September 29, 2015

Dear Debate Coach:

You and your debaters are cordially invited to the annual Topeka West High School Invitational Debate Tournament. Our tournament will be held **OCTOBER 21-22**. We will have **novice** and **open** divisions. This is a great tournament to send those novices who want a two day tournament with a shot at out rounds. We will try to provide some time-keepers in open division, but debaters in both divisions should bring their own time-keeping devices.

The tournament format will be 5 preliminary rounds, 2 on Friday and 3 on Saturday. **Please note our 3:00 registration and 3:30 Round One start time**, and plan your arrival time accordingly. Registration will be in the A110, located immediately north of the cafe (up the ramp). You may corral your debaters in the cafeteria. There will be signs.

Elimination rounds will commence Saturday afternoon, probably with quarterfinals. If one or the other of the divisions is tiny, we may break to semis in that division.

**Schedule**:

*Friday, October 21*

Registration - 3:00

Round 1 - 3:30

Round 2 - 5:00

*Saturday, October 22*

Round 3 - 8:00

Round 4 - 9:30

Round 5 - 11:00

Quarters - 2:00

Sems - 3:30

Finals - 5:00

Appropriate medals and trophies will be awarded.

A sweepstakes trophy will be awarded to the school with the most wins by not more than four teams, including at least two teams in open division.

We expect all teams to have two persons. “Mavericks” will not compete for wins or awards. Only teams composed of the same two debaters for all five preliminary rounds are eligible for elimination rounds.

Entries will be accepted first from schools whose tournaments we attend, then from schools who invite us to attend, then on the basis of order of entry.

Due to room constraints, we are capped at **75 teams** – a **maximum entry of 4** will be granted; others will be “extras.” **Flint Hills schools will be granted 6 entries**. Extras will be awarded first to schools that give us extras, then on a first-come first-served basis.

Entry fees will be $5.00 per team unless you charge more. In that case, entry fees for you will be whatever you charge. Entry fees will be owed for all teams entered, including any cancelled after **October 14**. For your fee you will find judges in all rounds who are at least high school graduates and who have previous experience debating/judging or are level-headed adults. We expect to continue the tradition of running an on-time tournament in a pleasant atmosphere. We look forward to hosting you this year.

Matt Baer

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Topeka West High School

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday

 3:00 Registration

 3:30 Round 1

 5:00 Round 2

Saturday

 8:00 Round 3

9:30 Round 4

 11:00 Round 5

 12:30 Lunch

Sweeps will be announced as near to 1:30 as possible

2:00 Quarterfinals

 ASAP Sems

ASP Finals

ENTRY FORM

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ High School will enter

\_\_\_\_\_\_ teams in open division

\_\_\_\_\_\_ teams in novice division

Entry fees of \_\_\_\_\_\_ @ $5.00 per team (or what you charge, if more) are due by registration on Friday, October 25.

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Coach Signature

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