division is meant for debaters who are just joining the activity, and have no prior experience outside of this year.

Both the Open and Novice Divisions will have offer Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final Rounds. [See the schedule provided.]

This year we will be registering on **Tabroom.com**. Entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. **Registration will “Open” at 4:00 pm, Monday, October 3rd. Registration will “Close” at 4:00 pm, October 19th.** Each school will be limited to six entries. If you wish to have “extra” entries, register them initially (they will be “wait listed”). We will determine if “extras” can be added on Friday, October 21st. Confirmation of acceptance of extra entries will be emailed to you by the end of the day on Friday, October 21st.

We look forward to your participation in our tournament.

Sincerely,
Kristal Ann Kleiner
MHS Coach

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TOURNAMENT PARAMETERS

1. The resolution to be debated is **Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China.**
2. The tournament will be cross-examination style with 8-3-5 time limits. Prep time will be 5 minutes. If you struggle with flashing, electronic issues, etc., you will not be given extra prep.
3. Rounds 1 and 2 in all divisions will be pre-set. We will delay power match (more often than not "lag power") subsequent rounds.
4. Entry fees will be \$5.00 per team or whatever you charge at your tournament. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 19th.** *Cancellations after October 26th will be non-refundable.*
5. The top eight teams in both divisions will receive appropriate recognition. Team awards will be awarded to quarterfinalists, semifinalists and finalists teams, and the top 10 speakers in each division will be recognized. Appropriate sweepstakes recognition will be awarded to the school with the best four-team record, with at least two teams in the Open division.
6. We will work diligently to provide appropriate judges for all rounds. Coaches and sponsors may be called upon to judge if absolutely necessary.
7. Any team more than 10 minutes late to a round through no fault of the tournament will be forfeited with a 3-4 loss.
8. Brackets will be broken in elimination rounds to insure that a school will NOT be paired against itself in the Quarter-Finals. Brackets will NOT be broken in Semi-Finals.
9. Schools will be allowed entries on the basis of whose tournaments we attend, who invites us, and who enters first. The general rule is 6 total teams entered. Serious consideration of extra entries (up to 2 additional) will be given to schools that allow us extra teams into their tournaments, as well as Flint Hills NSDA District schools that host tournaments.
10. Judges will be considered "clean" at the beginning of Quarter-Final rounds and may see a team a second time in elimination rounds.
11. The use of laptops computers will be allowed, but all wired or wireless functions must be disabled prior to the beginning of rounds in which they are used. **Any student found to be communicating with others through text messaging or a wireless network will be disqualified from the tournament, not just be given a loss in the round.**
12. Results and ballots will be made available to coaches (adult's responsible) in a timely manner throughout the tournament. RESULTS WILL NOT BE AUTO POSTED ON **TABROOM** AFTER EACH ROUND. Final results WILL be posted on **Tabroom.com** as soon as the Semi-Final teams are announced.
13. Tournament management reserves the right to handle difficulties in a way that seems fair to us.

PROJECTED TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, October 28th		Saturday, October 29 th	
Registration by	3:30 PM	Check in by	8:15 AM
Round 1	4:00 PM	Round 3	8:30 AM
Round 2	5:45 PM	Round 4	10:15 AM
		Round 5	12:00 PM
		Awards	
		Quarters	2:30 PM
		Semis	4:15 PM
		Finals	6:00 PM